

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*“Jesus Among the Teachers”*  
Jesus Mafa

First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 30, 2018 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

**Greeter**

D.A. Martin

**Ushers**

Harry Moffett

Cathy Rossiter

Jan Rossiter

Molly Macaulay

**Acolyte**

Emmeline Griffith

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## INTROIT

ROBIN STOPFORD

*Christmas Introit*

GIYO Ensemble & Alumni

## GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

*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

Henry Gauntlett

*Once In Royal David's City*

GIYO Ensemble & Alumni

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

D.A. Martin

One: Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
Praise Him in the heights!

**ALL: Praise Him, sun and moon;  
Praise Him, all you shining stars!**

One: Praise Him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above heavens!

**ALL: Let us praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded and we were created.  
Praise the Lord all the earth.**

## \*OPENING HYMN 134

ANTIOCH

*Joy to the World!*

At the Nativity of the Lord and throughout the season of Christmas we give thanks that, in the fullness of time, God's Word became flesh to live among us, full of grace and truth. Christmas refers not only to a single day, but to a whole season of celebration within the Christian Year.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

H.W. GREATORIX

*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

### JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### 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

*Away in a Manger*  
GIYO Ensemble & Alumni

arr. Staheli

The Christian life is like a two-sided coin. One side is the forgiveness of sins. The other side is the call to discipleship and mission. They are distinct but inseparable. The first is justification by grace through faith; the second is sanctification. Justification without sanctification risks becoming "cheap grace," and sanctification without justification risks becoming "works righteousness."

\*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.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

D.A. Martin

**1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26**

*Page 421 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

The scriptures bear witness  
to the word of God, revealed  
most fully in Jesus Christ,  
the Word who "became  
flesh and lived among us."  
Where the word is read and  
proclaimed, Jesus Christ the  
living Word is present by the  
power of the Holy Spirit.

ANTHEM

James Chadwick

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
GIYO Ensemble & Alumni

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**Luke 2:41-52**

*Page 1592 NT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In 1983 the two largest Presbyterian churches in the United States reunited, and in the plan for reunion, the preparation of a brief statement of the Reformed faith for possible inclusion in the Book of Confessions was called for. "A Brief Statement of Faith" lifts up concerns that call most urgently for the church's attention in our time.

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 136

GO TELL IT

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

arr. K. Christopher

*For Unto Us/Joy to the World*  
Dr. Emri Comer, Organist

Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day; we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living. In so doing, we seek to fulfill our chief end; to glorify and enjoy God forever.

**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 worshipping 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.sspres.org/sermons](http://www.sspres.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*

# SIGN UP FOR CHANCEL FLOWERS 2019



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ON A SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP DURING 2019, PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A SPECIFIC WEEK ON THE FLOWER BOARD IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN HALLWAY. PLEASE BE SURE TO EMAIL ADA OWENS WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN A WEEK PRIOR TO THE SUNDAY YOU SIGN UP FOR! (ADA@SSPRES.ORG)

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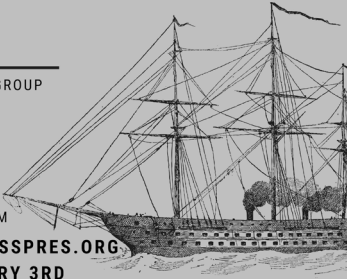
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JANUARY. 10. 2018

**WE WILL VISIT:**

- THE RAILROAD MUSEUM
- SHIPS OF THE SEA MUSEUM
- MIGHTY 8TH AIR FORCE MUSEUM

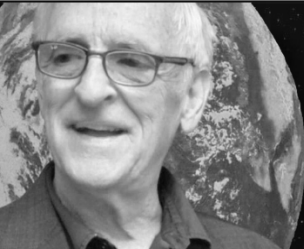
**MORE INFO & SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG**

**RSVP DEADLINE IS JANUARY 3RD**



**PIZZA +  
MOVIE  
NIGHT**  
AND SALAD, TOO!  
JAN 13TH  
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
SIGN UP ONLINE  
AT SSPRES.ORG

## ORDER OF THE SACRED EARTH: A CONVERSATION WITH MATTHEW FOX



**JANUARY 17TH**  
10 AM | SOCIAL HALL  
TICKETS START AT \$20

VISIT: [WWW.GIPL.ORG/EVENT/SACRED-EARTH/](http://WWW.GIPL.ORG/EVENT/SACRED-EARTH/)

*Let's go*  
**BOWLING!**  
JANUARY 20TH | 6 PM | STRIKE ZONE  
WE WILL MEET AT THE BOWLING ALLEY AT 6 PM.  
COST IS \$10 PER PERSON. ALL ARE WELCOME!

# This Week | Dec 30 - Jan 4

## Today, Dec 30

- 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

## Monday, Dec 31

- All Day **Church Office Will be Closed**
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

## Tuesday, Jan 1 (Happy New Year!)

- All Day **Church Office Will be Closed**

## Wednesday, Jan 2

**No Activities Scheduled for this Day**

## Thursday, Jan 3

- 7:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt 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, Jan 4

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

## CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Mon, December 31st	Tues, January 1st
Office Closed	Office Closed

**Chancel Flowers:** The Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by the Saint Simons Presbyterian flower committee.

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend:** Drs. Genie and Preston Dyer - retired social work and family studies professors from Baylor University in Texas - will be coming to the island to lead a Friday/Saturday marriage enrichment retreat at SSPC. More info to come, but mark your calendars now for the weekend of February 22nd & 23rd!

To Ponder Prayerfully

# Community of Believers

“**Y**OU’VE GOT TO LOVE THIS IN A GOD-CONSISTENTLY ASSEMBLING THE MOTLEYEST PEOPLE TO BRING, INTO THE LONELY AND FRIGHTENING WORLD, A COMMITMENT TO CARING AND COMMUNITY.”

-Anne Lamott

## St. Simons Presbyterian Church

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*St. Simons Presbyterian Church is a member of the Savannah Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.*

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