

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Country Music Revisited

Jason Gluskin

Bluegrass Sunday

August 25, 2019 | 10:00 am Traditional Service

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

Greeter

Rich Goeldner

Ushers

Ben Bryson

Anne Marie Stirewalt

Lee Baxter

Mel Baxter

Acolyte

John Cannon Wessel

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.

Welcome to Bluegrass Sunday! This annual tradition of St. Simons Presbyterian Church is always a toe-tapping good time. We give thanks to God for our gifted bluegrass musicians as well as our director of music, Rhonda Hambright, who works to organize and lead our music in worship each Sunday.

PRELUDE

Traditional

Old Time Religion/Give Me Oil in My Lamp

Tom Burton, Bones; Harlan Hambright, Mandolin;
Rhonda Hambright, Piano; Bud Longley, Dobro; Crystal Murphy, Fiddle;
Ann Nermoe, Guitar; Ricky Ray, Banjo; Gabrielle Riddick, Bass.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rich Goeldner

One: We serve the Creator, who loves us into life.

ALL: We follow Christ, who loves us unto death.

One: We listen for the Spirit, who loves us into transformation.

ALL: We worship God, whose love calls us to act.

*OPENING HYMN 761

BEECHER

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Alan Dyer

Holy God, we have heard your command to love you, to love our neighbor, and to love ourselves, yet we fall into patterns of shallow devotion, false kindness, and self-doubt. We have heard your call to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, yet we're drawn to safety, not justice; apathy, not kindness; pacing, not walking. Hear our prayers, O God. Forgive us for what we have done and for what we have left undone. Hear our prayers, O God, and move us to deeper trust and faithful action as we seek to fulfill your mission.

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

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Ecumenical Mission Trip to Savannah
Brenda Haughney

Presbyterian Student Center at the University of Georgia
Rev. Will Norman

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

BRADBURY

Sweet Hour of Prayer

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!"

Prayer is at the heart of worship. In prayer, through the Holy Spirit, people seek after and are found by the one true God, who has been revealed in Christ. -PCUSA Directory for Worship

OFFERTORY

Spiritual; Southern Gospel

I'm-a Workin' on a Building

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

Rich Goeldner

Isaiah 42:1-7

Page 1124 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Carter

In the Highways, In the Hedges

SECOND READING

Mark 16:15

Page 1585 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

God's Vocabulary: Mission

Throughout the summer,
we have been exploring
words that make up God's
Vocabulary. This week,
we conclude the series
with the word mission,
which is perhaps the
most challenging word to
live out yet.

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

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Brumley

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away,
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away,
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away,
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Anonymous

POSTLUDE

Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Carter

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?

Upcoming Start-Up Dates



Summer Waves Kick-Off | TODAY! August 25

Summer Waves - Jekyll Island

Grades 6 - 12 & Parents

Questions? Contact Annie Franklin Arvin. (annie@sspres.org)



Resuming Wednesday, August 28

Chancel Ringers - 6:30 PM | Chancel Choir - 7 PM

If you are interested in joining the choir or bells, please contact Rhonda Hambright or Suzanne Morrison. (rhonda@sspres.org) (morrissonssi@gmail.com)



Resuming Wednesday, August 28 | 4 PM

KidZ Crews & Choir (Preschool - 5th grade)

Questions? Contact Frieda Warner. (frieda@sspres.org)



Resuming Wednesday, Sept 4 | 6 PM

Join us around the table as we share a meal together!

RSVP online or by calling the church office.

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.

Today, August 25

- 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 **KidZ/Youth Volunteer Training** - Children's Hall
- 11:30 pm **Youth Kickoff/Summer Waves** - Meet in Parking Lot
- 5:30 pm **Adult Choir Party** - Hambright Home

Monday, August 26

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

Tuesday, August 27

- 7:00 am **Chick-fil-A Youth Breakfast** - Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 9:30 am **Yoga Class** - Chapel

Wednesday, August 28

- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, August 29

- 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 30

No Activities Scheduled for This Day

Schedule Change

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

WORSHIP: 8:30 & 11 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30 AM



Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers are given by Jan and Cathy Rossiter to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Rossiter and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Laitta.

KidZ & Youth Volunteers: A brief training for all volunteers working with children and youth will be held today, August 25, following Worship at 11:15 in the 3-5 Room in the Children's Hall.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from Call to Worship featuring liturgy originally written by Anna George Traynham.

Spaghetti Supper

A KICKOFF TO OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING!

Wednesday, August 28

6PM | Social Hall

RSVP AT SSPRES.ORG

You are invited to a

SSPC YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL

Sept. 6 • 6:30 PM

The Shiver Home • 129 Pine Valley
Childcare Available at SSPC From 6:15-8:45PM

RSVP ONLINE BY SEPT 1ST

Lady Jane

SHRIMP BOAT CRUISE & DINNER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 5-7 PM
MEET AT MARSHSIDE DOCK IN BRUNSWICK AT 4:45 PM

REGISTER ONLINE AT SSPRES.ORG

REGIONAL MISSION TRIP

We will be going to Savannah, GA to work on reconstruction related to damage done by Hurricane Irma and subsequent tornadoes and flooding.

OCTOBER 20-26 | ALL AGES & SKILL SETS WELCOME!

MORE INFO & SIGNUP AT SSPRES.ORG

DAY OF Service

SAVE THE DATE!

9/28 | 9-1PM

To Ponder Prayerfully

What is Mission?

“IT IS NOT THE CHURCH WHO SENDS; IT IS GOD WHO SENDS THE CHURCH. IF THE CHURCH IS TO ‘LET THE SAME MIND BE AMONG US THAT WAS IN CHRIST JESUS,’ THEN WE MUST COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS SENT INTO THE WORLD, SO ALSO IS THE CHURCH SENT INTO THE WORLD. MISSION DOES NOT HAPPEN AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE CHURCH; MISSION HAPPENS AT THE INITIATIVE OF GOD. MISSION IS NOT AN ITEM ON THE ‘TO DO’ LIST OF THE CHURCH; THE MISSION OF GOD IS THE REASON FOR THE CHURCH.”

-Rev. Paul Hooker

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