

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Plainsong
Geri Degruy

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019 | 10:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Jack Hartman

Ushers

Ada Owens

Graham Owens

John Turner

Bunnie Lynn

Acolyte

John Cannon Wessel

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

Wagner

This is the Day!

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

Clarke

Allegretto
Amy Bishop, Organ

In the New Testament, believers observed the first day of the week, the day of resurrection, as the time when the new people of the covenant gathered to worship God in Jesus Christ. They came to speak of this as the Lord's Day. As we gather for worship this Lord's Day, we do so with the conviction that the life of the Church is one, and that its worship, witness, and service are inseparable.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jack Hartman

One: Those who love Jesus keep his words;

ALL: Those who love Christ will make their home with God.

One: Those who know Jesus will know his peace;

ALL: Those who know Jesus will be taught in the ways of peace.

One: Come, follow and love Jesus our Lord, who has come to be among us.

ALL: Come, worship God, who lives among us, loves us, and calls us home. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN 265

DUKE STREET

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Loving One, we confess we have not lived as You taught us. We have not followed Your commandment to love You because we have not loved one another. We have sought the ways of the world over Your ways. We have not welcomed others in the way You have welcomed us. Forgive us. Call us back to following Your voice, which calls us to love one another.

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

*Jeannie and P.E. Drawdy
Taylor, Kelsi, & Abiney Brooks*

BAPTISM

Abiney June Brooks
Daughter of Taylor and Kelsi Brooks

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (8)

MELITA

Eternal Father, Strong to Save
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.

In the prayer of confession we pause to tell the truth about ourselves and our world. It's not always an easy practice, but we trust that it is grace that calls us to confession and grace that sets us free. The honest speech of confession makes newness possible.

"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

Tis' the Gift to be Simple

Amy Bishop, Organ

arr. Callahan

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

The prayer of dedication
is an act of offering
back to God all that we
hold precious. It is a
recognition of God's grace,
an affirmation of our
faith against all the false
idols of our culture, and
acknowledgement of a
truth that lies beyond our
understanding.

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 67

Page 902 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Hayes

To Love Our God

Chancel Choir

SECOND READING

Acts 16:9-15

Page 1720 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A 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.

Our Affirmation of Faith is taken from A Brief Statement of Faith. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has a constitution that consists of two parts. The first part is the Book of Confessions which consists of eleven creeds, confessions, and catechisms, written over nearly two thousand years. A Brief Statement of Faith was added to the Book of Confessions in 1991. It was written as the confessional and theological basis for the reunion of the northern and southern Presbyterian denominations in 1983.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 623

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

I've Got Peace Like a River

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE (585)

MACHU-PICHU

Glory to God (Amen)
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Stanley

Trumpet Tune
Amy Bishop, Organist

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.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


**CHURCH FAMILY
 PICNIC & KICKBALL**

Today at Mallery Park
4PM Kickball | 6PM Dinner
 BRING YOUR FAVORITE PICNIC SIDE
 DISH! THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE
 BBQ & BUNS. ALL ARE WELCOME!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

GODSPEED

THE PACE OF BEING KNOWN

Beginning May 26

9:15 | Social Hall

MORE INFO AT SSPRES.ORG

VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING

June 2 | 12:15 | Children's Hall

VBS DECORATING DAYS

(Adults + Youth only)

June 4 (2-5pm) June 5 (10-2pm) June 6 (2-5pm)

VBS DINNER

June 12 | 6 pm | Social Hall

(SIGN UP ONLINE)

VBS CLEANUP

June 13 | 1-3 pm



Contact Frieda with Questions
frieda@sspres.org



**SUMMER FUN
 AT SSPC!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 11-13 (3 yr olds - 5th Graders)

SSPC PRESCHOOL NATURE CAMP

June 17-21 (Must be 2 yrs old by June 1)

SSPC PRESCHOOL CREATIVE ARTS

June 24-28 (Must be 2 yrs old by June 1)

SSPC PRESCHOOL IT'S A SMALL WORLD

July 8-12 (Must be 2 yrs old by June 1)

SSPC PRESCHOOL SUPER SPY

July 15-19 (Must be 2 yrs old by June 1)

WORSHIP & ART CAMP

July 15-19 (Rising 1st - 6th graders)

KIDZ CARE CAMP

July 22-29 (Rising 3rd - 6th graders)

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG

This Week | May 26 - 31

Today, May 26

8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary

9:00 am **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Social Hall

9:00 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations

10:00 am **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary

4:00 pm **Church Picnic & Kickball** - Mallery Park

Monday, May 27

HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED

8:00pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room

8:00pm **Al Anon** - John Law

Tuesday, May 28

8:00 am **Sapelo Kayak Adventure** - Meet at Meridian Dock

9:30 am **Yoga Class** - Chapel

Wednesday, May 29

7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 30

7:15 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room

4:00 pm **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite

8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room

8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, May 31

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

Chancel Flowers: The flowers are given by Greer Anderson to the Glory of God and in honor of Frieda Warner & all Kingdom KidZ Volunteers.

Christian Celebration: Together, we celebrate the baptism of Emmeline Mae Sapp, Daughter of Woody and Christy Sapp. Emmeline was baptized last Sunday, May 19.

Thank You: Dorothy Russell and family are so thankful for all the thoughts and prayers following the death of Charles McDonald Russell February 16th, 2019 through the Celebration of his Life on May 18th, 2019. We have felt blessed and comforted, assured that others share our sorrow, and knowing God is with us.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell.

To Ponder Prayerfully

The Greatest Clues

“**T**HE UNEXPECTED SOUND OF YOUR NAME ON SOMEBODY’S LIPS. THE GOOD DREAM. THE ODD COINCIDENCE. THE MOMENT THAT BRINGS TEARS TO YOUR EYES. THE PERSON WHO BRINGS LIFE TO YOUR LIFE. MAYBE EVEN THE SMALLEST EVENTS HOLD THE GREATEST CLUES. IF IT IS GOD WE ARE LOOKING FOR, AS I SUSPECT WE ALL OF US ARE, EVEN IF WE DON’T THINK OF IT THAT WAY AND WOULDN’T USE SUCH LANGUAGE ON A BET, MAYBE THE REASON WE HAVEN’T ‘FOUND GOD’ IS THAT WE ARE NOT LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES.”

-Frederick Buechner

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