

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*“The Father’s Forgiveness”*

Daniel Bonnell

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

**Greeter**

Fleming Martin

**Ushers**

Sandi Goeldner

Rich Goeldner

Tripp Goeldner

Matt Hodgdon

**Acolyte**

Brayden Neill

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## INTROIT (744)

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

Chancel Choir

FESTAL SONG

## 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.*

## PRELUDE

*Steal Away!*  
Chancel Ringers

S. Eithun

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Fleming Martin

In the call to worship we take the opportunity to center ourselves on God. We have so many distractions coming our way, thus we take the first opportunity in our corporate worship service to quiet those distractions. The call to worship places everything in the service, from preaching and worship music to various liturgies and the call to confession, before God in honor and praise.

One: Lift up your voice and call out to God.

**ALL: We cry out, believing that God hears us.**

One: Come together and wait for God.

**ALL: We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.**

One: Surely God's presence is here with us now.

**ALL: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.**

One: Come, worship the Lord.

**ALL: We celebrate the power of God that restores us.**

## \*OPENING HYMN 22

ROEDER

*God of the Sparrow*

\* Please stand if able.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Bob Brearley

O God of compassion, if you kept a record of our sins, who could stand? We come before you with our brokenness and our wounds for all to see. We bring our anger, our bitterness, our unwholesome talk, and our deceitfulness. We try to do good, but sometimes fail. We choose to do evil, and sometimes succeed. Keep your promise to forgive us when we confess to you completely for without you, we have no hope.

*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

### DEDICATION OF HANDBELLS

One: Lord, Creator of metal and music, we thank you for allowing us the freedom to worship you in many ways.

**ALL: May we always worship you in spirit and in truth.**

One: Lord, Redeemer of the world, we thank you for preparing a place for us in heaven where our praises will be perfect and unending.

**ALL: May the center of our worship always be Christ's saving work.**

One: Lord, we thank you for providing the Church with musicians and contributors to enrich our worship to your glory.

**ALL: May our faith burn inside us that we desire to hear your word, to receive your Sacraments, to respond to you in worship, and to encourage one another in fellowship and love.**

One: Lord, be pleased to accept these handbells that we bring before you to be used to your glory.

**ALL: We dedicate these handbells in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Bells given by:*

- Ellen Kuehm in memory of her mother, Mary Lou Kuehm and grandmother, Florence Bossard.
- Becky Stephenson in honor of her children & grandchildren.

## MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Molly Macaulay

In the Presbyterian tradition, being received into membership is a renewal of one's baptismal covenant as well as a commitment to participate in Christ's mission through the life of the church. It's also an opportunity for the congregation to affirm these same things.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Caroline Hicks*

*Karen Hollen*

*Betty Russell*

*Kathie Whalen*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (465)

CONVERSE

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

### 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

*Alleluia! Let Praises Ring*  
Chancel Ringers

B. Heinlein

### \*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

Fleming Martin

### Psalm 130

*Page 969 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Harris

*In This Very Room*

Chancel Choir

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

### Ephesians 4:32

*Page 1822 NT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

Our stewardship theme this year is *Giving*.  
*Forgiving. Thanksgiving.*  
These three words encompass both the call and challenge of the Christian life. Today's reading from Paul's letter to the faithful in Ephesus reminds us that as forgiven people we are in turn called to be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving to those around us.

# WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 435

IN BABILONE

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

As our time of worship  
comes to an end, our  
time of service begins.

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (601)

DANISH AMEN

*Amen*

POSTLUDE

arr. Fetke

*Let All Things Now Living*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

**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](http://www.sspress.org/sermons).

## THANKSGIVING GATHERING OPPORTUNITIES



### Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 19  
4 PM | Christ Church - Parish Hall  
*Rabbi Rachael Bregman preaching.*



### 45th Annual Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast

Thursday, November 23  
7:30 - 9:30 AM | Social Hall

# WOW Supper Mission Nights



in November | 6 PM | Social Hall

**Wednesday, November 15**

Trip to Taiwan: Warren Jansen,  
Carol Snyder, & Bob Brearley

**RSVP Online!**



WEDNESDAY,  
**Advent  
Festival**

WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 29

5 PM - 7 PM

FELLOWSHIP & FUN FOR ALL AGES

WE WILL BE HANGING THE CHRISTMAS GREENERY  
TOGETHER DURING THE FESTIVAL THIS YEAR!

## PW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

**Wednesday, December 6**

11:30 AM | \$15 per person

**Payment will serve as your RSVP!**

*Please drop checks or cash into the  
offertory plate marked "Christmas  
Luncheon" or bring to church office!*

**Deadline to register is Nov 29!**

# Angel Tree

Pick up an angel today or donate  
to Angel Tree with a pew angel!

Please drop off gifts  
in Back Hallway!

**Deadline for  
drop-off is  
December 2nd!**



# This Week | November 12 - 18

## Today, Nov 12

8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary  
9:00 am **Coffee Hour**- Social Hall  
9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations  
11:00 am **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary  
4:00 pm **APNC Meeting** - Upper Room  
5:00 pm **Marsh's Edge Worship** - Marsh's Edge  
5:30 pm **Youth Ensemble Vespers** - Social Hall  
6:00 pm **KidZ Fellowship (Grades 3-5)** - Veranda

## Monday, Nov 13

10:00 am **Instrumental Ensemble** - Sanctuary  
12:00 pm **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - Britt Room  
5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room  
7:15 pm **Ladies of the Night Circle** - Upper Room  
8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Youth Suite  
8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

## Tuesday, Nov 14

6:45 am **FCA Breakfast** - Social Hall  
10:00 am **One-derful Morning Glories** - Upper Room  
12:00 pm **Lunch Bunch Circle** - Upper Room  
2:00 pm **Circle of Esther** - Sea Island Ladies Locker Room  
5:30 pm **Session Meeting** - Upper Room

## Wednesday, Nov 15

10:30 am **Ladies Video Bible Study** - Youth Suite  
4:00 pm **KidZ Crew & Choir** - Veranda  
5:00 pm **Confirmation Class** - Chapel  
6:00 pm **WOW Supper "Mission Night"**- Social Hall  
6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room  
7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

## Thursday, Nov 16

7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room  
10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room  
4:00 pm **Free Flow Yoga** - Youth Suite  
6:30 pm **Faith on Tap** - Dyer Home  
6:30 pm **Stephen Ministry** - Parlor  
8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room  
8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

## Friday, Nov 17

10:00 am **Book Discussion & Prayer** - Jann's Office

**Dedication Sunday:** Next Sunday, November 19, is Dedication Sunday! We hope you will join us for worship at 8:30 and 11 AM as we celebrate and dedicate all of our pledges to the glory of God.

**Chancel Flowers:** The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory by Hank, Liz, Jennifer, & Will Ream in loving memory of Henry P. Ream III.

**Christian Sympathy:** We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Becky Stephenson, who entered into rest on November 4.

**WOW Supper Menu (Nov 15) // RSVP online or call the office!**  
BBQ pork, baked beans, cole slaw, mac-n-cheese, dessert.  
*KidZ Friendly Menu: Chicken tenders, mac-n-cheese, oranges*

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Forgiveness

“**N**OTHING THAT IS WORTH DOING CAN BE ACHIEVED IN OUR LIFETIME; THEREFORE WE MUST BE SAVED BY HOPE. **N**OTHING WHICH IS TRUE OR BEAUTIFUL OR GOOD MAKES COMPLETE SENSE IN ANY IMMEDIATE CONTEXT OF HISTORY; THEREFORE WE MUST BE SAVED BY FAITH. **N**OTHING WE DO, HOWEVER VIRTUOUS, CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED ALONE; THEREFORE WE MUST BE SAVED BY LOVE. **N**O VIRTUOUS ACT IS QUITE AS VIRTUOUS FROM THE STANDPOINT OF OUR FRIEND OR FOE AS IT IS FROM OUR STANDPOINT. THEREFORE WE MUST BE SAVED BY THE FINAL FORM OF LOVE WHICH IS FORGIVENESS.”

— Reinhold Niebuhr (*The Irony of American History*)

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