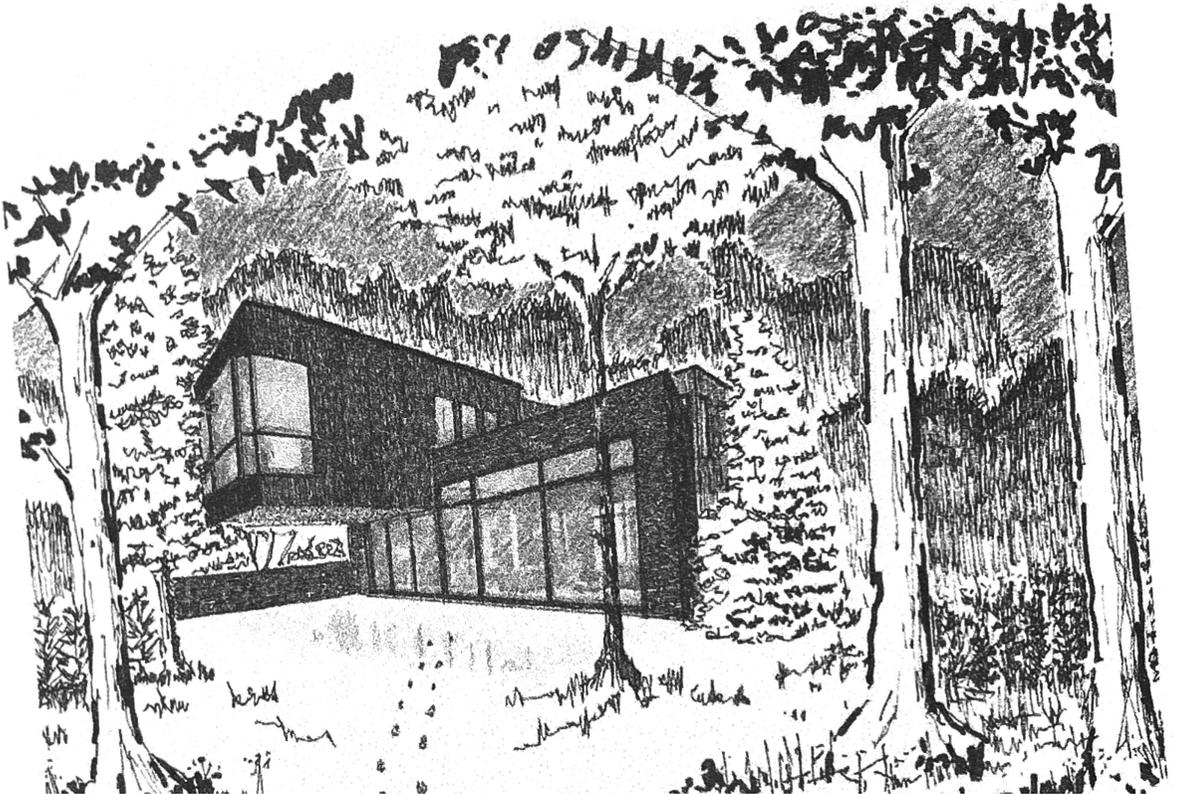


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



John's House
Kevin Burns

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 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 worshipping 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



In the call to worship we take the opportunity to center ourselves on God. We have so many distractions coming our way, thus we take the first opportunity in our corporate worship service to quiet those distractions. The call to worship places everything in the service, from preaching and worship music to various liturgies and the call to confession, before God in honor and praise.

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 worshipping 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

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Amy Bishop, Pianist

arr. Shockley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

One: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

ALL: Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

One: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

ALL: Trust and do not be afraid.

One: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

ALL: With joy we will draw water from the wells of peace.

One: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

ALL: Let us worship the Lord. Hallelujah! Amen.

*HYMN (*found on page 4 & 5*)

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)**

Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken Your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with Your creation or Your people. We have not trusted Your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world.

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

ADVENT SONG

Light One Candle
Congregation

Sleeth

Light one candle for Hope, one bright candle for Hope, He brings hope to every heart, he comes, he comes. Light one candle for Peace, one bright candle for Peace, He brings peace to every heart, He comes, He comes. Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy, every nation will find salvation in Bethlehem's baby boy. Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy. He brings joy to every heart, He comes, He comes.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT

Will, Melissa, Ethan and Eliana Tsai

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

The Word Was God
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Powell

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

We don't just pray the Lord's Prayer for ourselves, we pray it on behalf of the world—those who don't have their daily bread and those who are burdened by debt. We are called to be God's answer to this prayer.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-5, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

Christmas Vacation: John's House

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of 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 task and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*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

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness
Amy Bishop, Pianist

B. Farrell

What are you taking from worship? A new thought, a deep feeling, a glimpse of grace, a challenge? Where will you see God today? A hope or a prayer for the week?

SUPPORT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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).

127 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Jesus, the Light of the World

With a gospel feel

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing.
 2 Joy - ful all you na - tions, rise. Je - sus, the
 3 Christ by high - est heaven a - dored;
 4 Hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

light of the world. Glo - ry to the
 Join the tri - umph
 Christ, the ev - er -
 Hail, the Sun of

new - born King,
 of the skies. Je - sus, the light of the world.
 last - ing Lord;
 righ - teous - ness!

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

Refrain

We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light.

Come where the dew - drops of mer - cy shine bright.

O, shine all a - round us by day and by

night. Je - sus, the light of the world.

This Week | Dec 13 - Dec 19

Today, December 13

- 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, December 14

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

Tuesday, December 15

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 4:30 pm **Session Meeting** - Zoom

Wednesday, December 16

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Zoom
- 4:30 pm **Car Parade & Caroling** - Meet in Back Parking Lot
- 6:15 pm **Christmas Carols** - Under Portico in Back Parking Lot
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Social Hall

Thursday, December 17

- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - 218 Kings Way

Friday, December 18

- 6:00 pm **Live Nativity** - Front Lawn
- 7:00 pm **Live Nativity** - Front Lawn

Saturday, December 19

- 6:00 pm **Live Nativity** - Front Lawn
- 7:00 pm **Live Nativity** - Front Lawn

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



CAR-OLING & CAR PARADE

December 16 | 4:30 PM
meet in back parking lot at SSPC

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG TO LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING



AN EVENING OF

Christmas Carols

With the Chancel Ensemble

Wednesday, Dec 16 | 6:15PM

UNDER THE PORTICO IN THE BACK PARKING LOT AT SSPC

WEAR A MASK. ALL ARE WELCOME!



live

Nativity volunteers

ALL AGES WELCOME!

friday & saturday
DECEMBER 18TH & 19TH
6PM & 7PM

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG/LIVE-NATIVITY



the Longest Night

A WINTER SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING

Sunday, December 20
6 PM | Online
sspres.org/longestnight

IN-PERSON OR ONLINE

Christmas Eve

CANDLES & CAROLS ON THE LAWN
WITH CHILDREN'S NATIVITY TABLEAU
4:30 PM | FRONT LAWN
BRING A CHAIR & MASK | 205 KINGS WAY

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE
SSPRES.ORG
AVAILABLE AT 4PM



Angel Tree
REMINDER TO DROP OFF
GIFTS BY DEC 14
(drop off in office by 12PM)



2021
Chancel Flowers

To Ponder Prayerfully

Light

“DO NOT BE DISMAYED BY THE BROKENNESS OF THE WORLD.
ALL THINGS BREAK. AND ALL THINGS CAN BE MENDED.
NOT WITH TIME, AS THEY SAY, BUT WITH INTENTION.
SO GO. LOVE INTENTIONALLY, EXTRAVAGANTLY, UNCONDITIONALLY.
THE BROKEN WORLD WAITS IN DARKNESS FOR THE LIGHT THAT IS YOU.”

-L.R. Knost

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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