

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Holding Hands

Michael Volpicelli

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Jack Hartman

Ushers

Ada Owens
Graham Owens
John Turner
Thomas Arvin

Acolyte

Gigi Cate

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

Schwartz

When You Believe
Youth Ensemble

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. Sikes

Behold the Lamb
Amy Bishop, Organ
Beverly Fetter, Piano

The Psalms served our ancestors as their book of worship, song and praise. Our forebears in the Presbyterian tradition once only sang the Psalms as their worship songs because they understood the importance of the Psalms. As an act of memory and continuity, we often begin our worship service with the words of the Psalms. In that vein, this morning's call to worship is based on Psalm 148, which will be our first scripture reading later in the service.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jack Hartman

One: Praise God from the heavens!

ALL: Praise Him from the skies above!

One: Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!

ALL: Praise Him, sun and moon, and shining stars!

One: Praise God, all creatures great and small,

ALL: Praise Him, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!

One: Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere,

ALL: Praise Him, men and women, young and old!

One: Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord,
at whose word creation came into being.

ALL: We gather to praise and worship our God!

*OPENING HYMN 327

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

* Please stand if able.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation.

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

BAPTISM

Emmeline Mae Sapp

Daughter of Woody and Christy Sapp

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (471)

BERTHIER, TAIZE

O Lord, Hear My Prayer
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.

“When we speak of our virtues we are competitors, when we confess our sins we become brothers.”
-Karl Barth

Before we can know God, God knows us. Baptism, one of the two sacraments of the Presbyterian Church (USA), is in response to the grace of God, who calls us to be the people of God. We welcome children and adults into the fellowship of faith. Parents, the congregation, and children of the church make promises to guide, nurture and love the baptized person.

Acts of commitment are appropriate responses to the Word in corporate worship. People may make commitments to and be commissioned to specific corporate and personal acts of evangelism, compassion, justice, reconciliation, and peacemaking in the world.
—Adapted from the Book of Common Worship

OFFERTORY

Glasgow & Payn

Exuberance!

Chancel Ringers; Suzanne Morrison, Director

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

Jack Hartman

Psalm 148

Page 982 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sleeth

Joy in the Morning
Chancel Choir

SECOND READING

John 13:31-35

Page 1674 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 372

AZMON

O For a World

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (585)

MACHU-PICHU

Glory to God (Alleluia, Amen)
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Buxtehude

Gigue Fugue

Amy Bishop, Organist

In 1984, after an extensive renovation to our church, the current Schantz Organ was installed. In 2016, a new console was installed. This week, everything is being removed to prepare for the upcoming renovation. All will be stored safely in the workshop and warehouse of Schleuter Pipe Organ Company, and will be rebuilt to put back when the renovation is completely finished. This is the last Sunday we will hear our mighty pipe organ played. Given by Fred Stradtman, the Rodgers electronic organ that currently resides in the chapel will be moved into its place.

Please remain as the postlude is played.

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 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.sspress.org/sermons.

What are you taking from worship? A new thought, a deep feeling, a glimpse of grace, a challenge? Where will you see God today? A hope or a prayer for the week?



Congratulations

Class of 2019

High School Graduates

-  **Curry Hartman**, Glynn Academy, will be attending University of Georgia in Athens, GA.
-  **Alastair Campbell**, Frederica Academy, will be attending the United States Naval Academy.
-  **Ami Bishop**, Glynn Academy, will be attending College of Coastal Georgia College.
-  **Clay Watkins**, Glynn Academy, will be attending the University of Georgia.
-  **Tripp Goeldner**, Glynn Academy, will be attending Florida State University.
-  **Vassa Cate**, Glynn Academy, will be attending Louisiana State University.
-  **Aiden Lokey**, Glynn Academy, will be attending University of North Georgia.
-  **Timmy Bryan**, The Heights, will be attending Virginia Tech.

College Graduates

-  **Will Snyder**, Georgia Tech, Degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering.
-  **John Morrison**, Georgia Tech, Degree in Aerospace Engineering.
-  **Alex Goeldner**, Florida State University, Degree in Hospitality Management and Tourism.
-  **Molly Brooks**, The University of Edinburgh, Masters in International Development.

Summer Schedule

BEGINNING
SUNDAY
MAY 26

Early Service @ 8:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9AM

TRADITIONAL SERVICE @ 10AM



CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC & KICKBALL

May 26 | Mallery Park | 4PM Kickball | 6PM Dinner

BRING YOUR FAVORITE PICNIC SIDE DISH!
THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE BBQ & BUNS.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG

Sunday, May 26th NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you are interested in joining the church, we would love to recognize you at either service on Sunday, May 26!

Please contact Alan (alan@sspres.org) or Annie (annie@sspres.org) with any questions

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

GODSPEED

THE PACE OF BEING KNOWN

Beginning May 26

MORE INFO AT SSPRES.ORG

Vacation Bible School

June 11-13 | 9-1PM



Sign Up at
sspres.org

This Week | May 19 - 24

Today, May 19

- 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
- 3:30 pm **Magnolia Manor Worship** - Magnolia Manor
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group** - Social Hall

Monday, May 20

- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 8:00pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00pm **Al Anon** - John Law

Tuesday, May 21

- 7:00 am **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-Fil-A
- 9:30 am **Yoga Class** - Chapel
- 2:00 pm **Marsh's Edge Coffee** - Marsh's Edge
- 5:00 pm **Welcoming Task Force** - Upper Room

Wednesday, May 22

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 12:00 pm **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - John Law
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 23

- 7:15 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 4:00 pm **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite
- 4:30 pm **Session Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, May 24

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

Chancel Flowers: The flowers are given by Leslie Carlton to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her mother and father.

Christian Celebration: Together, we celebrate the birth of Weston Lawson Brown, great-grandson of Marj Smith. Weston was born on May 1, 2019. Welcome to the world, Weston!

Magnolia Manor: Looking for a way to give back? Volunteer your time and visit with us at Magnolia manor, today at 3:30 pm, as we worship together and share God's love in this community.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

To Ponder Prayerfully

Love Anyway

“**T**HE ‘LOVE COMMANDMENT’ IS SAID IN THE MIDST OF BETRAYAL AND DENIAL, IN THE MIDST OF DEPARTURE AND DESPERATION, IN THE MIDST OF FEAR AND UNEASE. AND SO, THIS IS THE NATURE OF CHRISTIAN LOVE. IT IS A LOVE AWARE OF CONSEQUENCES. IT IS A LOVE AWARE OF CHALLENGES. BUT MOST OF ALL, IT IS A LOVE THAT LOVES ANYWAY. A LOVE THAT KNOWS WHAT IT IS GETTING ITSELF INTO, AND YET LOVES ABUNDANTLY.”

-Dr. Karoline Lewis

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