

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Humble Yourself
Johannes Plenio

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2019 | 10:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Carol Snyder

Ushers

John Turner

Anne Marie Stirewalt

Cathy Rossiter

Jan Rossiter

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

AVERY & MARSH

We Are the Church
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

arr. Payne

Come, Thou Fount
Amy Bishop, Organist

When we gather for
worship, we practice
encountering the Holy.
When we leave worship,
we're better prepared to
encounter the Holy in our
daily lives.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Snyder

One: God calls us to service,

ALL: rather than honor.

One: God call us to love the unknown,

ALL: rather than the familiar.

One: We come to this time of worship,

ALL: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

One: who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

ALL: Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN 267

MADRID

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

Merciful God, forgive us whenever we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. Forgive us when we choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*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

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 227

BERTHIER

Jesus, Remember Me
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.

Scripture tells us that we are able to love ourselves and to love others, because we have first been loved by God. So, too, we give of ourselves and our resources out of gratitude to God for what God has already graciously given to us. We give because God has first given to us.

This creed is called the Apostles' Creed not because it was produced by the apostles themselves but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. It sets forth their doctrine "in sublime simplicity, in unsurpassable brevity, in beautiful order, and with liturgical solemnity." In its present form it is dated no later than the fourth century. More than any other Christian creed, it may justly be called an ecumenical symbol of faith.

OFFERTORY

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing
Chancel Choir

Young

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

Carol Snyder

Psalm 112

Page 952 OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Page 1621 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

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 HYMN 510

COME, SHARE THE LORD

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 543

GREEN TYLER

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 601

DANISH AMEN

Amen
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune
Amy Bishop, Organist

J. Payne

Having been fed by Word and Sacrament, we go out to share that nourishment in the ordinary intersections of our daily lives. The Lord's Day service is the indispensable event that identifies the church with its Lord and equips it to identify with those whom the Lord has called us to serve.

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 This August: 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
Martha Armstrong at marthaarms@yahoo.com or 912-638-1908*

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.

Alan Dyer at alan@gmail.com

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

This Week | Sep 1 - 6

Today, September 1

- 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 Team Meeting** - Britt Room

Monday, September 2

- All Day **Labor Day Holiday** - Office Closed
- 9:00 am **Manna House** - 1408 G Street
- 8:00pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00pm **Al Anon** - John Law

Tuesday, September 3

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

Wednesday, September 4

- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Dinner** - Social Hall
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 5

- 7:15 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
- 10:00 am **Women's Bible Study** - John Law
- 4:00 pm **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite
- 8:00 pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

Friday, September 6

- 6:00 pm **Young Adult Social** - 129 Pine Valley

Schedule Change NEXT SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Worship: 8:30 & 11AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM



Chancel Flowers: The chancel greenery this morning is given by Dick and JoAnn Bobb to the glory of God and in loving memory Ruth Bobb.

Wednesday Night Supper: We will be resuming our Wednesday Night Dinners starting this Wednesday, September 4 at 6 PM! Dinner will include grilled chicken, rice, gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, and dessert. Don't forget to sign up online at sspres.org.

Day of Service: Join us for our Day of Service on Saturday, September 28. For detailed information and registration, visit our website at sspres.org.

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

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

Sunday School Classes

BEGINNING SEPT 8 | ALL ADULT CLASSES WILL BEGIN AT 9:30 AM

<i>Britt Class (Traditional)</i> The Present Word Chapel	<i>Rejoice (Sharing)</i> TBD John Law Room	<i>20s/30s/40s (Conversational)</i> Surprised by Hope by N.T. Wright Upper Room
<i>Come & See (Discussion)</i> A New Reformation: From Luther's World to Ours by Rob Fuquay Youth Suite	<i>Youth</i> Lectionary 10:15 Youth Suite	<i>Children</i> Lectionary 9:45 Children's Hall

You are welcome to attend any class you are interested in!
Contact Frieda with any questions

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

TRY SOMETHING NEW

CULINARY TOUR OF THOMASVILLE

October 1-3

Space is Limited!
You don't want to miss this one!

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DETAILS & SIGNUP



Savannah Presbytery's SCHOOL OF THE LAITY

October 5-6 | Epworth by the Sea
MORE INFO AT SSPRES.ORG

REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 12

To Ponder Prayerfully

Frightening Humility

“CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THAT SO GREAT IS GOD’S LOVE AND CONCERN FOR HUMANITY THAT GOD BECAME HUMAN. WE DO WELL TO REMEMBER THAT GOD’S INSERTION INTO HUMAN HISTORY WAS ACHIEVED WITH AN ALMOST FRIGHTENING QUIETNESS AND HUMILITY. THERE WAS NO...SPECIAL PRIVILEGE; IN FACT THE ENTRY OF GOD INTO GOD’S OWN WORLD WAS ALMOST HEARTBREAKINGLY HUMBLE. IN SOBER FACT THERE IS LITTLE ROMANCE OR BEAUTY IN THE THOUGHT OF A YOUNG WOMAN LOOKING DESPERATELY FOR A PLACE WHERE SHE COULD GIVE BIRTH TO HER FIRST BABY.”

J.B. Phillips

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