

Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Throne of the Third Heaven of the Nations' Millennium General Assembly
James Hampton

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

Greeter

Tadd Wessel

Ushers

Kathleen Haller

Nancy Harper

Bob Harper

Anne Marie Stirewalt

Acolyte

EJ Buckley

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. Manz

Be Thou My Vision
Amy Bishop, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tadd Wessel

One: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

ALL: God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.

One: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

ALL: let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever; let us worship God together.

*OPENING HYMN 620

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

The Call to Worship is a reminder that, while worship is something we do, we do it as a response to what God has already done. God calls us to worship. We respond to God's call with praise, confession, gratitude, and wonder.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Kate Buckley

Almighty God, we confess that we never seem to have enough. We want to resist the ways of this world, but the line between our needs and our wants is too often blurred. Help us, O God, to redirect our focus and desire to You. Call us away from the temptations of worldly comfort, knowing that we cannot rest until there is true justice for all. Keep us on the path of right-living, knowing that we must care for one another's needs in order to care for our own. Hold us in Your all-encompassing love, knowing that in Your love and grace alone we find true rest and healing.

Silence for Personal Confession

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 581

H.W. GREATORIX

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

BAPTISM

Robert Charles Anderson III & Charles Richard Anderson
Sons of Rob and Courtney Anderson

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Day of Service
Nancy Harper

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.

Today we celebrate the sacrament of baptism. The word "sacrament" comes from the Latin sacramentum, which means "mystery." Sacraments (in our tradition baptism and the Lord's Supper) are holy mysteries that we do not and cannot fully understand but through which we believe God's invisible grace becomes visible to us. The great early church theologian Augustine (354- 430) was the first to describe sacraments as "outward, visible signs of inward, spiritual grace."

OFFERTORY

arr. Manz

Jesus, Lead Thou On
Amy Bishop, 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

The Prayer of Dedication helps us to make the connection between our giving and the rest of our lives. Of course we give our money to support the work of the church, but we also give as a way of rededicating our lives to God. We are called to turn not just our resources but our lives, all we have and all we are, to the great work of compassion and justice to which God calls us.

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

Tadd Wessel

Exodus 32:7-14

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One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

arr. Gordon Jacob

Brother James's Air
Chancel Choir

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Page 1846 NT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 81

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 601

DANISH AMEN

Amen
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Diemer

Psalm 117
Amy Bishop, Organist

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

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 worshipping 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 August 28th: 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.

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

Congrats, Thomas & Annie!

WE SHARE IN CELEBRATION WITH THOMAS AND REV. ANNIE FRANKLIN ARVIN ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER, MOLLY CLAIRE ARVIN, WHO WAS BORN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.



Welcome to the World, Molly Claire!

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
HISTORICAL & CULINARY TOUR OF THOMASVILLE
October 1-3

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

VISIT SSPRES.ORG FOR DETAILS & SIGNUP



73rd Church Anniversary Dinner
All are Welcome!
September 27 | 6PM | Social Hall
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Brennan Breed
PLEASE RSVP AT SSPRES.ORG

DAY OF Service
9/28 | 9-1PM
SIGN UP AT SSPRES.ORG

This Week | Sep 15 - 20

Today, September 15

- 8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Social Hall
- 9:30 am **Sunday School** - Various Locations
- 11:00 am **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm **Adult Ministry Team Meeting** - Sanctuary
- 3:30 pm **Magnolia Manor Worship** - Magnolia Manor
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group** - Youth Suite

Monday, September 16

- 3:00 pm **Congregational Life Meeting** - John Law
- 5:30 pm **Diaconate Meeting** - Upper Room
- 8:00pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00pm **Al Anon** - John Law

Tuesday, September 17

- 7:00 am **Chick-fil-A Youth Breakfast** - Chick-fil-A
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 9:30 am **Yoga Class** - Chapel
- 2:00 pm **Marsh's Edge Coffee** - Marsh's Edge
- 4:00 pm **Session Meeting** - Britt Room

Wednesday, September 18

- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Dinner** - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Youth Suite
- 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 19

- 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 20

No Activities Scheduled for This Day

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Miller Deakins, by his daughter, Lillian Clarke.

Christian Sympathy: Together, we extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of John Eichner, who entered into rest on Monday, September 2nd. A service of witness to the resurrection will be held this Fall on Saturday, November 2nd at 9AM.

We also extend Christian sympathy to Stephen & Judy Scarlett on the death of Stephen's mother, Janet Gray Scarlett Briley. Janet passed away on Monday, September 2.

New Member Sunday: If you are interested in joining the church, we would love to recognize you at either service on Sunday, September 29! Please contact Alan (alan@sspres.org) with any questions.

To Ponder Prayerfully
Wide is Wider

“**M**ANY CHURCHES SING THE HYMN, “THERE’S A WIDENESS IN GOD’S MERCY, BUT THE CHURCH IS NOT ALWAYS GENEROUS IN DISPENSING IT. GOD DOES NOT DOLE OUT MERCY LIKE COOKIES ONLY FOR GOOD, REPENTANT CHILDREN. GOD’S MERCY IS NOT CONDITIONED BY OUR RESPONSE. GOD IS MERCY. SO, WIDE IS WIDER THAN WE GUESS.”

-David Buttrick

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