

# Service for the Lord's Day

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Cornerstone Laying Service*  
St. Simons Presbyterian Church  
June 27, 1954

## Church Anniversary Sunday

September 29, 2019 | 11:00 am Traditional Service

# WE GATHER TO PRAISE

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

## Greeter

Tadd Wessel

## Ushers

Kathleen Haller

Mike Kellar

John Turner

Ada Owens

## Acolyte

John Cannon Wessel

## INTROIT

AVERY & MARSH

*We Are the Church*

Chancel Choir, Children, & Congregation

*I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together. All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together. The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.*

## 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

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*  
Chancel Ensemble, Piano, Organ

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tadd Wessel

One: It is good to give thanks to God,

**ALL: to sing praises to God's name.**

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!**

## \*OPENING HYMN 327

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

Anne Marie Stirewalt, Mark Propst, Trumpets; Beth Evans,  
Maddie Shafer, Baritones; John Simmons, Trombone;  
Harlan Hambright, Timpani

Today, St. Simons Presbyterian celebrates 73-years of ministry since our official founding on September 29, 1946. We are excited and grateful to welcome Dr. Brennan Breed as our guest preacher and teacher this weekend. Dr. Breed is the Associate Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA and Theologian in Residence at First Presbyterian Marietta. Today also represents a significant moment in the history of our church because it is our final Sunday worshipping in the sanctuary before beginning a year-long renovation. Near the conclusion of today's worship we will invite you to join us in our litany of praise as we give thanks for this sacred space.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Rev. Alan Dyer

Almighty God, 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 where we have wandered from your path. Move us to give thanks for our past and to trust in your care for what is to come.

*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

### WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

*Amy and Chris Bone; Roger and Brooke Budd (Four and Olivia);  
Whitney and Stephen McConnell (Stephen Michael, Vivian);  
Dwight and Jan Payne; Jeff, Courtney and Lily Roberts*

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Richard DuBose

*Montreat Conference Center*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### PREPARATION FOR PRAYER 306

DENNIS

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*  
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.

All things have their beginning and their end in the love of God. In the light of that truth, we are free to confess our weariness and our worry, knowing that God is with us.

Richard DuBose serves as the president of Montreat Conference Center, which is a conference center with roots in the Presbyterian Church (USA) located outside Asheville, NC. Montreat has played an important role in cultivating sabbath and Christian education for the past 100 years. St. Simons Presbyterian regularly sends youth, adults, and pastors to Montreat for a variety of conferences and continuing education opportunities each year.

Electronic giving is available by texting the code "SSPC" to the number 73256.

After we receive our offerings, we take a moment to dedicate them to God's work in our community and in the world. This ritual of setting apart concludes the offering by reminding us that we give not just to an organization but to a faith community called to make God's love visible.

## OFFERTORY

Butler

### *Festival Piece on "St. Anne"*

Chancel Choir, Chancel Ensemble, and Organ

*The Director will invite the Congregation to stand and join in singing the final stanza:  
Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

## \*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

Tadd Wessel

### **Deuteronomy 5:3-15**

*Page 282 OT*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Runyan/arr. Berry

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
Chancel Choir, Piano

## SECOND READING

### **Matthew 12:1-13**

*Page 1514 NT*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

*All of Us, Here Alive Today*

Dr. Brennan Breed

# WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

## \*LITANY OF PRAISE

One: For the Church universal, of which this building has been a symbol,

**ALL: we praise you, O God.**

One: For all the saints who, in times past and present, have formed a congregation of your people and have met in this place to offer their prayers and praise to you,

**ALL: we praise you, O God.**

One: For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace, who in this place were cleansed of sin, buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, and raised to new and eternal life,

**ALL: we praise you, O God.**

One: For your presence whenever your Word has been proclaimed and your sacramental gifts of bread and wine received,

**ALL: we praise you, O God.**

One: For your blessing upon each of your children, welcomed and nurtured here,

**ALL: we praise you, O God.**

One: For all who came to ask your blessing in marriage, seeking to love with your love,

**ALL: we praise you, O God.**

One: For faithful stewards who have lived for others, serving you by loving neighbors,

**ALL: we praise you, O God.**

One: For all who were gathered from this place, having lived this life in faith, who now live eternally with you,

**ALL: we praise you, O God.**

One: For the knowledge that your church and your ministry among us will continue today, tomorrow, and forever,

**ALL: we praise you, O God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Today marks the final Sunday we will worship in the sanctuary before beginning a major renovation of this sacred space. To mark this occasion, we offer this prayer in recognition of the countless moments these pews and walls have witnessed through the years: baptisms and communions, weddings and funerals, hymns sung and concerts given, the Word proclaimed and silent prayers lifted. While we carry mixed emotions on a day like this, we also give thanks for God's gracious gifts -- past present and future -- remembering always that God's promised presence is bound neither by space or time.

\*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.

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION 269

LANCASHIRE

*Lead On, O King Eternal!*

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 80

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

*You Shall Go Out With Joy*  
Chancel Choir, Congregation

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; (clap, clap) the trees of the field will clap their hands; (clap, clap) the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap) while you go out with joy.*

POSTLUDE

D. Johnson

*Trumpet Tune in C*  
Amy Bishop, Organist

Please join us for a covered dish luncheon in the Social Hall immediately following worship as we celebrate our 73rd Church Anniversary Weekend. Any and all are welcome! As you leave the sanctuary, we invite you to help us formally begin our renovation by taking the hymnals and pew bibles in the pew pockets with you and placing them on the black carts located outside the sanctuary doors on either side of the chancel.

**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](http://www.sspres.org/sermons).

# SSPC Renovation

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FOR THE LATEST UPDATES

## Live Streaming Worship

WATCH SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
ONLINE AT  
[SSPRES.ORG](http://SSPRES.ORG)

BEGINNING SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 6 | 11AM



# TGIF

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

**OCT 18 | 6 PM**  
**PORCH SSI**

*...A movie night at SSPC for the kids*

**SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG](http://SSPRES.ORG)**

## Rejoice Sunday School

A BOOK BY  
**BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR**

BEGINNING OCTOBER 6  
SUNDAYS | 9:30AM | JOHN LAW

## St. Simons Presbyterian Church Lady Jane Cruise & Dinner



Pictures Available

## This Week | Sep 22 - 28

### Today, September 29

- 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 **Anniversary Potluck Luncheon** - Social Hall
- 5:00 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group** - South Suite

### Monday, September 30

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

### Tuesday, October 1

- 7:00 am **Chick-fil-A Youth Breakfast** - Chick-fil-A
- 8:30 am **Historical & Culinary Tour of Thomasville** - Thomasville, GA
- 9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
- 9:30 am **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite

### Wednesday, October 2

- 10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - John Law
- 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, October 3

- 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, October 4

**No Events Scheduled for This Date**

**Chancel Flowers:** The Chancel flowers today are given in loving memory of Winnie and Rudy Woodward to the glory of God by Woodie Woodward; Tom & Debbie Woodward Hutcherson; Brad, Jennifer & and Winnie Hutcherson; and Bonnie Roberts.

**Wednesday Night Supper:** Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship this Wednesday, October 2 at 6 PM. Dinner will include shrimp-n-grits, salad, rolls, and dessert. Don't forget to sign up online at [sspres.org](http://sspres.org).

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

To Ponder Prayerfully  
**May All Who Enter**

“**M**AY ALL WHO ENTER THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP COME WITH A PRAYER IN HIS HEART FOR HIMSELF, FOR HIS FELLOW MAN, AND FOR THE SANCTITY OF THIS SERVICE.”

-Rev. Dr. James Thornwell Gillespie

*Words spoken by Dr. Gillespie on September 26, 1954, the Day of Dedication for the church's newly constructed sanctuary and building*

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