

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



All Saints I

Wassily Kandinsky, 1911

Reformation Sunday & All Saints' Day

October 28, 2018 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Bob Killian

Ushers

Riddick Ackerman

Alex Binkney

Ron Binkney

Mel Baxter

Acolyte

Emmeline Griffith

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

Let us now prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

INTROIT (624)

WAGNER

Make a Joyful Noise
Chancel Choir
Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpet

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Alan Dyer

Welcome to worship at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. During the announcements please take a moment to sign and pass the friendship register located at the end of the pew. As you enter the sanctuary, please silence your cell phones. All children are welcome in worship. If you prefer, a nursery (located in the children's hall at the rear of the church) is available for children from birth to five years. Worship resources for children are available at the sanctuary entrances.

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death — his or her "birthday" as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown. All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age.

PRELUDE

arr. Pachelbel

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Killian

One: Fling wide the Temple gates!

ALL: Open up the ancient doors!

One: The mighty and glorious one is coming.

ALL: Who is the mighty and glorious one?

One: This is the Lord for whom we have waited.

ALL: Let us be glad and rejoice in God.

*OPENING HYMN 624

TOULON

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

* Please stand if able.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Almighty Lord and God, in Jesus Christ you came from heaven to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people. Yet we remain shrouded in sin - we hurt and disgrace ourselves; we abuse and destroy one another; we dishonor your holy name. Forgive us, unbind us and let us go so that we may stand among your saints, rejoicing in your saving grace.

Silence for Personal Confession

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

H.W. GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (288)

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (ALL)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Whitsett

True repentance is not a cause of grace, for grace is already and always at work. In announcing God's mercy, the call to confession invites us to confess the brokenness of our lives.

During our prayer of thanksgiving this morning we will say the names of those church members who have died since last All Saints' Sunday and toll a bell in their memory. We are saddened when we remember those who have loved us and are now gone from us, but we are thankful that our lives have been graced by their lives. We renew our faith in the God who welcomes us home at the last.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN

*All children please come forward at the pastor’s invitation.
Following the Word for Children, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave for Kidz Worship.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Bob Killian

Psalm 34:1-8

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Martin Luther/arr. Jay Rouse

A Mighty Fortress

Chancel Choir; Amy Bishop, Piano; Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpet; Beverly Fetter and David Stewart, Percussion; Harlan Hambright, Timpani

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 10:46-52

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

Both of today’s scripture readings are appointed by the Revised Common Lectionary for “Reformation Sunday.” For the past year, churches have been recognizing the 500th anniversary of the dramatic beginning of the 16th century Reformation when Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses on the door of the cathedral in Wittenberg, Germany. He hoped to start a discussion about how the church could be more faithful to Jesus Christ. It ended up being the spark that ignited the Reformation and the birth of Protestant denominations, an outcome that none of the reformers intended or imagined. The church needs to be changing always toward greater faithfulness to our Lord.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

The church's story with God did not end with the latest events recorded in Scripture. Across the centuries the company of believers has continued its pilgrimage with the Lord of history. It is a record of faith and faithlessness, glory and shame. We confess we are heirs of this whole story. We are charged to remember our past, to be warned and encouraged by it, but not to live it again. Now is the time of our testing as God's story with the church moves forward through us. We are called to live now as God's servants in the service of people everywhere.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 305

DARWALL'S 148TH

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (599)

DRESDEN AMEN

Amen

POSTLUDE

arr. Hamlin

For All the Saints
Amy Bishop, Organist

On this All Saints Sunday, any who desire are invited to walk a labyrinth located outside on the Ashantilly Drive side of the church. The labyrinth is an ancient spiritual tool found in almost all religious traditions around the world. This opportunity can be a special time to take a few moments to be grateful and to reflect on those who we have lost and those who we have loved.

If You Are New Here. Whether you are visiting from out-of-town, a seasonal resident, or searching for a church home, we are delighted that you are worshiping with us today. If you are interested in receiving more information about membership or the ministries of our congregation, please indicate that on the Friendship Register as it is passed down your pew at the beginning of worship so that we can be in touch with you soon.

Child Care. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. If you prefer, a nursery is available for children, birth through age five. The nursery is located in the Children's Wing at the rear of the church.

If You Are in Need of Prayer. You may fill out a prayer request card (available in the pews) and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

To Aid in Worship. A "Rocking Room" with live video of the service is available in the chapel located outside of the front right doors of the sanctuary. Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals and Bibles may be obtained from the ushers.

Sermons Online. To hear sermons online, visit www.sspress.org/sermons.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

Mission

Manna House

First Monday of every month

Help prepare, serve, and cleanup a meal for guests at "Manna House," a local soup kitchen ministry.

Marie Dodd at mariewdodd@bellsouth.net.

Chris Pippart at cbpp109@gmail.com.

PAL Mentoring Program

Mentor children in Brunswick elementary schools as part of Positive Adult Leadership (PAL) Mentoring.

Richard Hathaway at thehathaways2@comcast.net.

Habitat for Humanity

Join us for local Habitat for Humanity home construction. Builds happen each fall and winter.

Alan Dyer at alan@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Community & Global Missions

Share God's love with service locally and globally. Missions include Angel Tree Christmas Gifts, Hunger Action Team, and summer mission trips.

Alan Dyer at alan@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Children

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30AM in the Social Hall with breakfast

KidZ Crew (Preschool to Grade 5)

Sundays: KidZ Worship following the "Word for Children" during 11AM worship. (Pre K-2nd)

Wednesdays: Faith, fun, and music. Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM. WOW supper at 6PM.

KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on Sundays: Faith and fun. Meet in the Britt Room for supper at 6PM.

Chimes and Choir

Wednesdays: Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Youth

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30AM in the Social Hall with breakfast

Sunday Night Fellowship *Resuming Sept 9*

*Sunday evenings in the Youth Suite
Dinner at 6PM*

Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

Tuesdays at 7:00AM at Chick-Fil-A

Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

Music (Grades 6 to 12)

Sundays: Youth Ensemble meets at 5PM in Music Attic

Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org

Young Adults

Faith on Tap

Monthly Thursday (usually 2nd Thursdays) at 7PM

A casual young adult Bible Study for 20 and 30-somethings meets monthly. Location varies. Childcare available.

Alan Dyer at alan@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:30 AM

Sunday School classes are available for all ages. Please come for breakfast and a time of fellowship each week in the Britt Room prior to class.

Britt Class - Upper Room

Come & See - Social Hall

Rejoice - John Law Room

Trinity - Parlor

20s/30s/40s - Chapel

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 12PM in the John Law Room.

Come for lunch and Men's Bible Study led by Alan Dyer every Wednesday. Visitors are always welcome.

Thursdays at 7:15 AM in the Britt Room

Come for breakfast and Community Men's Bible Study led by area pastors every Thursday.

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Ladies' Video Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:30AM in the Youth Suite

Gather for prayer and discussion each week using a video study. All women are invited!

Gail Ledbetter at gbledbetter@att.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room (Sept.-May)

Gwen Mayberry gwenmayberry@gmail.com or 638-8711.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Circle

All women are invited to join a PW Circle. Circles meet for Bible Study each month.

Anne Aspinwall at anneaspinwall@gmail.com or 912-399-1101

Terri Simpson at tsimp57@yahoo.com or 912-580-8754.

Music

Choir

Choirs for all ages are available. See Children and Youth for graded choir schedule. Adults meet in the Ashantilly wing on Wednesday nights.

Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Handbells, chimes and instruments are an important part of the music ministry for children through adults.

Rhonda Hambright at rhonda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Suzanne Morrison at suzanne@sspres.org

Pastoral Care

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry offers confidential one-on-one Christian care to those experiencing difficult life circumstances.

Jann Briscoe at jannbriscoe@gmail.com or 269-0212.

Pastoral Care

To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, births, deaths, or prayer request, contact the church office at 912-638-2220. If you need pastoral care after hours please contact one of our pastors.

Rev. Alan Dyer 937-623-7963

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin 828-443-0299

Rev. Jann Briscoe 912-269-0212

ANGEL TREE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Season of Giving is upon us!

The Angel Tree Committee is looking for volunteers to help prepare for our angels this year.

FOR MORE INFO AND TO SIGN UP
GO TO SSPRES.ORG



This Week | Oct 29 - Nov 4

Today, Oct 28

- 8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Social Hall
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 11:00 am **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm **Youth Ensemble & Lunch (Grades 6-12)** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group** - Britt Room

Monday, Oct 29

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 3:00 pm **Congregational Life Meeting** - Upper Room
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Tuesday, Oct 30

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-fil-a

Wednesday, Oct, 31

- 10:00 am **Ladies Video Bible Study** - Youth Suite
- 12:00 pm **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - John Law

Thursday, Nov 1

- 7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study (Book of Habakuk)** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Free Flow Yoga** - Youth Suite
- 5:30 pm **Adventures in Missing the Point Book Study** - John Law
- 6:30 pm **Stephen Ministry** - Parlor
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, Nov 2

- 10:00 am **Book Study & Prayer** - 107 Indian Mound Drive, Brunswick

A FUN FAMILY EVENT

Bingo Night

& Potluck Supper

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18
6 PM | SOCIAL HALL
RSVP AT SSPRES.ORG

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TRY SOMETHING NEW

The Wild West

The Try Something New group will be taking a trip to the Wild West (in Darien GA!) on **NOVEMBER 15** to visit a Buffalo Farm, the Old Jail Museum, and enjoy a delicious lunch at The Fish Dock.

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG



THE GENEROUS LIFE

TIME • TALENT • RESOURCES



2019 STEWARDSHIP DREAM

Beginning November 4th

Chancel Flowers: The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of our church members who have died this past year.

Manna House: Manna House (1408 G Street) is a soup kitchen located in Brunswick that is supported by volunteers, who serve thousands of free meals per month. St. Simons Presbyterian members have committed themselves to serving at Manna House on the first Monday of every month from 9:30AM to 1PM. Everyone is invited to join us in this fun and meaningful area of service. Sign up at sspres.org.

No Wednesday Night Dinner on 10/31: Due to Halloween, there will be no dinner this Wednesday, October 31st. We will resume our regular schedule next week!

Save the Date: Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at 4 PM on November 11th at First Baptist Church of St. Simons.

To Ponder Prayerfully

Find the Church

“**A**NYONE WHO IS TO FIND CHRIST MUST FIRST FIND THE CHURCH. HOW COULD ANYONE KNOW WHERE CHRIST IS AND WHAT FAITH IS IN HIM UNLESS HE KNEW WHERE HIS BELIEVERS ARE?”

-Martin Luther

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