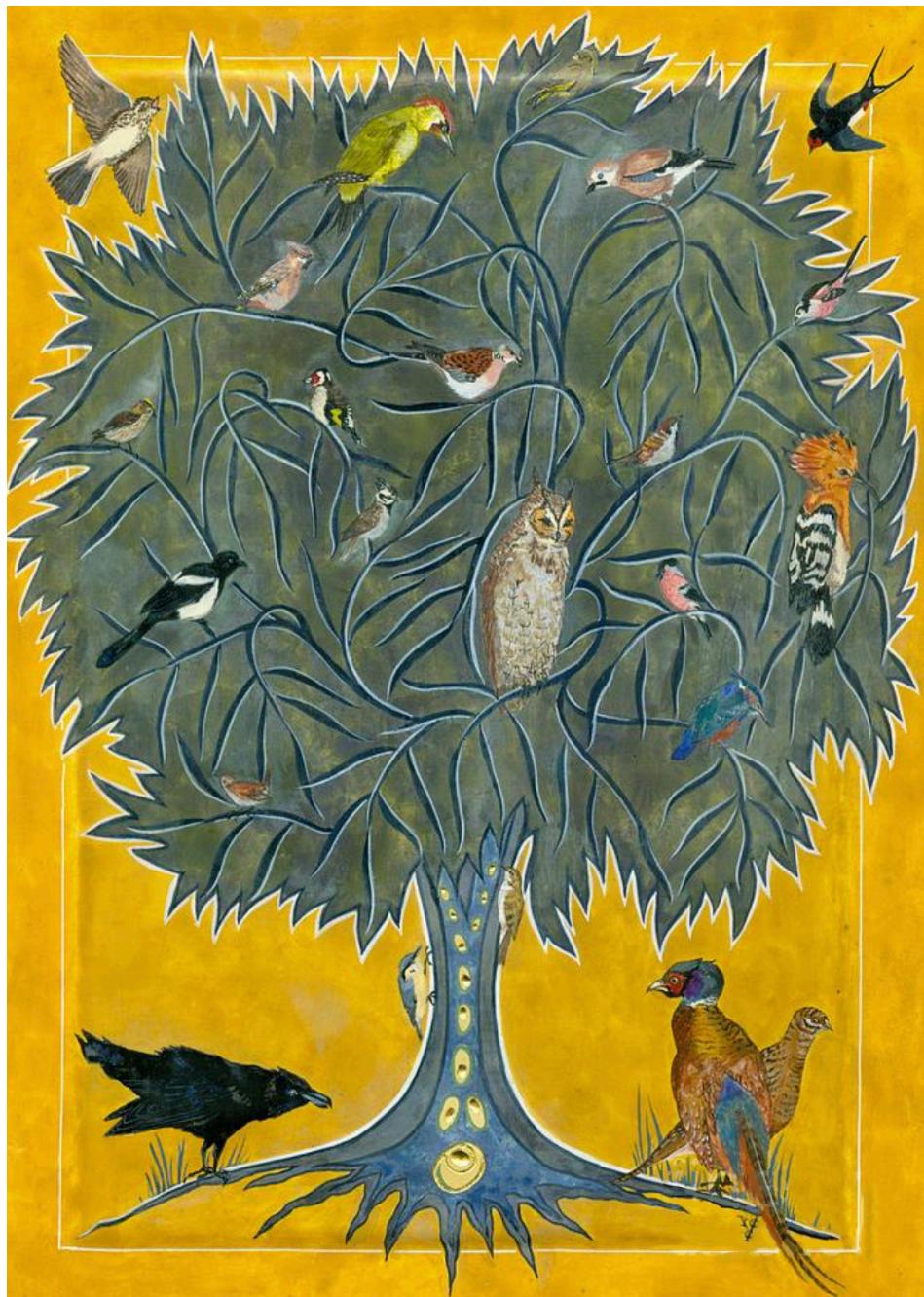


# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The Mustard Seed*  
Juliet Venter

Dedication Sunday

November 17, 2019 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

**Ushers & Greeters**

Keith Griffin  
Jackie Griffin  
Bettye Russell  
Anne Marie Stirewalt  
Tracy Saussy  
Philip Saussy

**Acolyte**

Sophia Washburn

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## INTROIT 462

*I Love to Tell the Story*  
Chancel Choir & Congregation

HANKEY

## 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 worship space, please silence your cell phones. All children are welcome in worship. If you prefer, a nursery (located in the children's hall) is available for children from birth to five years. Worship resources for children are available at the entrances to the social hall. Bibles & hymnals are available at each entrance. Please return them to the carts as you exit the social hall following worship. Hymns and scripture will also be displayed on the screens during worship.

## PRELUDE

A. Fedak

*The Kingsfold Trumpet*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Faye Foster

One: Praise God from the heavens!

**ALL: Praise God from the skies above!**

One: Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!

**ALL: Praise God, sun and moon, and shining stars!**

One: Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere!

**ALL: Praise God, men and women, young and old!**

One: Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord, at whose word creation came into being.

**ALL: We gather to praise and worship our God!**

## \*OPENING HYMN 71

*Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me*

FIRST SONG

\* Please stand if able.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

God, our strength and savior, you know our great transgressions, our hidden faults, our secret sins. With our hands we grasp at power; with our feet we stumble into evil; with our eyes we look out for ourselves; with our hearts we fail to trust. Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in your holy way of life and love and peace and generosity.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*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

### MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Nancy Matthews

### JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 824

MC AFEE

*There is a Place of Quiet Rest*  
Chancel Choir

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

During this stewardship season, every member is invited to give generously of their time, talent, and financial resources in support of St. Simons Presbyterian's ministries. An investment in SSPC's mission is an investment in impacting the lives of people in our community, our city, and our world. We give thanks to those who will generously and prayerfully make pledges today. Nancy Matthews, a member of this year's stewardship committee, will share how SSPC has impacted her life.

The Christian life is an offering of one's self to God. In worship the people are presented with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ, are claimed and set free by him, and are led to respond by offering to him their lives, their particular gifts and abilities, and their material goods.

## OFFERTORY

*Duetto*

Amy Bishop, Organist

Corelli

*Electronic giving is available by texting the code “SSPC” to the number 73256.*

## \*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 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.*

## FIRST READING

Faye Foster

### Psalm 24:1-5

*Page 862 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven*

Choplin

Chancel Choir

## SECOND READING

### Luke 13:18-21

*Page 1620 NT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

## A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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!"

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

### DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

*As an act of worship, you are invited to bring your pledge to the front of the worship space during the singing of the final hymn. Blank pledge cards can be found in the black friendship registers. Even if you have already submitted a pledge to the church office or online, you are still invited to bring a card forward for dedication.*

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 720

*Jesus Calls Us*

GALILEE

### \*BENEDICTION

### CHORAL RESPONSE 539

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

*We Will Go Out With Joy*  
Chancel Choir

### POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Air*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

Purcell

In the Charge and  
Benediction we are  
assured of God's peace and  
blessing; we seek to follow  
Christ's way, sustained by  
power of the Holy Spirit.  
God calls the church to  
join the mission of Christ  
in service to the world. As  
we engage in that mission,  
we bear witness to God's  
eternal reign.

**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 row 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.

**Giving By Text.** You can give your tithes and offerings electronically through text messaging. Text the code "SSPC" and send to the number: 73256.

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

**To Aid in Worship.** Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals and Bibles may be obtained from the ushers.

**Sermons Online.** To hear sermons online, visit [www.ss pres.org/sermons](http://www.ss pres.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.

*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.*

### **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 Children's Hall with breakfast*

### **KidZ Crew (Preschool to Grade 5)**

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

*Wednesdays Starting August 28th: Faith, fun, and music. Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM. Wednesday Night 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.*

## Youth

### **Sunday School**

*Begins at 9:30AM in the Youth Suite with breakfast*

### **Sunday Night Fellowship**

*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*

*Frieda Warner at friedas@sspres.org*

*Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org*

## Young Adults

### **TGIF/Faith on Tap**

*Monthly Friday (usually 2nd Friday) at 6PM*

A casual social gathering for the 20s/30s/40s group. Location varies. Movie night at church will coordinate for the kids.

*Ada Owens at ada@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 (Traditional)** - Chapel

**Come & See (Discussion)** - Upper Room

**Rejoice (Sharing)** - John Law Room

**20s/30s/40s (Conversational)** - Youth Suite

*Frieda Warner at friedas@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

### **Men's Bible Study**

*Wednesdays at 10AM in the Upper 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 (Beginning Oct 10)**

*Wednesdays at 3PM in the Chapel*

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 Music Attic 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.

### **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*

*Kate Buckley 912-222-1757*



SAINT SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

# Advent Festival & Wednesday Night Supper

November 20 • 5-7 PM

• Social Hall •

RSVP ONLINE AT  
[SSPRES.ORG](http://SSPRES.ORG)



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## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

POINSETTIAS WILL BE DONATED TO NURSING HOMES & RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

PURCHASES MAY BE MADE IN WORSHIP, ONLINE, OR BY TEXTING

"SSPCFLOWERS" TO THE NUMBER 73256

\$10 EACH

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast

Thursday, November 28th

7:30 - 9:30 AM • Social Hall

All are Welcome!

Bring your families, neighbors, or even a complete stranger! Let us be thankful together.



## Ladies Christmas Luncheon

December 4

11:30 AM • Social Hall

\$20 per person

Guests are Welcome!

PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 25TH  
payment is reservation

PAYMENT MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN CHURCH OFFICE



SIGN UP FOR

## CHANCEL FLOWERS 2020

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ON A SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP DURING 2020, PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A SPECIFIC WEEK ON THE FLOWER BOARD IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN HALLWAY. PLEASE BE SURE TO EMAIL ADA OWENS WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN A WEEK PRIOR TO THE SUNDAY YOU SIGN UP FOR! ([ADA@SSPRES.ORG](mailto:ADA@SSPRES.ORG))

# This Week | Nov 17-22

## Today, November 17

- 8:30 am Chapel Service - Social Hall
- 9:00 am Coffee Hour & Breakfast - Britt Room
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Various Locations
- 11:00 am Traditional Service - Social Hall
- 12:15 pm Membership Ministry Team Meeting - Upper Room
- 3:30 pm Magnolia Manor Worship - Magnolia Manor
- 5:00 pm Youth Ensemble - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm Youth Group Friendsgiving - 15 Tanglewood Rd, SSI

## Monday, November 18

- 5:30 pm Diaconate Meeting - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm Messiah Practice - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm Ladies of the Night - Upper Room
- 8:00pm AA Meeting - Britt Room
- 8:00pm Al Anon - John Law

## Tuesday, November 19

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting - Upper Room
- 9:30 am Yoga Class - Chapel
- 4:30 pm Session Meeting - Britt Room

## Wednesday, November 20

- 10:00 pm Men's Bible Study - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm KidZ Crew - Veranda
- 5:00 pm Advent Festival - Social Hall
- 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm Chancel Ringers - Youth Suite
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir - Music Attic

## Thursday, November 21

- 7:15 am Men's Bible Study - Britt Room
- 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm Yoga Class - Youth Suite
- 5:30 pm ODD Book Study - John Law
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

## Friday, November 22

No Activities Scheduled for This Day

**Chancel Flowers:** The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mary Margaret Shiver, from her three children; Jack, Mary Ellis, and John Shiver.

**Christian Celebration:** We share in celebration with Mary and Charles Lewis on the birth of their great-grandson, Rhett Oslo Amason, who was born last week. Rhett is the grandson of Allen and Cricket Amason and the son of Chase and Shana Amason. Welcome to the world, Rhett!

**Wednesday Night Supper:** Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship this Wednesday, November 20, at 6 PM. Dinner will include hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, mac-n-cheese, cole slaw, and dessert. Don't forget to sign up online at [sspres.org](http://sspres.org)!

**Source:** Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Planting Love

“**W**HEN WE GIVE OURSELVES TO PLANTING AND NURTURING LOVE HERE ON EARTH, OUR EFFORTS WILL REACH BEYOND OUR OWN CHRONOLOGICAL EXISTENCE.”

-Henri Nouwen

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