

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Heart of the Matter
Graffiti captured by Andrew Beierle

Dedication Sunday

November 15, 2020 | 10:30 am Outdoor Worship Service

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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



Masks are required for all adults and strongly encouraged for children over the age of two. Disposable masks are available at welcome table.



Please maintain at least 6 feet from others not in your party while sitting and standing.



We extend a special welcome to any visitors worshiping with us today. Please help us get to know you better by filling out the online friendship register using the QR code below or by visiting sspres.org



Today's Call to Worship is adapted from Psalm 98. The Psalms served our ancestors as their book of worship, song and praise. Our forebears in the Presbyterian tradition once only sang the Psalms as their worship songs because they understood the importance of the Psalms. As an act of memory and continuity, we often begin our worship service with the words of the Psalms.

INTROIT

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

Chancel Choir & Congregation

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Alan Dyer

Welcome to outdoor worship with St. Simons Presbyterian Church. We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today. Please be sure to wear your mask throughout our worship time as well as silence your cell phones prior to the start of worship. As always, all children are welcome in worship. Following the anthem, children ages Preschool (3 years) to 2nd Grade are invited to go with Children's Ministry staff for KidZ Worship. Unfortunately, at this time, an on-site nursery is not available.

PRELUDE

Holy Ground

G. Davis

Amy Bishop, Pianist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

One: Sing to the Lord a new song,

ALL: For our God alone is Lord of all.

One: Break into joyous songs of praise,

ALL: Let all the earth celebrate and rejoice.

One: For our God comes in victory,

ALL: With righteousness and justice for all.

*HYMN (*see insert*)

NETTLETON

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)**

God of Mercy, we confess that we have not been obedient in following Your way. We have grown idle in the work of discipleship and weary in doing what is right. We have been selfish in our actions and insistent in placing our own needs above the needs of others. We have not honored the tradition of the apostles, or imitated the example of Your saints. You teach us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us, and yet we routinely ridicule and demean those we dare disagree with us. Forgive us, we pray. Show us the way of repentance, free us from our idle ways, and strengthen us to be more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the Assurance of Pardon we are reminded once again that God's grace sets us free from guilt and fear. As Walter Brueggemann says, "you can keep singing. You can keep hoping. And because you sing and hope, you can act in freedom, unburdened, uncoerced, unafraid, and without cynicism. The song goes on. It is a subversive, revolutionary song. And we get to sign on to sing and to live it... unafraid!"

***GLORIA PATRI 581**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

ANTHEM

The Kingdom
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Andre Thomas

Following the Anthem, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave with Ms. Frieda for Kidz Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:12-19

"But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. And so you will bear testimony to me. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give

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you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Blessings in an Upside Down World: The Persecuted

Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

When Abraham's descendants were slaves in Egypt, God heard their cries and prayers. God remembered his promise and sent Moses to free them from bondage. We declare God's steadfast love and sovereign power. The Lord can be trusted to keep promises. The Lord still acts in the affairs of individuals and nations to set oppressed and persecuted people free.

*DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

Today, as an act of worship we dedicate our pledges of time, talent, and resources. Thank you to all those who have already submitted a pledge online, in-person, or by mail. If you have not done so and would like to make a pledge today, please know that pledge cards and envelopes are located on the tables on either side of the tent. Regardless of when or how you are pledging to support the ongoing ministry of St. Simons Presbyterian for the year to come, we dedicate all of our gifts today with prayer and thanksgiving.

*DOXOLOGY (606)

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 GO FORTH TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

He Keeps Me Singing
Amy Bishop, Pianist

arr. Bishop

SUPPORT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

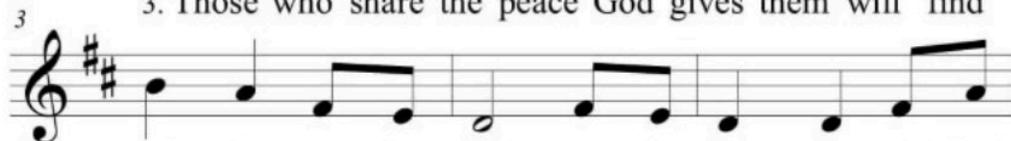


Ways to Give. You can give your tithes and offerings electronically through text messaging or Venmo. Text the code "SSPC" and send to the number: 73256. Or give with Venmo by scanning the QR code on the left or by searching for @sspres. You can also mail or drop off checks or cash offering to the church office anytime M-F from 9A-4P (205 Kings Way).

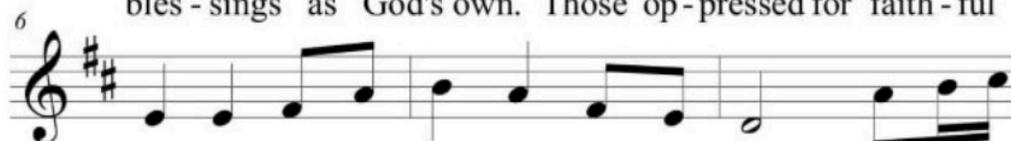
Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit



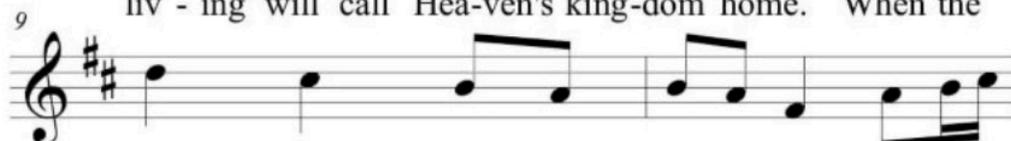
1. Bles - sed are the poor in spir - it; all God's
2. Bles - sed, too, are those who hun - ger and who
3. Those who share the peace God gives them will find



realm is sure - ly theirs. Those in mourn - ing will find
thirst for what is right. They will not be prone to
bles - sings as God's own. Those op - pressed for faith - ful



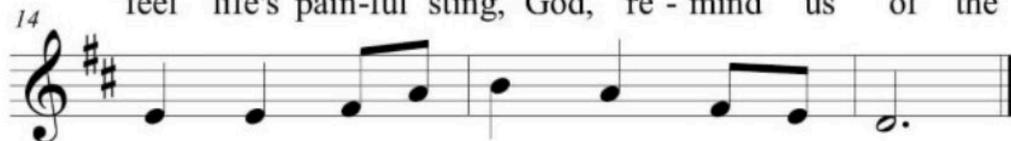
com - fort as an an - swer to their prayers. Meek ones
wan - der, for your will is their de - light. Those who
liv - ing will call Hea - ven's king - dom home. When the



whom this world de - spis - es will in -
show God's care and mer - cy will re -
world's ways seem dis - tress - ing and we



her - it ever - y - thing. God, your king - dom still sur -
ceive that mer - cy, too. God, in Christ you show us
feel life's pain - ful sting, God, re - mind us of the



pris - es; may we seek the reign you bring.
clear - ly of the joy we have in you.
bles - sings of the won - drous life you bring.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

Mission

Manna House

(start date TBD)

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

Chris Pippart at cpipp109@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.

COVID Relief Fund

Direct assistance grants available to any resident of Glynn County financially impacted by the pandemic.

Annie F. Arvin at annie@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.

Annie Arvin at annie@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Children

KidZ Crew (Preschool to Grade 5)

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

Wednesdays: Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

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

Youth

Youth Group

Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

Location varies week-to-week.

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.

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

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:00 AM via Zoom

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 (Traditional)

Come & See (Discussion)

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

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10AM via Zoom

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

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

Thursdays at 10AM at 218 Kings Way (outdoors)

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, Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Choirs for all ages, 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.

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



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 worshipping 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.



Safety. For the safety of all during this pandemic, we require that all adults wear masks throughout worship and strongly encourage masks for all children over the age of two. Please refrain from hugs, handshakes, or physical touch with other non-family members in attendance at today's worship. Extras masks and hand sanitizer are available for your use at the welcome station tables.



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.



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

We are the church

STEWARDSHIP 2021



VISIT SSPRES.ORG TO VIEW OUR BROCHURE & MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY!



an evening of
BLUEGRASS
WED, NOVEMBER 18 | 6:15PM
UNDER THE PORTICO IN THE
BACK PARKING LOT AT SSPC
please bring a mask
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Season of Service
SPRUCING UP OUTSIDE OF
MANNA HOUSE
Next Saturday, Nov 21, 2020 | 9-11:30AM
SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG

Advent Devotions with SSPC

Home to Home
watching & waiting



Invite us into your "home" by writing about how you plan to watch and wait and experience Advent 2020.

Or send us a photo of your front door with a Christmas wreath. Please submit your writing to Frieda or Kate by November 20

Entries will be turned into a book available for pickup to use during Advent.

VISIT SSPRES.ORG/DEVOTIONS FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP TO RECEIVE ADVENT DEVOTIONS BY EMAIL

This Week | November 15 - 21

Today, Nov 15

- 8:30 am **Live Stream Worship** - Online
- 9:00 am **Combined Sunday School** - Zoom
- 9:00 am **Britt Class** - Online
- 10:30 am **Outdoor Worship** - Frederica Academy
- 3:00 pm **Hunger Action Packing** - Airport Hanger
- 6:30 pm **Youth Gathering** - Location Varies

Monday, Nov 16

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Location Varies
- 10:00 am **Hunger Action Packing** - Airport Hanger
- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Zoom

Tuesday, Nov 17

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 4:30 pm **Session Meeting** - Zoom

Wednesday, Nov 18

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Zoom
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:15 pm **Bluegrass Music** - Under the Portico in Back Lot
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Social Hall

Thursday, Nov 19

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - 218 Kings Way
- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - Upper Room

Friday, Nov 20

No Activities Scheduled for this Day

Saturday, Nov 21

- 9:00 am **Season of Service** - 1405 G Street



Angel Tree
REQUEST AN ANGEL ONLINE AT
SSPRES.ORG/CHRISTMAS-GIVING
Gifts Due by December 9th
(drop off in office)

To Ponder Prayerfully
Where God Looks

“GOD DOES NOT LOOK YOU OVER FOR MEDALS, DEGREES, OR DIPLOMAS,
BUT FOR SCARS.”

-Elbert Hubbard

Told through the lens of the beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, our "Blessings In An Upside Down World" sermon series is an invitation to adjust our own vision for how we understand blessing as followers of Jesus Christ. In our day to day lives, the word "blessing" or "blessed" is most often used to describe some achievement or comfort or high point of our day (e.g., think all those pictures of sunsets and puppies and smiling faces on social media tagged #blessed). But throughout the scriptures we find that the word blessing is often turned on its head from what we might expect. Where do we find God's blessing in our lives? And where are we called to share that blessing with others?



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