

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Skimmer
Mario Goren

All Saints Sunday

October 31, 2021 | 10:30 am Traditional Service



WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

We are currently operating under a mask optional policy for all indoor activities. As such, masks are welcome but not required for worship. We are also continuing the use of an EPA approved air treatment technology in the sanctuary called Grignard Pure as an added safety measure.



Advanced listening technology is available for those with a hearing impairment. Please locate an usher for assistance.



We extend a special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us today. Please help us get to know you better by filling out the online friendship register using the QR code located in the pew racks.

INTROIT

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Chancel Choir

EIN' FESTE BURG

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. We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today. We ask that you please silence your cell phones prior to the start of worship. As always, all children are welcome in worship. Following the children's moment at the 10:30 AM worship, children ages Preschool (3 years) to 2nd Grade are invited to go with Children's Ministry staff for Children's Chapel. A nursery (located in the children's hall at the rear of the church) is also available for children from birth to five years.

PRELUDE

Joy in the Morning
Amy Bishop, Organist

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hillary Stringfellow

One: God of the rainbow, God of the cross,

ALL: God of the empty grave...How does the creature say Grace?

One: How does the creature say Thanks?

ALL: God of the ages, God near at hand,

One: God of the loving heart... How do your children say Joy?

ALL: How do your children say Home?

- God of the Sparrow

*OPENING HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

* Please stand if able.

Whatever personal reasons lead us to church, another reason, whether we are aware of it or not, invites our attention. God has called the church to assemble and offer its service as a corporate priesthood. -Book of Common Worship Companion

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

God, You created us good, yet we act from insecurity and fear, not believing you. You show us abundance, but we worry that it is not enough. You clothe the fields with lilies, yet we forget that you care about every hair on our heads. You bestow life, but we spend our days dreading death. You can hold it all and we act as though your grip is fragile and conditional. Forgive us when we question and doubt your faithfulness; give us the courage to live from the foundation of our original belovedness. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 581

H.W. GREATORIX

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 688

MORECAMBE

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
Chancel Choir

ALL SAINTS PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 (particularly due to the persecution of Diocletian) 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.

For All Saints Day we remember those members of our church who passed away in the last year by tolling a bell in their memory.

*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.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

WORD FOR CHILDREN

*All children are invited to come forward at the pastor's invitation.
Following the Word for Children, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave for KidZ Worship.*

CHILDREN'S LITANY OF PARTING

Leader: We now go our separate ways.
Congregation: May God be with you there.
Children: May God be with you here.

FIRST READING

Revelation 21: 1-6a
pg 1937 NT

Hillary Stringfellow

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come, Come, Ye Saints
Chancel Choir

Wilberg

SECOND READING

John 11:32-44
pg 1669 NT

"Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet."

— N.T. Wright,

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

On the Brink of Everything

Rev. Kate Buckley

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Brief Statement of Faith

In 1983, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was formed by the reunion of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Integral to reunion was the preparation of a Brief Statement of Faith. While recognizing realities of diversity and disagreement in both the church and the world, members of the drafting committee sought to articulate Presbyterians' common identity.

“In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 326

SINE NOMINE

For All the Saints

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

DRESDEN AMEN

POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Whitsett



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 be sure to speak with a pastor before or after today’s worship. We would love to get to know you better.



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.



To Aid in Worship. Advanced listening technology is available for those with a hearing impairment. Please locate an usher for assistance.



If You Are in Need of Prayer. Please let us know how we can be praying for you by visiting with a pastor or staff member before or after worship, or by visiting sspres.org/prayer.



Worship Online. A livestream of the 10:30A worship service is available every Sunday at sspres.org/livestream. A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit sspres.org/sermons or subscribe to the St. Simons Presbyterian Podcast on iTunes or Google Play.



Ways to Give. Offering boxes can be found at the entrances to the sanctuary. You can also give electronically through text messaging or Venmo. Text the code “SSPC” and send to the number: 73256. Or give with Venmo by scanning the QR code on the right or by searching for @sspres. You can also mail or drop off checks or cash offering to the church office anytime M-F from 9A-4P (205 Kings Way).

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SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

Mission

Manna House

First Monday of Every Month.

1408 G Street, Brunswick, GA

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

Will resume in Fall/Winter 2021.

Chris Pippart at cpipp109@gmail.com.

PAL Mentoring Program

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

Will resume in Fall/Winter 2021.

Richard Hathaway at thehathaways2@comcast.net.

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.

Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org

Children

Children's Chapel

Sundays: following the "Word for Children" during worship. (*Pre K-2nd*)

Wednesdays: (*Resuming September 8*)

(Preschool to Grade 5)

Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

KidZ 2nd Sunday (Grades 3 to 5)

Monthly on 2nd Sundays: Faith and fun. Meet on the Veranda at 5PM.

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

Youth

Youth Group

(Resuming August 22)

Sunday evenings at 5:00PM.

Meet on the Veranda.

Breakfast Devotion (Grades 6 to 12)

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

Transportation to school is available for middle schoolers.

Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org

Young Adults

TGIF/Faith on Tap

Casual social gatherings for the 20s/30s/40s group. Location and dates vary. Kids welcome. Resuming this Fall.

Ada Owens at ada@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:15 AM in Various Locations

Sunday School classes are available for all ages.

Coffee will be made available for all.

:: Always A Guest

By Barbara Brown Taylor - John Law

:: The Letter of Paul to the Philippians

By NT Wright - Upper Room

:: Baseball as a Road to God

By John Sexton - Library

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

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10AM in the Upper Room

Men's Bible Study led by Rev. Alan Dyer every Wednesday. Visitors are always welcome.

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

(Resuming This Fall)

Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room

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.

Nardis Kellar at nardisk@gmail.com or (912) 230-2254

Ginny Connors at ginnyconnors1@gmail.com

or (608) 220-8481

Music

Choir

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

Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Handbells, chimes and instruments remain an important part of the ministry of St. Simons Presbyterian. For more information about the music ministry, please contact Rhonda Hambright or Suzanne Morrison.

Youth Afterglow (Grades 6 to 12)

Sundays at 6:30PM in Music Attic

Weekly music fun, following youth group fellowship and dinner. Led by Rhonda Hambright.

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

Suzanne Morrison at suzanne@sspres.org

Pastoral Care

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. Kate Buckley 912-222-1757

Sunday, November 7th NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you are interested in joining the church,
we would love to recognize you at either
service on Sunday, November 7!

Please contact Alan (alan@sspres.org)
with any questions



First Monday of
Every Month | 9AM

1408 G Street, Brunswick

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/MANNAHOUSE

SAINT SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

resuming November 3rd

6PM | SOCIAL HALL

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG



JOIN THE TRY SOMETHING NEW GROUP FOR

YARDI GRAS!

A Downtown Brunswick Porch Festival

November 14 | Jerry & Nora Sue's Home | Beginning at 12PM
707 Dartmouth St. Brunswick, GA

Boxed lunches from the Yellow Deli will be available for those who register. A band will begin playing on the Spencer's porch at 1PM.
Stop by anytime between 12-6PM!

SIGNUP FOR LUNCH AT SSPRES.ORG

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

2021 Chancel Flowers

DATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

SIGN UP AT
SSPRES.ORG/FLOWERS

This Week | Oct 31 - Nov 5

Sunday, October 31

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Combined Sunday School** - Upper Room & Zoom
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm **Youth Halloween Gathering** - Youth Suite

Monday, November 1

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law
- 7:00 pm **Messiah Rehearsal** - Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 2

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - SSI Chick-fil-a
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00am **PW Planning Committee Meeting** - Britt Room

Wednesday, November 3

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 1:30 pm **Hands & Heart Quilting Ministry** - Music Attic
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 4

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room

Friday, November 5

No Activities Planned for This Day

Wednesday Night Supper: Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship this Wednesday, November 3, at 6 PM. Dinner will include pasta bake, salad, rolls, and dessert. A kid friendly option will be available as well!

Don't forget to sign up online at sspres.org!

To Ponder Prayerfully
Becoming

“**W**ALK WITH ME OUT TO THE RIM OF LIFE,
BEYOND SECURITY.
TAKE ME TO THE EXQUISITE EDGE OF COURAGE
AND RELEASE ME TO BECOME.”

-Sue Monk Kidd

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St. Simons Presbyterian Church is a member of the Savannah Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

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