

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sytha McKinley

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 28, 2019 | 10:00 am Traditional Service

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

Greeter

Michael Johnson

Ushers

Jerry Spencer

Tate Simpson

Bunnie Lynn

Phil Massie

Acolyte

Clay Sproule

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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. L. Riley

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Dr. Emri Comer, Pianist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Johnson

One: Give to the Lord the glory he deserves!

ALL: Bring your offering and come to worship him.

One: Worship the Lord in all his holy splendour.

ALL: Let all the earth tremble before him.

One: For our God is great, and worthy of our praise!

ALL: Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 41

LYONS

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship, the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship, the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world.
-PCUSA Directory for Worship

* Please stand if able.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Jann Briscoe

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and you call us to be servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit, empower us to love the unloved and to minister to all in need. Forgive us when we seek our own protection and safety instead of following Jesus in the ways of vulnerable love for others. Cure our selfishness and grant us a generous spirit. Then, at last, bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 581

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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

*William Whatley; Martin White & Brandy Spasaro,
Bailey & Nathan White; Chuck Herman*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

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 Assurance of Pardon we are reminded once again that God's grace sets us free from guilt and fear. As Walter Brueggemann says, "you can keep singing. You can keep hoping. And because you sing and hope, you can act in freedom, unburdened, uncoerced, unafraid, and without cynicism. The song goes on. It is a subversive, revolutionary song. And we get to sign on to sing and to live it... unafraid!"

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

W. A. Mozart

Andante Grazioso
Dr. Emri Comer, Organist

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

Michael Johnson

Psalm 96:1-9

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Crowder, Maher, and Glover

Come As You Are
Rhonda Hambright

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:15-16

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

God's Vocabulary: Worship

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship him there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining him in his work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and his promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture.

Today's Affirmation of Faith is taken from "A Declaration of Faith," which was written in the 1970s in a poetic style and emphasizes that God is compassionate and ineffable. Unlike some of the more ancient confessions of faith, this affirmation is intentionally written in a form to be easily used to worship.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Jann Briscoe

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 634

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God Be the Glory

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

G. F. Handel

Festal March

Dr. Emri Comer, 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

Membership MINISTRY TEAM

Membership Ministry Team welcomes new and potential members of SSPC!

What do we do?

- We help to host New Member dinners.
- We take care of sanctuary duty and keep track of attendance at SSPC.
- We host the Snow Bird Luncheon.
- We help with the church anniversary dinner.
- And so much more!

INTERESTED IN JOINING?

VISIT SSPRES.ORG/TEAMS

It's a Girl!

Join us in showering

Baby Girl Arvin

11:15 AM • August 4 • Social Hall

Annie is registered at Amazon. Contributions can also be made to a love offering found at sspres.org or sent through Venmo @sspres

MORE INFO AT SSPRES.ORG



9AM | 1408 G St.

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VOLUNTEER WITH SSPC THE
FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

More Info & Signup at sspres.org/serve

POSITIVE ADULT LEADERSHIP

Since 1999, the PAL Mentoring Program has been sending St. Simons Presbyterian Church members to Altama and Goodyear elementary schools to mentor students. We will pair volunteers with an elementary school child



PAL
MENTORING PROGRAM

who would benefit from an adult friend who reads with them. This requires meeting with your mentee once a week at their school and taking them to the library to read and talk. You might be the only person who ever reads with your mentee in their whole life – ever! Mentoring a child in need is truly doing the work of God's kingdom in our community. As Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Please sign up online to be a part of this important and meaningful work!

SIGN UP ONLINE AT SSPRES.ORG

This Week | July 28 - Aug 2

Today, July 28

- 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
- 11:15 am **Farewell Party for Jann** - Britt Room
- 1:00 pm **Service for Jim Bentley** - Sanctuary

Monday, July 29

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

Tuesday, July 30

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 9:30 am **Yoga Class** - Chapel

Wednesday, July 31

No Activities Scheduled for This Day

Thursday, August 1

- 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, August 2

No Activities Scheduled for This Day

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers are given by Buddy and Brenda Jones to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Groves Jones and Howard C. Bowie.

Donations Bin: Due to upcoming renovations, the Hunger Action Team has temporarily moved off site. All HAT and community mission donation should now be dropped off in the donations bin which will be in the church office.

Sign Up for Chancel Flowers: If you are interested in providing chancel flowers for worship during the month of August, please sign up for a specific week on the flower board in the memorial garden hallway. Please be sure to email Ada Owens (ada@sspres.org) what you would like to have printed in the bulletin one week prior to the Sunday you sign up for.

To Ponder Prayerfully
To Know God

“**T**O KNOW GOD IS TO BE CHANGED BY GOD; TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD
LEADS TO WORSHIP.”

-John Calvin

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