

Lessons and Carols

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The First Christmas
Jackie Mueller-Jones

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols

December 24, 2019 | 4:00 & 5:30 pm Worship

Ushers (4 PM)

Mike Kellar
 Nardis Kellar
 Lee Dillard
 Jan Rossiter
 Kathy Rossiter
 Bill Lueckel

Ushers (5:30 PM)

Mike Kellar
 Nardis Kellar
 Mike Aspenwall
 Morgan Plog

Acolytes

Amelia Macaulay †
 Mary West Turner ●

WELCOME

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 row. As you enter the worship space, please silence your cell phones. All children are welcome in worship. If you prefer, a nursery (located in the children's hall) is available for children from birth to five years. Worship resources for children are available at the entrances to the social hall. Bibles & hymnals are available at each entrance. Please return them to the carts as you exit the social hall following worship. Hymns and scripture will also be displayed on the screens during worship.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Murray/Dempsey

What Child Is This/ Away in a Manger
 Mark Propst & Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpets
 Rhonda Hambright, Piano

CHRISTMAS WELCOME

Rev. Alan Dyer

PRELUDE

Larson

Mary Had a Baby
 Tom Haughney, Soloist;
 Chancel Choir; Amy Bishop, Piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Alan Dyer

One: By the tender mercy of our God,

ALL: The dawn from on high will break upon us,

One: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

ALL: To guide our feet into the way of peace.

One: Come, for the time has drawn near;

***OPENING HYMN 133**

ADESTE FIDELES

O Come, All Ye Faithful

CHRISTMAS PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (ALL)

Kate Buckley

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.

† 4:00 PM Service

● 5:30 PM Service

Please stand if able.

THE LORD'S ADVENT IS TOLD TO MARY

CAROL

Mary, Did You Know?

Chancel Choir
Amy Bishop, Piano

Greene



FIRST READING

Luke 1:26-38

Page 1588, NT

Brenda Haughney †

Morgan Plog •

HYMN 112

On Christmas Night

SUSSEX CAROL

THE LORD'S ADVENT IS TOLD TO JOSEPH

SECOND READING

Matthew 1:18-24

Page 1497, NT

Charles Lewis †

Arthur Owens •

SOLO

Joseph's Song

Mark Propst

Michael Card

OFFERING

African Noel

Chancel Choir

arr. Thomas

THE LORD IS BORN

THIRD READING

Luke 2:1-7

Page 1590, NT

English Jane Buckley †

Sophie Hidalgo •

SOLO

O Holy Night

Rhonda Hambright

Adam/arr. Hayes

The offering received tonight will go to the St. Simons Presbyterian Church Deacon's Fund which is used to assist those in need in our community. The Deacon's Fund allows the church to provide (at the pastor's discretion), food, electricity, gas for transportation, temporary emergency lodging, and other urgent aid to those who come to the church in dire and immediate need.

NATIVITY TABLEAU

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright:
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXITING THE SOCIAL HALL

Following the Benediction, the congregation is invited to join the choir on the Delegal Lawn (weather permitting) to "sing in Christmas" by candlelight. Ushers will help guide you as you exit using any of the available doors the the social hall. Please remember to return your candles to the collection baskets being held by ushers following the singing.

Tonight we light the Christ Candle remembering that with the birth of Christ, salvation has drawn near. The God who ordered the chaos of the universe has come down into the chaos of our world. The Word which was with God at the beginning has come to dwell among us. In the words of Eugene Peterson, "The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood."

SINGING IN CHRISTMAS

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Saviour is born; Christ the Saviour is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Saviour is born; Christ the Saviour is born.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

As our time of worship ends, the work of Christmas begins. And what is the work of Christmas? In the words of Dr. Howard Thurman: "To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart."

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years, Are met in thee tonight.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove.
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

Merry Christmas!

Thank you for worshiping with us at
St. Simons Presbyterian Church!

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 row at the beginning of worship so that we can be in touch with you soon.

Giving By Text. You can give your tithes and offerings electronically through text messaging. Text the code "SSPC" and send to the number: 73256.

If You Are in Need of Prayer. You may fill out a prayer request card (available in the racks affixed to the hymnal carts) and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

To Aid in Worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals and Bibles may be obtained from the ushers.

Sermons Online. To hear sermons online, visit www.sspres.org/sermons.

Sign up for our eNewsletter. Stay informed by subscribing to our weekly eNewsletter. Sign up on our friendship register or visit www.sspres.org/newsletters.

Sign up for Chancel Flowers: If you are interested in providing the Chancel flowers for worship on a Sunday in 2020, please sign up on the flowers board in the Memorial Garden Hallway.

TGIF

A social night for 20s/30s/40s...

JAN 10 | 6 PM
PORCH SSI

...A movie night at SSPC for the kids
SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG



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TEXT: SSPRES  **TO: 555888**

Let's go
BOWLING!

JANUARY 12TH | 6 PM | STRIKE ZONE

WE WILL MEET AT THE BOWLING ALLEY AT 6 PM.
COST IS \$10 PER PERSON. ALL ARE WELCOME!



To Ponder Prayerfully

Born In Us

“ON THE ONE HAND MARY WAS JUST A GIRL, AN IMMATURE AND FRIGHTENED GIRL WHO HAD THE GOOD SENSE TO BELIEVE WHAT AN ANGEL TOLD HER IN WHAT SEEMED LIKE A DREAM. ON THE OTHER HAND, SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF THE SON OF GOD, WITH FAITH ENOUGH TO MOVE MOUNTAINS, TO SING ABOUT THE VICTORIES OF HER SON AS IF HE WERE ALREADY AT THE RIGHT HAND OF HIS FATHER INSTEAD OF A DOLLOP OF CELLS IN HER WOMB. ... WHEN WE ALLOW GOD TO BE BORN IN US, THERE IS NO TELLING, NO TELLING AT ALL, WHAT WILL COME OUT.”

-Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor

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