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ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to the liturgical *season* of Easter. As our bulletin reminded us on Sunday, "Easter isn't just a Sunday-it's a season stretching from now until Pentecost. One day out of 365 is hardly sufficient to celebrate the great mystery of our faith-that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead." The church newsletter is always a good place to discover opportunities for living each day as people who celebrate the great mystery and good news of the empty tomb.

This Sunday we will receive new members at the 11AM worship service. If you have been thinking about joining, please know that we would love to welcome you. Happening later this month are informational meetings about an interfaith trip during summer 2019 to Israel and Jordan that is being organized jointly by St. Simons Presbyterian, Christ Church, and Temple Beth Tifilloh.

Please continue praying for the many in our church and community who are facing serious illness and/or grieving the loss of loved ones. Pray also for our youth as they prepare to lead worship on Youth Sunday (April 29) as well as for your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee as they continue discerning who God is calling to serve as our next associate pastor.

God bless you and keep you. See you Sunday. Casual is fine.

Peace,
Alan

New Member Sunday Apr 15



If you are interested in joining the church,
we would love to recognize you at
either service this Sunday, April 15!

Please contact Bob (bob@sspres.org) or Alan (alan@sspres.org)

An Interfaith Journey to the Holy Lands *May 27- June 5, 2019*

Join Rev. Alan Dyer, Rabbi Rachael Bregman, and Rev. Thomas Purdy as we lead members of our congregations and community to Israel and Jordan in summer 2019. To learn more, please contact Alan and/or attend one of the informational meetings happening on Tuesday, April 24.

Informational Meetings on Tuesday, April 24

11:30 AM | Temple Beth Teifilloh (1326 Egmont St, Brunswick)
6:30 PM | St. Simons Presbyterian (Britt Room)

Click here to learn more about this trip!

A Tale of the Three Trees

CHILDREN'S DINNER THEATRE

WED, APR 25 | 6 PM

Presented by all Children's Choirs

During WOW Supper - Please RSVP!



SAVE THE DATE

Bob Brearley's *Retirement Luncheon*

Sunday, May 20

Join us as we celebrate Bob!

We are collecting a love offering for the Brearley's! Please make contributions to the church office or place in offertory plate on Sunday!

Bob's last Sunday preaching will be Sunday, June 24th.

The Week Ahead

calendar

2018

Sunday, April 15 // New Member Sunday

- 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

- 3:30 pm - Magnolia Manor Worship - Magnolia Manor
- 5:00 pm - Youth Ensemble - Music Attic
- 6:00 pm - Youth Supper & Fellowship - Youth Suite
- 6:00 pm - KidZ Fellowship - Children's Hall

Monday, April 16

- 10:00 am - Chancel Ensemble - Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm - Men's Noonday Bible Study - Britt Room
- 5:30 pm - Diaconate Meeting - Upper Room
- 8:00 pm - AA Meeting - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

Tuesday, April 17

- 7:00 am - Youth Breakfast Devotion - Chick-fil-a
- 5:30 pm - Session Meeting - Upper Room

Wednesday, April 18

- 10:30 am - Ladies Video Bible Study - Youth Suite
- 4:00 pm - KidZ Crew & Choir - Veranda
- 5:00 pm - Confirmation Class - Chapel
- 6:00 pm - WOW Supper - Social Hall - [RSVP Here!](#)
- 6:30 pm - Chancel Ringers - Bell Room
- 7:00 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, April 19

- 7:15 am - Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Britt Room
- 5:30 pm - 'Traveling Light' Book Study - John Law Room
- 8:00 pm - AA Meeting - Britt Room
- 8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

Friday, April 20

- 10:00 am - Book Discussion & Prayer - Jann's Office

Upcoming Dates:

Wed, April 25 | Children's Dinner Theatre

Sun, April 29 | Youth Sunday

**Summer dates and registrations will be posted soon!*

Click for More Information About Events & Opportunities



Prayers and Thanksgivings

[Click here for the Weekly Prayer & Meditation](#)



Easter Sunrise Service

There was such an impressive turn out this year at the community Easter Sunrise service! This year we raised over \$6,500 which will go to serve the Salvation Army, Manna House, and Sparrow's Nest. Thank you to all of the volunteers who showed up at the crack of dawn to help usher, distribute bulletins, set up chairs, and greet all who attended!

Thank you to our Manna House volunteers!

We appreciate all of the volunteers who gave of their time and service to help feed those in need within our community. This month we feed over 200 people! Thank you to Chris Pippart, Sophia Innis, Joe Wills, Tim Bryan, Evelyn Butler, Linda & Phil Massie, Martha Martin, Kathy Cathey, Gail Wolflick, Nora Sue Spencer, Jack Hartman, Mike Aspinwall, Morgan Plog, Frances McCrary, Gail Ledbetter, Bill Lueckel, Jann Briscoe, Laura O'Callahan, and Lynda Bisher!

A Note from Rodger & Betty Lou Schoneker

Thank you to our pastors and to each of you who held us up in prayer over the past six months. We could feel your support through it all. This past surgery closed the large hole in Rodger's heart. He feels good again and is getting his strength back a bit more each day. God is so good and we give him praise for this miracle in our lives.

Love,
Rodger & Betty Lou



Worship This Sunday

New Member Sunday

Scripture:

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36-49

Hymn:

314 - Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

450 - Be Thou My Vision

Preacher:

Rev. Bob Brearley



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Giving online is easy! Just follow the link above to tithe and donate online. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (912) 638-2220.

Musical Notes

The Chancel Choir has had the pleasure of having snowbirds in their midst. Some are staying a little longer or coming back later to join us again. John Sergey, Richard Boettcher, Craig Endicott, Paul and Ruth Gardiner, and Bernice Fields have been faithful members during their winter stay. Thank you for your gifts and your presence at SSPC!

In December, the Chancel Choir presented "Small, Dancing Light." At the end of the worship service, we presented an arrangement of a new hymn (to us). Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness, 314 in our Glory to God hymnal, was sung by the choir and by the congregation. The choir sang the verses and the congregation joined in on the refrain.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

This Sunday, we will sing it as the opening hymn at the 11 am service. The closing hymn is 450 Be Thou My Vision. The Chancel Choir will sing *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* by Kathleen Thomerson and arranged by Benjamin Harlan. This is also a hymn in our hymnal, number 377.

A big thank you to Suzanne Morrison, who subbed for me last week. Harlan and I were able to take a trip to NYC and to Portland, Maine to see our son, Ben. It was cold and snowy at times, but was a great opportunity to reconnect with friends in the field of theatre. I was also able to meet with Reggie Bahl, our agent for the Island Concert Association. We are making exciting plans for the 2019 season.

Welcome back from Spring Break, everyone! The Children's Musical - The Tale of the Three Trees - is happening on April 25th. It will be a dinner theatre, so make your reservations. 6:00 pm dinner; 6:45 pm show. Parents are encouraged to have children at each of the remaining rehearsals. **April 11 @ 4-6; April 18 @ 4-6; April 22 @ noon** after church until 2:00 pm; **April 25 @ 4 - dinner and show @ 6 & 6:45**. Children's choir and activities will end for this semester after the show.

Love & Gratitude,

Rhonda