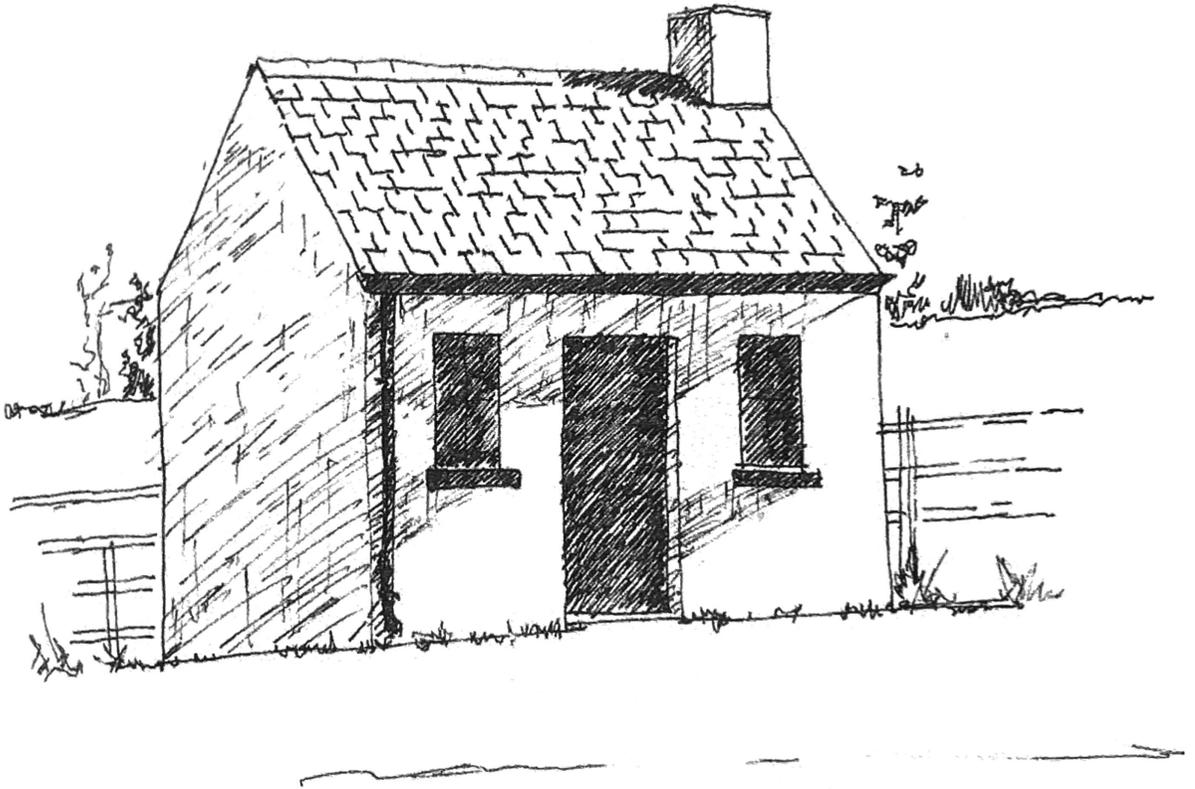


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Marks House

Kevin Burns

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020 | 10:30 am Outdoor Worship Service



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



The first Sunday of Advent marks a new liturgical year in the church. The season of Advent anticipates the Jesus' second coming and reminds us that we are not wandering aimlessly in a wilderness. Rather, history is headed somewhere by direction from God.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

Prepare the Way of the Lord
Congregation and Choir

PREPARE THE WAY

*Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.*

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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Amy Bishop, Pianist

M. Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A voice cries out in the wilderness,

ALL: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

One: Let us line the road with beauty

ALL: and pave the way with justice.

One: For the Holy One is coming our way,

ALL: the giver of life and source of living water. Amen.

*HYMN (*found on page 4*)

WAITING/Cason

While We are Waiting, Come

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

"Prepare the way of the Lord," your prophet says to us. Forgive us when we have failed to prepare for your way. Forgive us for when we have stood in your way, instead: when we let the challenging words of your prophets roll off of lives, rather than let them spark change;

when we walk around a neighbor in need, rather than encounter a chance for compassion. Forgive us, O Lord, and grant us assurance that the glory of your coming does not depend upon the righteousness of your followers. Forgive us, O Lord, and free us to try again.

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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

ADVENT SONG

Light One Candle

Sleeth

Congregation

*Light one candle for Hope, One bright candle for Hope, He brings Hope to everyone.
He comes, He comes.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT

Jeff, Courtney & Lily Roberts

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

HYFRYDOL/arr. Gary Lanier

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him
Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpet; Mark Propst, Piano

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-11

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way”—
“a voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

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Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ.
-PC(USA) Directory for Worship

Prayer enables us to come to know God and implicitly says that we desire God.
-Luke A. Powery

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Christmas Vacation: Mark's House

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

*OFFERTORY

*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 GO FORTH TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever
Amy Bishop, Pianist

arr. M. Hayes

When this new confession was approved in 1967, it was the first new confession to be adopted by the United Presbyterian Church in nearly 300 years. It sees the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ as the pattern for the church's mission today, and calls on all Christians to be reconciled to God and to one another.

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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).

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1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.



ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ADVENT CALENDAR

December 2

Outdoor Advent Festival - 5PM
with Alternative Giving Market on SSPC Veranda

December 16

Caroling Car Parade - 4:30PM
meet in SSPC back parking lot

Chancel Ensemble Carols - 6:15PM
under portico in back parking lot at SSPC

December 18 & 19

Live Nativity - 6PM & 7PM
front lawn at SSPC

December 24

Lessons & Carols Service - 4:30PM
front lawn at SSPC & online

Advent Sermon Series
Sundays, beginning Nov. 29

Christmas Vacation

TOUR OF HOMES:
Mark, Matthew, John & Luke

This Week | Nov 29 - Dec 4

Today, Nov 29

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

Monday, Nov 30

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Location Varies

Tuesday, Dec 1

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **PW Planning Meeting** - Britt Room
- 3:00 pm **Congregational Life Meeting** - Zoom

Wednesday, Dec 2

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Zoom
- 1:30 pm **Hands & Heart Quilting Ministry** - Youth Suite
- 5:00 pm **Outdoor Advent Festival** - Veranda
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Social Hall

Thursday, Dec 3

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - 218 Kings Way
- 6:00 pm **TSN Advent Meal w/ Friends** - Veranda

Friday, Dec 4

No Activities Scheduled for this Day

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Call to Worship: Lectionary Aids for 2020-2021, Ed. Kimberly Bracken Long.

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.



Outdoor Advent Festival

Join us for Family Crafts and Advent Resources. Also an Alternative Giving Market.
BRING A MASK! ALL ARE WELCOME!

DEC. 2 • 5-6PM • SSPC VERANDA

Pizzas from Cj's will be available to pre-order and pickup at Advent Festival. 20% of Cj's proceeds will go to Sparrows Nest.

Deadline to order is Nov 30.

PRE-ORDER PIZZA AT SSPRES.ORG/ADVENT-FESTIVAL



AN ADVENT MEAL WITH FRIENDS

A TRY SOMETHING NEW EVENT

DEC 3RD • 6PM • VERANDA

NAT WILL BE COOKING DINNER FOR EVERYONE!

RESERVATIONS CAPPED AT 20 PPL

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG



COMBINED ADULT

Advent Sunday School

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 29TH

SUNDAYS | 9AM | ZOOM

SSPRES.ORG/ZOOM



CAR-OLING & CAR PARADE

December 16 | 4:30 PM

meet in back parking lot at SSPC



Angel Tree

MAKE A DONATION AT SSPRES.ORG/CHRISTMAS-GIVING

Gifts Due by December 9th
(drop off in office)

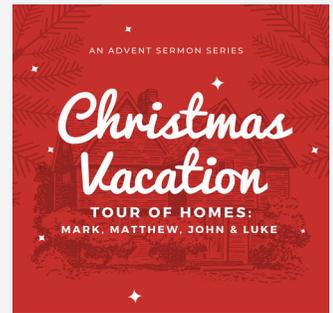
To Ponder Prayerfully

Waiting for the Dawn

“THE LONG DAWN OF ADVENT WILL SOON BEGIN, AND NOW WE ARE ALL LEARNING TO WAIT. CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND THE BABY JESUS WILL BE BORN, BUT FOR NOW WE MUST SIT IN THE DARKNESS.”

-Kate Bowler

In a typical year, many of us would spend the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas visiting people's homes for Christmas parties, gift exchanges, and cookie decorating. When we visit someone's home, it's always interesting to see how each person decorates their space in a way that is unique to them. Just like our own homes are distinctly filled and decorated with things we cherish, each gospel is unique and quite different than the others. Some are filled with details while others are quite concise. Some are full of metaphors while others recount a time period in a man's life. Each gospel is different, and each gospel points towards a different beginning of the Good News. This Advent season, come on vacation to visit Mark, Matthew, John, and Luke in their homes as we explore together where the Good News begins in each gospel.



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