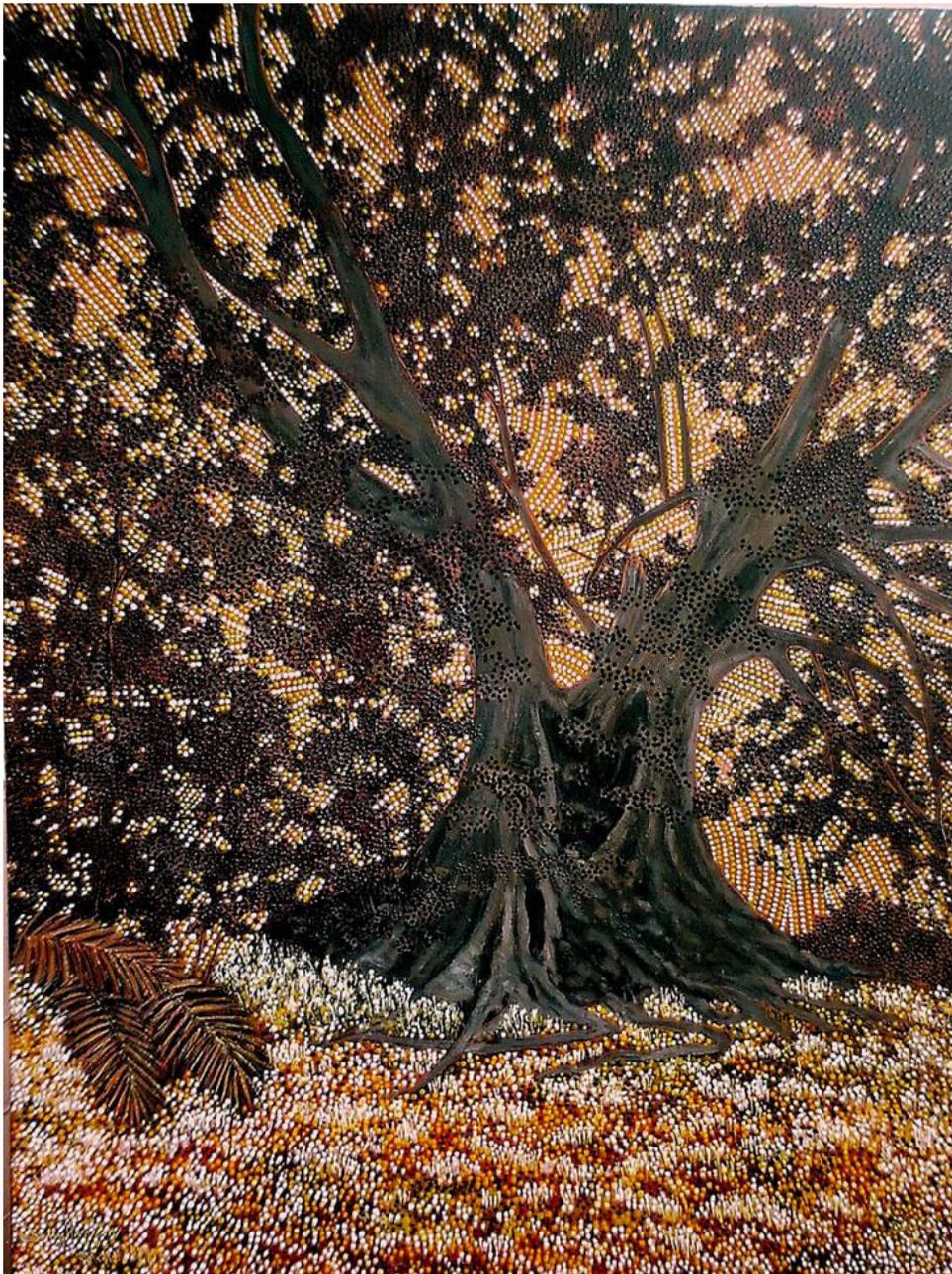


# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*The Keeper of the Secrets*  
Sally Harrison

Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

**Greeter**

Carol Snyder

**Ushers**

Barbara Powers

Kathleen Haller

Mike Kellar

Nardis Kellar

**Acolyte**

Emmeline Griffith

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## INTROIT

CALLAHAN

*O Savior of the World*  
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. Mickelson

*Morning Has Broken*  
Beverly Fetter, Piano  
Amy Bishop, Organ

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Anna Henry

One: Everyone who thirsts:

**ALL: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.**

One: All who are hungry for righteousness:

**ALL: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.**

One: All who need the help of God:

**ALL: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.**

## \*OPENING HYMN 314

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

Today's Call to Worship draws from the imagery of water in Isaiah 55 and the Lenten theme of repentance. What we hear during Lent is the power and possibility of the paschal mystery, and that the way of the cross, the way to Easter, is through death. To live for Christ, we must die with him. The church's peculiar Lenten claim then is that in dying we live.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI 581

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

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Phil & Lysa Allison  
Sally Baldwin  
Jim & Sally Dyer  
Grayson Kellis  
Ann Lee*

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Day of Service*

Greer Anderson

### JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 90

BERTHIER

*Wait for the Lord*  
Chancel Choir

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

“Prayer is essentially an act of solidarity – an expression of our own need, a yearning for a better world, a commitment to belonging together. We pray not only with our lips but with our lives. And every little act of justice, caring and generosity counts.” –Norman Shanks

OFFERTORY

arr. Torrans

*Were You There*  
Beverly Fetter, Piano  
Amy Bishop, Organ

*Electronic giving is available by texting the code "SSPC" to the number 73256.*

\*DOXOLOGY

*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

Anna Henry

**Isaiah 55:1-9**  
*Page 1148 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Dr. J.V. Roberts

*Seek Ye the Lord*  
Chancel Choir; Tom Haughney, Tenor

SECOND READING

**Luke 13:1-9**  
*Page 1619 NT*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*Lent with Luke: Patience*

Rev. Alan Dyer

"Preaching is, finally,  
more than art or science.  
It is alchemy, in which tin  
becomes gold and yard  
rocks become diamonds  
under the influence of the  
Holy Spirit. It is a process  
of transformation for both  
preacher and congregation  
alike, as the ordinary  
details of [our] everyday  
lives are translated into the  
extraordinary elements of  
God's ongoing creation."  
-Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.

After we hear the good news, we stand to say what we believe in an Affirmation of Faith. Often these words come from the church's creeds and confessions. In these writings, we remember and tell the world who we are, what we believe, and how we hope to live according to God's Way.

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 543

GREEN TYLER

*God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 568

AMEN (Haugen)

*Amen*  
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

J. S. Bach

*Prelude in B<sup>b</sup>*  
Beverly Fetter, Piano  
Amy Bishop, Organ

**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.

**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 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 Starting Jan 31st: Faith, fun, and music. Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM. Wednesday Night 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.*

## Youth

### Sunday School

*Begins at 9:30AM in the Social Hall with breakfast*

### Sunday Night Fellowship

*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

### TGIF/Faith on Tap

*Monthly Friday (usually 2nd Fridays) at 6PM  
A casual social gathering for the 20s/30s/40s group.  
Location varies. Movie night at church will coordinate for the kids.  
Ada Owens at ada@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 (Traditional)** - Ashantilly Room

**Come & See (Discussion)** - Social Hall

**Rejoice (Sharing)** - John Law Room

**Trinity (Reflective)** - Parlor

**20s/30s/40s (Conversational)** - 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 Chapel*

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*

# Easter Flowers

Easter Hydrangeas are now available for purchase online at [sspres.org](http://sspres.org)



## Sunday School for Lent

### COME & SEE CLASS

THE REMARKABLE ORDINARY (BEGINS MAR 10)  
BOOKS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$10

### TRINITY CLASS

THE FINAL WEEK (BEGINS MAR 3)

### 20S/30S/40S CLASS

SIMON PETER, FLAWED BUT FAITHFUL DISCIPLE  
BY ADAM HAMILTON (BEGINS MAR 17)

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN REFLECTIONS ON PRAYER  
AND SIMON PETER, FLAWED BUT FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

# This Week

Mar 24 - Mar 29

## Today, Mar 24

- 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
- 3:30 pm **Mozart Society Concert** - Christ Church
- 4:00 pm **Hunger Action Team** - Ashantilly Room
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group** - Britt Room

## Monday, Mar 25

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 3:00 pm **Congregational Life Meeting** - John Law
- 8:00pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00pm **Al Anon** - John Law

## Tuesday, Mar 26

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law
- 9:30 am **Yoga Class** - Chapel

## Wednesday, Mar 27

- 10:30 am **Ladies Video Bible Study** - Chapel
- 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** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

## Thursday, Mar 28

- 7:15 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study "Hebrews 5:11 - 6:20"** - Upper Room
- 4:00 pm **Yoga Class** - Chapel
- 5:30 pm **ODD Book Study** - John Law
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

## Friday, Mar 29

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

**Chancel Flowers:** The chancel flowers are given in memory of Mimi and Sam Franklin by Marianna Elias and family.

**Lenten Banners:** The painted silk banners represent our journey following Jesus to Jerusalem. The liturgical color for Lent is traditionally purple or blue. You can see the vibrant purple/blue sky with the jagged earth on the horizon as we journey together through Lent.

**Mozart Society Concert:** The winners of the Mozart Society Scholarship Competition will be performing at Christ Church Parish Hall this afternoon at 3:30 pm. Come and see these talented students perform. Our church music intern, Olivia Strasser, has won a college scholarship and will be attending the University of Mississippi this fall.

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

# SAPELO ISLAND KAYAK ADVENTURE

MAY 28 - 31

Sign Up at [sspres.org](http://sspres.org)

# Vacation Bible School

June 11-13 | 9-1PM



Sign Up at [sspres.org](http://sspres.org)

## ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL SUMMER FUN 2019



**Week 1**  
June 17-21:  
Nature



**Week 2**  
June 24-28:  
Creative Arts



**Week 3**  
July 8-12:  
It's a Small World



**Week 4**  
July 15-19:  
Super Spy

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To Ponder Prayerfully

# Active Waiting

“**H**OW DO WE WAIT FOR GOD? WE WAIT WITH PATIENCE. BUT PATIENCE DOES NOT MEAN PASSIVITY. WAITING PATIENTLY IS NOT LIKE WAITING FOR THE BUS TO COME, THE RAIN TO STOP, OR THE SUN TO RISE. IT IS AN ACTIVE WAITING IN WHICH WE LIVE THE PRESENT MOMENT TO THE FULL IN ORDER TO FIND THERE THE SIGNS OF THE ONE WE ARE WAITING FOR.”

-Henri Nouwen

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