

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The Starry Night*  
Vincent van Gogh, 1889

24th Sunday After Pentecost

November 4, 2018 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

**Greeter**

Faye Foster

**Ushers**

Kathleen Haller

Lynda Bisher

Ron Binkney

Bunnie Lynn

**Acolyte**

Clay Sproule

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## INTROIT (624)

WAGNER

*Make a Joyful Noise*  
Chancel Choir

## GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Our stewardship theme this year is "Living Generously: Time, Talent, and Resources." Over the next three Sundays we will explore God's call to live generously by giving our time, talents, and resources through the lens of Biblical characters.

We hope you will also join us for worship on Dedication Sunday, November 18, as we celebrate and dedicate all of our pledges to the glory of God.

## 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 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. Callahan

*Pastel on Jerusalem, My Happy Home*  
Beverly Fetter, Organist

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Faye Foster

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord,

**ALL: and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!**

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

**ALL: singing joyful songs of praise.**

## \*OPENING HYMN 664

BUNESSAN

*Morning Has Broken*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*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

BAPTISM

*Joseph Briggs Ackerman*  
Son of Brooke & Riddick Ackerman

Baptism is a celebration of the child being baptized; a thanksgiving for their life and for all that God gives them and us; and a welcome into the family of the Church, both worldwide and locally.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Mel Baxter

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (288)

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the Living God*  
Chancel Choir

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

arr. Hayes

*To Love Our God*  
Chancel Choir

## \*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 136:1-9**

*Page 972 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*Page 29 OT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

# WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*The practice of receiving communion by intinction is an ancient one. When taking Communion by intinction, the body of the Church acts together, moving as a community towards the Table. Worshippers are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread, and intinct or dip it in the cup, place it in their mouth, and return to their seats. Gluten free bread is available for those with gluten allergies. Additionally, an elder is available to bring communion to you where you are seated.*

## COMMUNION HYMN 684

LUX PRIMA

*Faith Begins by Letting Go*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

# WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION 687

ST. ANNE

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

## \*BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE (599)

DRESDEN AMEN

*Amen*

## POSTLUDE

arr. Callahan

*Interlude on All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Beverly Fetter, Organist

Having been fed by Word and Sacrament, we go out to share that nourishment in the ordinary intersections of our daily lives. The Lord's Day service is the indispensable event that identifies the church with its Lord and equips it to identify with those whom the Lord has called us to serve.

**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.sspress.org/sermons](http://www.sspress.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 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 frieda@sspres.org 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 frieda@sspres.org 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 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 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*

## FALL FESTIVAL

Pictures Now Available Online



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A FUN FAMILY EVENT

## Bingo Night

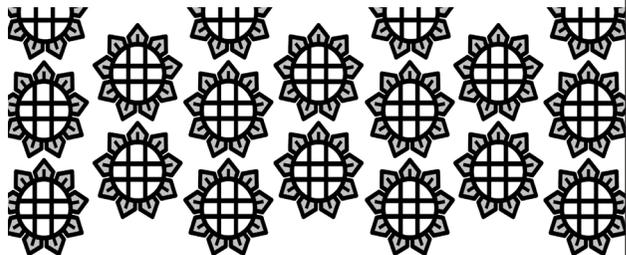
& Potluck Supper

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18  
6 PM | SOCIAL HALL  
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## TRY SOMETHING NEW The Wild West

The Try Something New group will be taking a trip to the Wild West (in Darien GA!) on **NOVEMBER 15** to visit a Buffalo Farm, the Old Jail Museum, and enjoy a delicious lunch at The Fish Dock.  
**SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG**



## Community Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 • 4 PM

•FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SAINT SIMONS•

### Today, Nov 4

- 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
- 12:15 pm **CE Team Meeting** - Children's Hall
- 12:15 pm **Worship & Music Team** - Britt Room
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble (Grades 6-12)** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group** - Britt Room

### Monday, Nov 5

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 4:30 pm **KidZ Book Club** - Palm Coast
- 5:30 pm **Messiah Rehearsal** - Social Hall
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

### Tuesday, Nov 6

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

### Wednesday, Nov 7

- 10:00 am **Ladies Video Bible Study** - Youth Suite
- 12:00 pm **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

### Thursday, Nov 8

- 7:15 am **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study (Book of Habakuk)** - Upper Room
- 1:00 pm **Grief Counseling** - Chapel
- 4:00 pm **Free Flow Yoga** - Youth Suite
- 5:30 pm **Adventures in Missing the Point Book Study** - John Law
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

### Friday, Nov 9

- 8:30 am **Endowment Committee Meeting** - Upper Room
- 10:00 am **Book Study and Prayer** - 107 Indian Mound Drive, Brunswick

**Communion Greenery:** The communion greenery this morning is given to the glory of God by Gwen Mayberry.

**Manna House:** Manna House (1408 G Street) is a soup kitchen located in Brunswick that is supported by volunteers, who serve thousands of free meals per month. St. Simons Presbyterian members have committed themselves to serving at Manna House on the first Monday of every month from 9:30AM to 1PM. Everyone is invited to join us in this fun and meaningful area of service. Sign up at [sspres.org](http://sspres.org).

**Congregational Meeting on November 11:** Session has called a congregational meeting to take place next Sunday, November 11, following the 11AM worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect church officers and approve the pastor's terms of call for 2019.

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Time to Love

“THERE IS A CLOSE CONNECTION BETWEEN SPEED AND IMPATIENCE. OUR CULTURE HAS BECOME SO SPEEDED UP TODAY THAT NO ONE HAS TIME TO BE PATIENT. PEOPLE IN A HURRY CANNOT BE PATIENT—SO PEOPLE IN A HURRY CANNOT REALLY LOVE. TO LOVE, WE NEED TO BE SENSITIVE TO THOSE AROUND US, WHICH IS IMPOSSIBLE IF WE ARE RACING THROUGH LIFE ENGROSSED IN ALL THE THINGS WE NEED TO DO.

-Eknath Easwaran

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