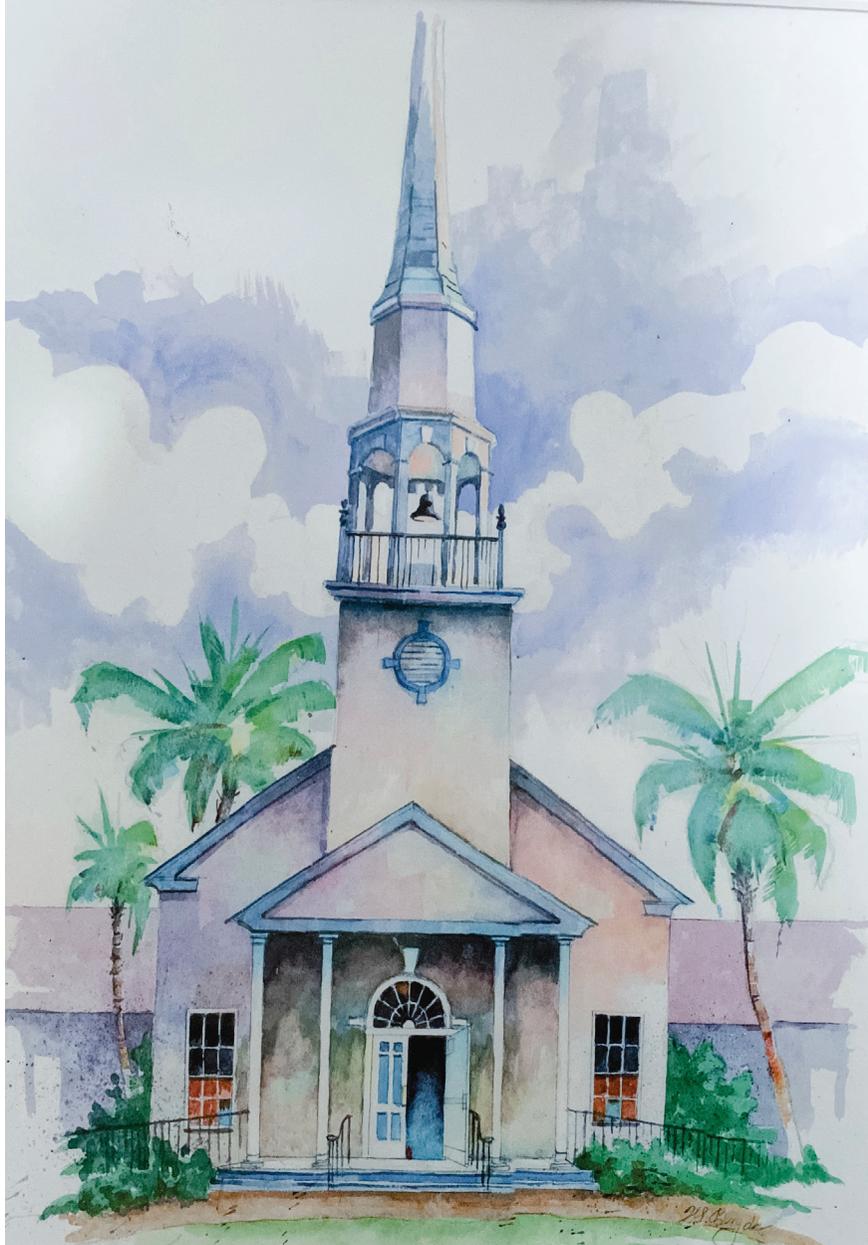


Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



St. Simons Presbyterian Church

74th Church Anniversary Sunday

September 27, 2020 | 10:30 am Outdoor Worship Service



Masks are required for all adults and strongly encouraged for children over the age of two. Disposable masks are available at welcome table.



Please maintain at least 6 feet from others not in your party while sitting and standing.

Today, St. Simons Presbyterian celebrates 74-years of ministry in our community and beyond. We are grateful to have had Dr. Brian Blount, Professor of New Testament and President of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, as our "virtual" keynote teacher and speaker this weekend. Dr. Blount taught via Zoom on Friday evening and this morning for online Sunday school. Following today's worship, we encourage you to also watch his sermon from today's livestream worship service, available at sspres.org.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

INTROIT

Thompson & Scruggs

*Sanctuary
Congregation*

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

GATHERING WORDS

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Alan Dyer

*Welcome to outdoor worship with St. Simons Presbyterian Church. We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today. Please be sure to wear your mask throughout our worship time as well as silence your cell phones prior to the start of worship. As always, all **children are welcome** in worship. Following the assurance of pardon, children ages Preschool (3 years) to 2nd Grade are invited to go with Children's Ministry staff for KidZ Worship. Unfortunately, at this time, an on-site nursery is not available.*

PRELUDE

CORONATION, arr. Johnson

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Chancel Ensemble - Anne Marie Stirewalt, Ed Jackson, Trumpets; Judy Foster, Clarinet; Fred Leif, French Horn; John Simmons, Trombone; Rhonda Hambright, Piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Annie Franklin Arvin

One: It is good to give thanks to God,

ALL: To sing praises to God's name, O Most High.

One: To declare God's steadfast love in the morning,

ALL: And God's faithfulness by night.

One: We proclaim God's love in music and praise,

ALL: We are made glad by the works of God.

One: Come, sing for joy, praise God's name,

ALL: For great are the works of our God!

*HYMN (found on page 4)

LAUDES DOMINI

When Morning Gilds the Skies

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)**

God of our journeys, as we consider endings, transitions, and new beginnings, we confess our sins before you and each other. We struggle with regrets from the past. We struggle with anxiety over what lies ahead. We struggle to be in one place while looking toward another place. Guide us in this journey of life, O God, and forgive us. Move us to give thanks for our past and to trust in your care for what is to come. Move us to a more full appreciation of the places where we find ourselves this day.

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

"It is no obvious or 'natural' matter to resituate our lives with reference to the holy power and purpose of God. But that is what we do in prayer." -Walter Brueggemann

ANTHEM

ELLACOMBE, arr. Hogan

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Chancel Ensemble

Following the Anthem, children Preschool-2nd grade may leave with Ms. Frieda for KidZ Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING **Philippians 2:1-13**

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

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In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.’

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Alan Dyer

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (ALL)

A Declaration of Faith

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God’s word and action in history, together with his people’s response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

*OFFERTORY

*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.*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus
Chancel Ensemble

ST. ELIZABETH, arr. Hogan

SUPPORT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Ways to Give. You can give your tithes and offerings electronically through text messaging or Venmo. Text the code “SSPC” and send to the number: 73256. Or give with Venmo by scanning the QR code on the left or by searching for @sspres. You can also mail or drop off checks or cash offering to the church office anytime M-F from 9A-4P (205 Kings Way).

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1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

Mission

Manna House

(start date TBD)

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.

COVID Relief Fund

Direct assistance grants available to any resident of Glynn County financially impacted by the pandemic.

Annie F. Arvin at annie@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.

Annie Arvin at annie@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Children

KidZ Crew (Preschool to Grade 5)

Sundays: KidZ Worship following the "Word for Children" during worship. (Pre K-2nd)

Wednesdays: Faith, fun, and music.

Meet on the playground veranda at 4PM.

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Youth

Middle School Youth

Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

Location varies week-to-week.

High School Youth

Monday evenings at 6:30PM.

Location varies week-to-week.

Annie Franklin Arvin at annie@sspres.org

Young Adults

TGIF/Faith on Tap

Casual social gatherings for the 20s/30s/40s group. Location and dates vary. Kids welcome.

Ada Owens at ada@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Discipleship

Sunday School

Begins at 9:00 AM via Zoom

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)

Come & See (Discussion)

Frieda Warner at frieda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10AM via Zoom

Come for lunch and Men's Bible Study led by Alan Dyer every Wednesday. Visitors are always welcome.

John Matthews at jhmatthews7@comcast.net.

Women's Bible Study/Prayer Group

(start date TBD)

Thursdays at 10AM via Zoom

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, Handbells and Other Instrumentation

Choirs for all ages, handbells, chimes and instruments remain an important part of the ministry of St. Simons Presbyterian. For more information about the music ministry, please contact Rhonda Hambright or Suzanne Morrison.

Rhonda Hambright at rhonda@sspres.org or 638-2220.

Suzanne Morrison at suzanne@sspres.org

Pastoral Care

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

Kate Buckley 912-222-1757



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 be sure to speak with a pastor before or after today's worship. We would love to get to know you better.



Safety. For the safety of all during this pandemic, we require that all adults wear masks throughout worship and strongly encourage masks for all children over the age of two. Please refrain from hugs, handshakes, or physical touch with other non-family members in attendance at today's worship. Extras masks and hand sanitizer are available for your use at the welcome station tables.



If You Are in Need of Prayer. Please let us know how we can be praying for you by visiting with a pastor or staff member before or after worship, or by visiting sspres.org/prayer.



Sermons Online. To hear sermons online, visit www.sspres.org/sermons.

Sunday, October 11th NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

If you are interested in joining the church, we would love to recognize you at either service on Sunday, October 11th!
Please contact Alan (alan@sspres.org) with any questions

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GRIEF GROUP

An intimate group of those journeying through loss of loved ones during this time, the grief support group explores Scripture, sits with one another, and gains strength from fellowship together.

Bring a coffee. Bring a mask. Bring your story.
All are welcome.

OCT 1, 15, & 29 | 10AM | UPPER ROOM



SSPC 74TH ANNIVERSARY FACE MASKS

BECAUSE IT'S THAT KIND OF YEAR.

Available at in-person worship this Sunday, September 27, or can be picked up in the church office during regular business hours.

SAVE THE DATE

SILVER BLUFF BREWING

TRY SOMETHING NEW
TOUR & TASTING

October 8th | Time TBD



Savannah Presbytery's ONLINE SCHOOL OF THE LAITY

"David, Kingship, and the Idea of the Messiah"
Taught by Dr. Dan Pioske

WEEK 1 - OCTOBER 2-3
WEEK 2 - OCTOBER 10

Info & Registration at sspres.org

This Week | Sept 27 - Oct 2

Today, Sept 27

- 8:30 am **Live Stream Worship with Dr. Brian Blount** - Online
- 9:00 am **Joint Sunday School with Dr. Brian Blount** - Zoom
- 10:30 am **Outdoor Worship** - Frederica Academy

Monday, Sept 28

- 10:00 am **Chancel Ensemble** - location Varies

Tuesday, Sept 29

- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room

Wednesday, Sept 30

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - Zoom
- 1:30 pm **Hands & Heart Quilting Ministry** - Youth Suite
- 4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 5:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Zoom
- 5:00 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Social Hall

Thursday, Oct 1

- 10:00 am **Grief Group** - Upper Room

Friday, Oct 2

No Activities Scheduled for this Day

Chancel Flowers: The chancel flowers in today's online worship are given by Arthur, Ansel, and Asa Owens with love and gratitude for the past, present, and future congregation of St. Simons Presbyterian Church. Thank you all for your welcoming spirit, which helps to make this church home to so many.

Source: Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell.

blessed be...

BEATITUDES IN THE TIME OF COVID

WORDS BY KATE BUCKLEY+
SKETCHES BY TERESA LACKS

A set of 27 unique blessing cards with envelopes. Cards will be made available after outdoor worship on Sundays and in the church office M-F from 9-4PM.

Suggested donation \$15



To Ponder Prayerfully

A Spirit of Unity

“**T**HOSE WHO WORSHIPPED IN THE THEATRE THAT SUMMER REMEMBERED THE BOWLS OF ZINNIAS ON THE ALTAR AND HOW, ON HOT SUNDAYS WHEN THE DOORS HAD TO BE OPENED, THE FAMILY GROUPS ON THE PICNIC GROUNDS WERE SOMETIMES DISTRACTING AND THEY HAD TO SING LOUDER THAN USUAL TO DROWN OUT THE JUKE BOX. IT WAS MAKE-SHIFT BUT THERE WAS A SPIRIT OF UNITY AND PURPOSE THAT HELD THE GROUP TOGETHER AND DREW OTHERS TO IT.”

-Mrs. Emwynn Fendig,

Remembering the early years of St. Simons Presbyterian Church worshipping at the old St. Simons Island Casino Theatre as told in “A History of St. Simons Presbyterian Church 1946-1971”.

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