

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Moses Striking Water from the Rock*  
Marc Chagall

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021 | 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](http://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.

\* Please stand if able.

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## INTROIT

Cortez, arr. Carter

*Rain Down*  
Chancel Choir Ensemble

## 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

J. Martin

*Meditation on a Folk Song*  
Amy Bishop, Pianist

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

One: Come, let us worship God who provides for us.

**ALL: Even when we whine and complain,  
God hears our cries.**

One: Lift your voices in praise,  
for God has come to comfort you.

**ALL: Thanks be to God who forgives  
and heals our wounded souls.**

One: Come, celebrate God's steadfast love.

**ALL: Open our hearts, O Lord, and let us  
truly listen to Your words. AMEN.**

## \*HYMN (*found on page 4*)

CWM RHONDDA

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

God of patience, Your people grow weary. We complain and question. We put You to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no. When we wander off Your path, when we fail to follow

through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things; gently call us back to You. Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust. As You poured out Your very self through Your beloved Son, pour Your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing and reclaim us with Your love.

*Silence for Personal Confession*

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI 581

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

ANTHEM

Roger Emerson

*Let My People Go*

Chancel Choir Ensemble

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

SCRIPTURE READING

**Exodus 17:1-7**

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Lent is a season of confession. As confession — admitting to God our brokenness — stands near the center of worship, so also confession stands near the center of our Lenten observances.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*Ancestry DNA: "Moses and Friends"*

Rev. Alan Dyer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

The 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

POST COMMUNION PRAYER 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

\*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

*Variations on "Foundation"*

J. Martin

Amy Bishop, Pianist

## SUPPORT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**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).

# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.



# SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

## Mission

### Manna House

(start date TBD)

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.*

### COVID Relief Fund

Direct assistance grants available to any resident of Glynn County financially impacted by the pandemic.

*Annie F. Arvin at annie@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.

*Annie Arvin at annie@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

## Children

### KidZ Crew (Preschool to Grade 5)

*Sundays:* KidZ Worship following the "Word for Children" during worship. (*Pre K-2nd*)

*Wednesdays:* Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

*Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

## Youth

### Youth Group

*Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.*

Location varies week-to-week.

*Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org*

## Young Adults

### TGIF/Faith on Tap

Casual social gatherings for the 20s/30s/40s group. Location and dates vary. Kids welcome.

*Ada Owens at ada@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

## Discipleship

### Sunday School

*Begins at 9:00 AM via Zoom*

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)

### Come & See (Discussion)

*Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

### Men's Bible Study

*Wednesdays at 10AM via Zoom*

Come for lunch and Men's Bible Study led by Alan Dyer every Wednesday. Visitors are always welcome.

*John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.*

### Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

*Tuesdays at 2PM on the Veranda at SSPRES (outdoors)*

*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.

*Nardis Kellar at nardisk@gmail.com or (912) 230-2254*

*Ginny Connors at ginnyconnors1@gmail.com or (608) 220-8481*

## Music

### Choir, Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Choirs for all ages, handbells, chimes and instruments remain an important part of the ministry of St. Simons Presbyterian. For more information about the music ministry, please contact Rhonda Hambright or Suzanne Morrison.

*Rhonda Hambright at rhonda@sspres.org or 638-2220.*

*Suzanne Morrison at suzanne@sspres.org*

## Pastoral Care

### 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. Kate Buckley 912-222-1757*



**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 be sure to speak with a pastor before or after today's worship. We would love to get to know you better.



**Safety.** For the safety of all during this pandemic, we require that all adults wear masks throughout worship and strongly encourage masks for all children over the age of two. Please refrain from hugs, handshakes, or physical touch with other non-family members in attendance at today's worship. Extras masks and hand sanitizer are available for your use at the welcome station tables.



**If You Are in Need of Prayer.** Please let us know how we can be praying for you by visiting with a pastor or staff member before or after worship, or by visiting [sspres.org/prayer](http://sspres.org/prayer).



**Sermons Online.** To hear sermons online, visit [www.sspres.org/sermons](http://www.sspres.org/sermons).

A Try Something New Event  
with BRIDGE Missions

# CREATION DISCOVERY

AT MASSENGALE PARK

March 11th | 10AM - 12PM  
Southern Soul Box Lunch

Come and join us for a fun morning of outdoor education at the beach with naturalist Katy Smith (UGA Marine Institute) as we learn about the beauty of God's creation at the molecular level and how we can be better stewards of this beautiful gift.

INFO AND SIGNUP AT  
[SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)

## Season of Service

WORKING ON A HABITAT BUILD SITE  
2804 Reynolds Street

**Ages 15+ | limited to 12 People**

March 20, 2021 | 8:30-1PM

SIGNUP AT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)

ZOOM

## Cook Along

WITH NAT SCOTT  
& FRED GRIFFITH

Dressings, Glazes,  
Sauces & Compotes

**March 23 | 4-6PM**

Join us as we prepare supper together on Zoom. Simply watch for fun or join us in preparing a delicious meal!

**GROCERY LIST & MORE INFO  
AT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)**

A TRY SOMETHING NEW EVENT WITH LYDIA THOMPSON

## BIRD RAMBLING ON JEKYLL ISLAND



THURSDAY, MARCH 25  
9-12PM • MEET AT JEKYLL

For bird lovers or anyone who would like to learn more about our regional birds.

SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG/EVENTS](https://sspres.org/events)

This Week | March 7 - 12

### Sunday, March 7

- 8:30 am **Live Stream Worship** - Online
- 9:00 am **Combined Sunday School** - Zoom
- 9:00 am **Britt Class** - Online
- 10:30 am **Outdoor Worship** - Ashantilly Lawn at SSPRES
- 6:00 pm **Youth Gathering** - Location Varies

### Monday, March 8

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Location Varies
- 6:30 pm **Ladies of the Night PW Circle** - Zoom

### Tuesday, March 9

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Zoom
- 10:00am **One-derful Morning Glories PW Circle** - Zoom
- 12:00pm **Lunch Bunch PW Circle** - Zoom
- 2:00 pm **Ladies Bible Study** - Veranda

### Wednesday, March 10

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Zoom
- 4:00 pm **Kidz Crew** - Veranda
- 5:00 pm **Book Study: Waking Up White** - Zoom
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Social Hall

### Thursday, March 11

- 10:00am **Grief Group** - Upper Room
- 10:00am **TSN /BRIDGE Creation Discovery** - Massengale
- 1:00pm **Hospice Grief Group** - Upper Room

### Friday, March 12

**No activities Scheduled for This Day**

**Source:** Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Ministry Matters.

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## 2021 Chancel Flowers

SIGN UP AT  
[SSPRES.ORG/FLOWERS](https://sspres.org/flowers)

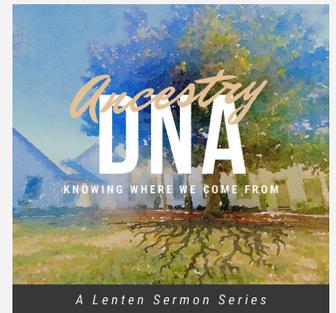
To Ponder Prayerfully

# God Does The Rest

“IT IS HUMAN TO FEEL THE NEED TO WHINE, GRUMBLE, AND COMPLAIN. BASIC PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS DRIVE US, AND WE ARE NOT SATISFIED TO NOT HAVE THOSE MET. BABIES, AFTER ALL, INSTINCTIVELY CRY OUT TO HAVE THEIR BASIC NEEDS MET. OUR PROPENSITY TO WHINE, HOWEVER, DOES NOT ELIMINATE OR OVERTAKE GOD’S PROPENSITY TO PROVIDE. GOD DOESN’T NEED OUR GRUMBLING TO PROVIDE FOR OUR NEEDS. ALL GOD DESIRES IS OUR LOVE AND TRUST. GOD DOES THE REST.”

-Tracey Allred

Our Lenten sermon series is titled, “Ancestry DNA: Knowing Where We Come From.” Each week, we are spending time tracing the DNA of our faith through the stories of some of the best (and least) known characters in the scriptures. At times, the people we meet and lessons we learn while climbing through that family tree may surprise us. But in exploring our biblical and theological ancestry we will also be inspired as we (re)discover once more “who” and “whose” we are.



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