

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Helping Hands*  
Antonella Beccaria

Reign of Christ & Dedication Sunday

November 21, 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.

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.

\* Please stand if able.

## INTROIT

*Seek Ye First*  
Chancel Choir

LAFFERTY

## 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

*Nun Danket Alle Gott*

Karg-Elert

Amy Bishop, Organ; Ed Jackson, Mark Propst,  
Anne Marie Stirewalt; Trumpets

*The Chancel Ensemble dedicates their playing today in loving memory of Maddie Shafer, who played the baritone for a few years with the group.*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Buddy Jones

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 367

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Righteous God, You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him, and are slow to acknowledge His rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. He is generous to us, and yet we fall short in our generosity towards others. In Your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI 581

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*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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Molly Claire and Elsie Arvin*  
Thomas & Annie Franklin Arvin

Today we celebrate the sacrament of baptism. The word "sacrament" comes from the Latin sacramentum, which means "mystery."

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast*

Michael Johnson

Sacraments (in our tradition baptism and the Lord's Supper) are holy mysteries that we do not and cannot fully understand but through which we believe God's invisible grace becomes visible to us. The great early church theologian Augustine (354- 430) was the first to describe sacraments as "outward, visible signs of inward, spiritual grace."

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 688

MORECAMBE

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*  
Chancel Choir

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.

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

*Come and Give Thanks*

Larry Shackley

Ed Jackson, Mark Propst, Anne Marie Stirewalt; Trumpets;  
Fred Lief, French Horn; John Simmons, Mickey Wendel, Trombones;  
Rhonda Hambright, Piano

## \*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.*

# 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

**2 Corinthians 8:7, 9:11**  
*pg 1802 NT*

Buddy Jones

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*  
Chancel Choir

Wood

## SECOND READING

**1 Timothy 6:17-19**  
*pg 1851 NT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

*A Generous... Life*

Rev. Alan Dyer

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus

was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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

### \*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 694

AURELIA

*Great God of Every Blessing*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*BENEDICTION

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

DRESDEN AMEN

### POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

arr. Behnke

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.



**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](http://sspres.org/prayer).



**Worship Online.** A livestream of the 10:30A worship service is available every Sunday at [sspres.org/livestream](http://sspres.org/livestream). A recording of the worship is available immediately afterwards for viewing anytime. To hear sermons online, visit [sspres.org/sermons](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:annie@sspres.org)*

## Children

### Children's Chapel

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

*Wednesdays:* (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](mailto:frieda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

## Youth

### Youth Group

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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 - Upper Room*

### :: The Letter of Paul to the Philippians

*By NT Wright - John Law*

### :: Baseball as a Road to God

*By John Sexton - Library*

*Frieda Warner at [frieda@sspres.org](mailto: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](mailto:jhmatthews7@comcast.net).*

### Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

*(Resuming This Fall)*

*Thursdays at 10AM in the Upper Room*

*Gwen Mayberry [gwenmayberry@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:nardisk@gmail.com) or (912) 230-2254*

*Ginny Connors at [ginnyconnors1@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rhonda@sspres.org) or 638-2220.*

*Suzanne Morrison at [suzanne@sspres.org](mailto: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*

This Week | November 21 - 26

**Sunday, November 21**

- 8:30 am **Early Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9:30 am **Combined Sunday School** - Upper Room & Zoom
- 10:30 am **Traditional Worship** - Sanctuary

**Monday, November 22**

- 6:30 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law

**Tuesday, November 23**

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room

**Wednesday, November 24**

No Activities Planned for This Day

**Thursday, November 25**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

- 7:30 am **Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast** - Social Hall

**Friday, November 26**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

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



**Angel Tree**  
ANGELS CAN BE FOUND  
IN GATHERING SPACE.  
*Pew angels are also available  
for monetary donations.*  
**Gifts Due by December 6th  
(drop-off in church office)**



IT'S THE HOLIDAYS, LET'S CELEBRATE!  
**Ladies Christmas Luncheon**  
Wednesday, December 1 • 11:30 AM • Social Hall  
\$20 per person • Guests are Welcome!  
PAYMENT MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN CHURCH OFFICE  
**PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 24TH**  
payment is reservation



A TRY SOMETHING NEW EVENT  
**A MEAL WITH FRIENDS**  
+ JEKYLL LIGHTS TOUR  
DEC 2ND • 5PM • DRIFTWOOD BISTRO  
BE SURE TO REGISTER - LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE  
DEEPEEN RELATIONSHIPS AND CREATE NEW ONES OVER GOOD  
FOOD AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP AS PART OF ST. SIMONS  
PRESBYTERIAN'S MINISTRY TO GOD'S "OLDER CHILDREN."  
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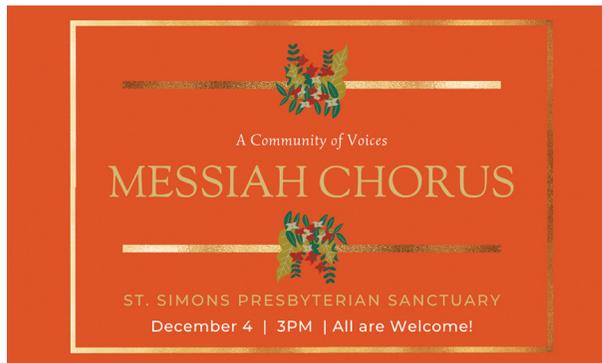
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TO BE DROPPED OFF IN COMMUNITY MISSIONS BOX  
INSIDE CHURCH OFFICE NOV 17- DEC 3



A Community of Voices  
**MESSIAH CHORUS**  
ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN SANCTUARY  
December 4 | 3PM | All are Welcome!



*thanksgiving*  
**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**  
Thursday, November 25th  
7:30-9:30 AM | Social Hall  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

To Ponder Prayerfully  
**Gratitude**

“**I**T IS ONLY WITH GRATITUDE THAT LIFE BECOMES RICH!”

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**St. Simons Presbyterian Church**

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