

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Two Steeples*  
Charles Meissner

Dedication Sunday

November 18, 2018 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

**Greeter**

Faye Foster

**Ushers**

Nancy Harper

Bob Harper

Patti Jordan

Molly Macaulay

**Acolyte**

Emily Geer

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

*Give Thanks*

Chancel Choir; Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpet

**GATHERING WORDS**

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

November is the season in our faith community's life when we invite every member to prayerfully consider making a financial pledge to support the mission of the church. An investment in St. Simons Presbyterian's mission is an investment in the wellbeing of our community and beyond. We give thanks for those who, as an act of faith in response to God's grace, are making pledges this morning to support the continuing mission of our church for the year to come.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

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**

arr. Hayes

*Be Thou My Vision*

Amy Bishop, Organist; Beverly Fetter, piano

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Faye Foster

One: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

**ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: O Give thanks to the Lord, who unites;

**ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, who is present.

**ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever. Let us worship God.****\*OPENING HYMN 625**

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*O Lord My God*

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Alan Dyer

Merciful God, we confess that we are not perfect. We say we give our time to you, but in reality, we spend our time comparing ourselves to others. We say we give you our talents, yet we use them for our own selfish gain. We say we give you our resources, yet we pour them into a consumer culture. Forgive us, O God. Create in us a life of generosity where our time, talent, and resources are used to remind the world of your presence in it.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

## \*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

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Rev. Laurie & Jim Bentley*

### MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Kathleen Haller

### JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (711)

TOULON

*Lord of All Good*  
Chancel Choir

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.

## 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.

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

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*  
Amy Bishop, Organist; Beverly Fetter, Piano

arr. Hayes

## \*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.*

## FIRST READING

Faye Foster

**Psalm 65:8-13**  
*Page 900 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

arr. Ralph Vaughn-Williams

*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*  
Chancel Choir; Amy Bishop and Beverly Fetter, Piano Duet

## SECOND READING

**Acts 4:32-37**  
*Page 1697 OT*

A prayer for illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

*The Generous Life*

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

## Confession of Belhar

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is witness both by word and deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. Amen.

The Confession of Belhar was written and offered by the Uniting Reformed Church of South Africa after apartheid to the global reformed family as a gift, believing that the themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice issue a call from God to the whole church toward holy action, transformation, and life.

## 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 sanctuary during the singing of the final hymn. Blank pledge cards can be found in the pew rack. 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 39

FAITHFULNESS

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

### \*BENEDICTION

### CHORAL RESPONSE (599)

DRESDEN AMEN

*Amen*

### POSTLUDE

arr. Wesley

*Choral Song*  
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.sspres.org/sermons](http://www.sspres.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 Pippert 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 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 friedawarner@gmail.com 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 friedawarner@gmail.com 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 galedbetter@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*

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# Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast

Thursday, November 22nd

7:30 AM - Social Hall

All are Welcome

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



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## YOUTH 2019 MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

MORE INFO & SIGN UP  
AT [SSPRES.ORG](http://SSPRES.ORG)

### Youth Progressive Dinner

A HOLIDAY TRADITION AT SSPRES

SUNDAY, DEC 2 | 5:30 PM - 8 PM

(Please bring a gift for the white elephant gift exchange - \$10 limit)

SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG](http://SSPRES.ORG)

OPENS THANKSGIVING DAY & EVERY  
SUNDAY THROUGHOUT ADVENT

## Hope Hall

Greater Good Gifts  
between Sanctuary & Social Hall



HEIFER  
PROJECT

\*Angel Tree\*

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## Advent Festival

& Hanging of the Greens

November 28 • 5-7 PM • Social Hall

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FUN  
NIGHT OF CRAFTS, FOOD,  
AND FELLOWSHIP.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

sign up at [sspres.org](http://SSPRES.ORG)

# This Week

| Nov 18 - Nov 23

### Today, Nov 18

- 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
- 3:30 pm Magnolia Manor Worship - Magnolia Manor
- 5:00 pm Youth Ensemble (Grades 6-12) - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm Youth Group - Britt Room
- 6:00 pm Bingo Night - Social Hall

### Monday, Nov 19

- 10:00 am Chancel Ensemble - Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm Diaconate Meeting - Upper Room
- 6:00 pm Messiah Rehearsal - Social Hall
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

### Tuesday, Nov 20

- 7:00 am Youth Breakfast Devotion - Chick-fil-A SSI
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting - Upper Room

### Wednesday, Nov 21

\*No Wednesday evening programs this night

### Thursday, Nov 22

- 7:00 am Thanksgiving Breakfast - Social Hall
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

\*The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23.

**Chancel Flowers:** The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al Thrun. A loving husband, father, and grandfather. From his wife, Nancy, and the Goeldner family.

**There is no Wednesday Supper this week. Happy Thanksgiving!** Join us for our Advent Festival and Hanging of the Greens on Wednesday, November 28th.

**Thanksgiving Breakfast:** Please join us on Thanksgiving morning for a delicious pancake breakfast in the social hall at 7:30 am. Bring a friend, neighbor, or complete stranger! All are welcome.

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Searching for Sunday

“**C**HURCH IS A MOMENT IN TIME WHEN THE KINGDOM OF GOD DRAWS NEAR, WHEN A MEAL, A STORY, A SONG, AN APOLOGY, AND EVEN A FAILURE IS MADE HOLY BY THE PRESENCE OF JESUS AMONG US AND WITHIN US.

-Rachel Held Evans

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