

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Supermoon and Eclipse

Doug Jones

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Judy Benjamin

Ushers

Bunnie Lynn

Harry Moffett

Jean Hurst

Nancy Harper

Acolyte

John Cannon Wessel

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

ADVENT MUSIC MEDITATION

Amy Bishop and Beverly Fetter

INTROIT (505)

THE FEAST IS READY

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing
Chancel Choir

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. 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. Phillips

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

One: We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

ALL: We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.

One: Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

ALL: Guide our every move, that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.

One: Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

ALL: Together, let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 93

TRURO

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

The four Sundays of Advent have been given various designations, but a traditional set of meanings is one that we use in worship. The candles of the Advent wreath stand for God's promises of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. We pray for these words to be fulfilled in your life and in the lives of those you love and in the whole world.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Almighty God, you warn us to read the signs for the coming of your glory - in the sun, the moon, the stars, the roaring of the seas and the waves, the distress among the nations. We have seen it all before. Nothing seems to change. Help us live with courage in this age of ambiguity where wars are fought for peace and freedoms are stripped in the name of liberty. Forgive our lapse of focus, our sense that nothing ever really changes. Teach us to wait with patience, that we may be ready as our redeemer draws near.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

“If my sinfulness appears to me to be in any way smaller or less detestable in comparison with the sins of others, I am still not recognizing my sinfulness at all. How can I possibly serve another person in unfeigned humility if I seriously regard his sinfulness as worse than my own?”
–Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Tadd, Carrie, Carolina, John Cannon and Sarah Wessel

Each year, our Global Mission Ministry Team offers us alternative opportunities to give during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. These include buying unique fair-trade crafts from Serrv International as well as making donations to support the global work of Heifer International. You can participate by visiting “Hope Hallway” located behind the sanctuary before or after worship every Sunday during Advent.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bethany Leggett

Serrv Shop and Heifer International

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (92)

WAITING

While We Are Waiting, Come
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.

OFFERTORY

arr. Patterson

Keep God's Light
Chancel Choir; David Stewart, Percussion

*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.*

There are many worship opportunities at St. Simons Presbyterian this Advent Season. We especially invite you to consider joining us for a mid-week vespers service each Wednesday at 5PM in the sanctuary. These 35-minute services of scripture, song, and reflection will focus on the voice of the prophets, beginning with the verses heard this morning in our first reading from Jeremiah.

FIRST READING

Judy Benjamin

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Page 1232 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Luke 21:25-36

Page 1636 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. Worshipers 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 508

COME TO THE TABLE

Come to the Table

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 687

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Prepare the Way, O Zion

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (583)

GLORIA

Glory to God

POSTLUDE

arr. Hobby

Make Way for the Royal Highway
Amy Bishop, Organist

Communion is derived from the Latin word communion, meaning “sharing in common.” In New Testament Greek it is translated as koinonia, or “fellowship.” Both meanings reflect the sacrament’s relational nature.

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.

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

This Week | Dec 2 - Dec 8

Today, Dec 2

- 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
- 5:00 pm **Advent Communion** - Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm **Youth Christmas Progressive Dinner**

Monday, Dec 3

- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 3:00 pm **Congregational Life Meeting** - John Law
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Tuesday, Dec 4

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-fil-A SSI
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 6:00 pm **Lunch Bunch Xmas Party** - 100 Druid Oaks Ln

Wednesday, Dec 5

- 12:00 pm **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew (Rehearsal & Party)** - Children's Hall
- 5:00 pm **Advent Vespers** - Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, Dec 6

- 7:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite
- 6:30 pm **Stephen Ministry** - Parlor
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, Dec 7

- 10:00 am **Book Study & Prayer** - Jann's Office

Saturday, Dec 8

- 9:00 am **TSN Bike to Harris Neck** - Harris Neck

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

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Virginia Snyder, who entered into rest on November 25. A service of witness to the resurrection was held this past Friday, November 30th, in the Sanctuary.

We also extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Tom Ellington, who passed away on November 26th in McDonough, GA.

Advent Vespers: Please join us in the Sanctuary this Wednesday at 5 pm to draw near in meditation and worship.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy were written by Amy Loving and the The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009.

Advent Vespers

WEDNESDAYS AT 5 PM DURING ADVENT

DRAW NEAR IN MEDITATION & WORSHIP
A MIDWEEK SERVICE OF SCRIPTURE, SONG, AND REFLECTION.

DECEMBER 5TH - JEREMIA 33:14-16

DECEMBER 12TH - MALACHI 3:1-4

DECEMBER 19TH - ISAIAH 12:2-6

Kidz Christmas Program & Breakfast

DECEMBER 9 | 9:30 AM
SOCIAL HALL

Go, Cool Shepherds, Go!



A WINTER SERVICE
OF HOPE & HEALING

The Longest Night

With the Chancel Choir, Youth Ensemble, & Chamber Orchestra

December 9th | 5 PM
Sanctuary

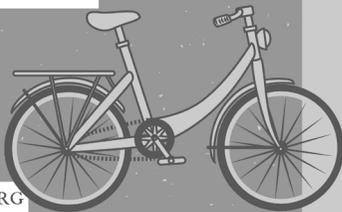
TRY SOMETHING NEW

BICYCLING AT HARRIS NECK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

JOIN THE TSN
GROUP FOR A BIKE
RIDE AT HARRIS
NECK, FOLLOWED
BY A GROUP LUNCH

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG



OPENS THANKSGIVING DAY & EVERY
SUNDAY THROUGHOUT ADVENT

Hope Hall

Greater Good Gifts
between Sanctuary & Social Hall



HEIFER PROJECT *Angel Tree* serrv



To Ponder Prayerfully

Draw Near

“**A**DVENT INVITES US TO GROW IN PATIENCE AND TO POSITION OUR LIVES SO THAT WE DO NOT MISS WHAT GOD IS DOING IN THE WIDE EXPANSE OF THE WORLD. MAY WE SLOW DOWN, SPREAD OUT OUR WHOLE LIVES BEFORE GOD, AND PRACTICE PATIENT WATCHING FOR WHERE THE LIGHT OF GOD IS FALLING. MAY WE CATCH A GLIMPSE OF THIS HOLY LIGHT, OF THE LIVES AND PLACES IN THE WORLD THAT NEED OUR ATTENTION AND ARE ILLUMINED BY GOD’S RADIANCE SO AS TO DRAW US NEAR.

-Pamela Hawkins

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