

Greeter

David Burch

Ushers

Jerry Spencer

Tate Simpson

Anne Marie Stirewalt

Barbara Powers

Acolyte

John Cannon Wessel

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

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

Loeillet, arr. Rothwell

Sonata in C major

Thomas Trinh, Oboe; Emri Comer, Piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

David Burch

We use the language of "call" frequently in our worship: the call to confession, the call to give, the call to go out and serve. Worship (and life!) is a never-ending dance between the divine call and our response.

One: Praise the God of all Creation.

ALL: Worship the One who calls us.

One: Praise the One speaking with a different voice.

ALL: Worship the One offering an unexpected invitation.

One: Let us celebrate the presence of our loving God.

ALL: Let us rejoice for the realm of God is near.

*OPENING HYMN 465

CONVERSE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Almighty God, in your love you made all the nations of the world to be a family, and your Son taught us to love one another. Yet our world is riven apart with prejudice, arrogance, and pride. Forgive us, O God. Help us to love and understand one another better, despite our differences. Increase among us sympathy, tolerance, and goodwill, that we may learn to appreciate the gifts that others bring to us, and to see the face of Christ in all people. Free us from jealousy, hatred, and fear, and help us to live together once more as your beloved children.

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

COMMISSIONING

CROSS Mission Trip

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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 life of the Christian community God calls people to particular acts of discipleship, to use their personal gifts for service in the church and in the world. The act of commissioning gives the church the opportunity to affirm those called to service, as well as pledge the support, prayers, and encouragement of the community of faith. Today, we commission the adults and youth participating in this year's CROSS Mission Trip. The CROSS Mission Program is a ministry of Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC that facilitates worship, service, and learning through a week of urban ministry.

“All the things in this world
are gifts from God, presented
to us so that we can know
God more easily and make a
return of love more readily.

As a result, we appreciate
and use all these gifts of God
insofar as they help us to
develop as loving persons.

But if any of these gifts
become the center of our
lives, they displace God and
so hinder our growth
toward our goal.”

–St. Ignatius of Loyola

OFFERTORY

Leonard V. Ball, Jr.

Romanza

Thomas Trinh, Oboe; Emri Comer, Piano

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

David Burch

Psalm 133

Page 970 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Mark 5:1-17

Page 1558 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

God’s Vocabulary: Tolerance

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.

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. Worshippers 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 MUSIC

Johann Sebastian Bach

Sinfonia from BWV 156

Thomas Trinh, Oboe; Emri Comer, Piano

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 203

CHEREPONI

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

William Howard Doane

To God Be the Glory

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who desire to follow Christ, remembering that access to the communion table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who has doubts or whose trust is wavering is invited to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus.

God calls the church to join the mission of Christ in service to the world. As the church engages in that mission, it bears witness to God's reign over all life.
- The Book of Common Worship

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

JULY FAMILY FUN NIGHT #1

Bingo Night

& Potluck Supper

JULY 10 | 6 PM

SOCIAL HALL

THE CHURCH WILL
PROVIDE CHICKEN.
BRING A YUMMY SIDE!
SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG

July
10

TGIF

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

JULY 12 | 6 PM

VILLAGE INN & PUB

...A movie night at SSPC for the kids

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG

JULY FAMILY FUN NIGHT #2

PIZZA AND A MOVIE

BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE!

JULY 17 | 6 PM

SOCIAL HALL

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG

Kidz

CARE CAMP

Caring for Others & Creation

July 22-26 from 9am-1pm

Rising 4th-8th grade

SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG

FREE FLOW yoga

With Pat Heran

THURS | 4 PM

TUES | 9:30 AM

MEET IN THE YOUTH SUITE

All ages and skill levels invited!

This Week | July 7 - 12

Today, July 7

- 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 **Worship & Music Meeting** - Britt Room
- 7:00 pm **BRIDGE Missions (Shandon Pres.)** - Youth Suite

Monday, July 8

- All Day **BRIDGE Missions (Shandon Pres.)** - Youth Suite
- 8:00pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00pm **Al Anon** - John Law

Tuesday, July 9

- All Day **BRIDGE Missions (Shandon Pres.)** - Youth Suite
- 9:00 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 9:30 am **Yoga Class** - Chapel

Wednesday, July 10

- All Day **BRIDGE Missions (Shandon Pres.)** - Youth Suite
- 6:00 pm **Family Fun Night: Bingo** - Social Hall

Thursday, July 11

- All Day **BRIDGE Missions (Shandon Pres.)** - Youth Suite
- 7:15 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 1:00 pm **Grief Counseling** - Chapel
- 4:00 pm **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, July 12

- All Day **BRIDGE Missions (Shandon Pres.)** - Youth Suite
- 10:00 am **Book Study and Prayer** - Jann's Office
- 6:00 pm **TGIF Group** - Village Inn

Chancel Greenery: The chancel greenery is given by Tate and Terri Simpson to the glory of God and in loving memory of Terri's mother, Peggie Mullins, and Tate's father, Bill Simpson.

Christian Sympathy: We extend Christian sympathy to Laurie Williams Bentley and family upon the death of Jim Luther Bentley on Monday, July 1. A service of thanksgiving and witness to the resurrection for Jim's life will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, July 28, at 1 PM.

Sign Up for Chancel Flowers: If you are interested in providing chancel flowers for worship during the month of July or 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

Becoming Christian

“**M**Y BASELINE FOR BECOMING CHRISTIAN [IS] TO EXTEND THE SAME CARE TO EVERY HUMAN BEING THAT I WISH FOR MYSELF, TO TREAT EVERY HUMAN BEING AS IF HE OR SHE WERE JESUS IN DISGUISE.”

-Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor

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