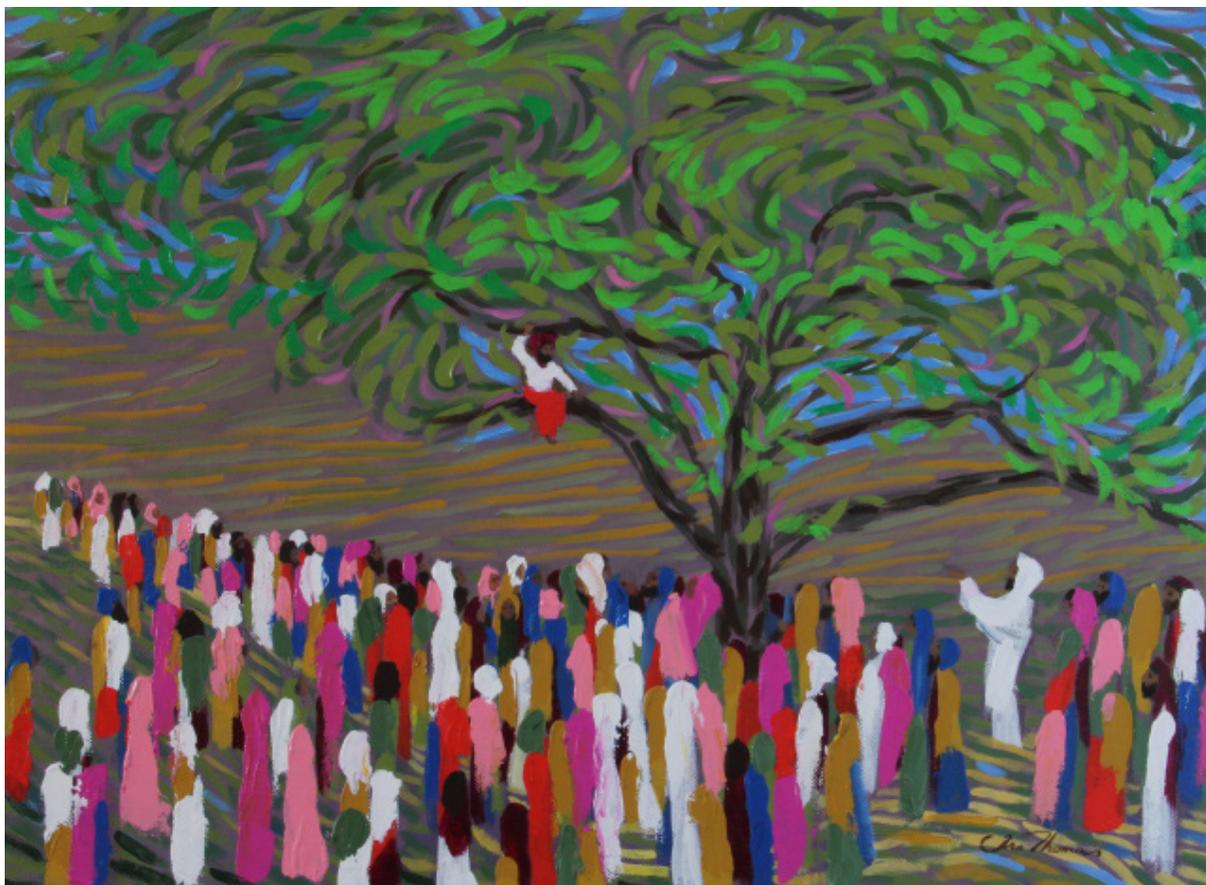


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Zacchaeus

Ira Thomas

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Charlotte Zell

Ushers

Linda Massie

Phil Massie

Molly Macaulay

Harry Moffett

Acolyte

Clay Sproule

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

James Biery

We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight
Amy Bishop, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlotte Zell

One: Come as you are, broken and burdened,

ALL: and find healing in God's goodness.

One: Come as you are, gifted and beloved,

ALL: and find purpose in God's calling.

One: Come as you are, weary and wary,

ALL: and find comfort in God's embrace.

One: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

ALL: and worship God with gladness.

*OPENING HYMN 630

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

Today is the fifth Sunday in the season of Lent. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. In the early church, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of baptism at the Easter Vigil. In many communities of faith it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for baptism and confirmation and to reflect deeply on the theme of baptismal discipleship.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Holy God, as we journey with Christ toward Jerusalem, we find ourselves wanting to turn away: to choose glory over suffering, success over justice, comfort over peace, independence over discipleship. Forgive us, God of Life, for all the ways we fail to answer your call. Bind us in your love, free us by your grace, and enliven us by your Spirit to follow Christ once more.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

Presbyterian pastor and author Frederick Buechner has famously said, "To confess sins to God is not to tell God anything that God doesn't already know. Until we confess them, however, they are the abyss between us and God. When we confess our sins, they become the bridge."

*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

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 184

CALM SEAS

Calm to the Waves
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.

The Christian life is an offering of one's self to God. In worship the people are presented with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ, are claimed and set free by him and are led to respond by offering to him their lives, their particular gifts and abilities, and their material goods.

OFFERTORY

Lenten Chorale
Chancel Choir

Claude L. Bass

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

*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.*

*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

Charlotte Zell

Isaiah 43:16-21

Page 1127 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Luke 19:1-10

Page 1630 OT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Lent with Luke: Freedom

Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL) Adapted from the Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

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 510

COME, SHARE THE LORD

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 634

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God Be the Glory

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (568)

Amen

AMEN (HAUGEN)

POSTLUDE

Rhondo Giocoso

Douglas Wagner

Amy Bishop, Organist

“We don’t come to the table to fight or to defend. We don’t come to prove or to conquer, to draw lines in the sand or to stir up trouble. We come to the table because our hunger brings us there. We come with a need, with fragility, with an admission of our humanity. The table is the place where the doing stops, the trying stops, the masks are removed, and we allow ourselves to be nourished, like children.”

—Shauna Niequist

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.

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.

Purchase at sspres.org



This Week | Apr 7 - 13

Today, April 7

- 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
- 12:15 pm **Worship & Music Team Meeting** - Britt Room
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group** - Britt Room

Monday, April 8

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm **Ladies of the Night** - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm **Community Choir Rehearsal** - Sanctuary
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al Anon** - John Law

Tuesday, April 9

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - John Law
- 9:30 am **Yoga Class** - Chapel
- 10:00 am **One-derful Morning Glories** - Upper Room
- 12:00 pm **Lunch Bunch** - Upper Room
- 1:00 pm **BRIDGE Meeting** - John Law
- 2:00 pm **Circle of Esther** - Women's Locker Rm at Ocean Forest
- 5:00 pm **Welcoming Task Force** - Upper Room

Wednesday, April 10

- 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, April 11

- 7:15 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper Room
- 1:00 pm **Grief Counseling** - Chapel
- 4:00 pm **Yoga Class** - Chapel
- 5:30 pm **ODD Book Study** - John Law
- 6:00 pm **Community Seder** - St. Frances Xavier Catholic School
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, April 12

- 10:00 am **Book Study and Prayer** - Jann's Office
- 6:00 pm **TGIF** - Village Inn & Pub

Saturday, April 13

- 8:30 am **Day of Service** - Various Locations

Chancel Flowers: The chancel greenery is given to the glory of God by the flower committee.

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.

Wednesday Night Supper: This Wednesday, April 10th, we will be serving turkey, dressing, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, salad, rolls, and dessert.

TGIF

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

APRIL 12 | 6 PM
VILLAGE INN & PUB

...A movie night at SSPC for the kids

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG

DAY OF Service

APRIL 13, 2019

**SIGN UP AT
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GOOD FRIDAY

Luncheon & Worship

APRIL 19 at ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

11:30 AM Luncheon | 12:30 PM Worship Service

All are Welcome!

SAPELO ISLAND KAYAK ADVENTURE

MAY 28 - 31

Sign Up at sspres.org



To Ponder Prayerfully

Joyful Aliveness

“GIVING IS MORE JOYOUS THAN RECEIVING, NOT BECAUSE IT IS A DEPRIVATION, BUT BECAUSE IN THE ACT OF GIVING LIES THE EXPRESSION OF MY ALIVENESS.”

-Eric Fromm, The Art of Loving

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