



## ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 24th, 2019

This Sunday is our annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans worship service. In case you are wondering, here is a little history on the origins of Kirkin'. The very first Kirkin' o' the Tartan service happened in 1941 at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. Led by famed pastor Peter Marshall, the service was

designed to raise funds to aid Scottish churches during the early days of World War II. Soon other Presbyterian congregations caught on and began hosting their own Kirkin' services as a way to remember and celebrate the unique Scottish heritage of Presbyterianism in the United States.

But the tradition of incorporating family tartans into worship traces back even further to the mid-18th century when the English parliament and monarch banned weapons as well as the wearing of tartans or kilts by Scottish highland clansmen. Legend has it that as an act of defiance the clansmen would carry small pieces of tartan to the Kirk (i.e., church) where the clergy would slip in a blessing during the worship. The tartan became a symbol of the love and togetherness that binds the clan together as family.

We are excited to once again welcome Rev. Alex Brown as our preacher as well as the congregation of Golden Isles Presbyterian. Also, as you enjoy your newsletter this week, please be sure to note that now is the time to register if you plan to participate in several upcoming events – Children's PJ Party, Marriage Enrichment Weekend, Faith Enrichment Conference, and others. All the details are below.

See you Sunday. Invite a friend. Break out that plaid!

Peace,  
Alan



# Upcoming Events

## ***Marriage Enrichment Weekend***

With Drs. Genie & Preston Dyer



February 22nd • 6 - 9 pm

February 23rd • 9 am - 4 pm

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

## **First Annual Marriage Enrichment Weekend**

Feb. 22-23, 2019

Drs. Genie and Preston Dyer - retired social work and family studies professors from Baylor University in Texas - are coming to St. Simons Presbyterian to lead a Friday/Saturday marriage enrichment retreat. Registration now open. Click the link above or go to [www.sspres.org](http://www.sspres.org) to sign up!

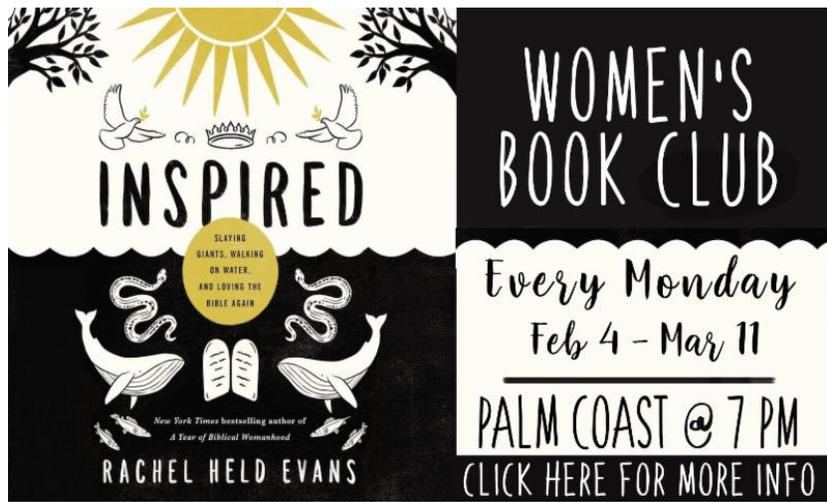


## **This Friday: Pajama Party!**

Come join us for our annual PJ Party! This is an event for SSPC children 5th grade and under. Children 2 and under will be in the Nursery. Children in Preschool will participate in age appropriate activities. Children in K through 5th grade may bring ONE guest (guest's parents need to complete registration as well).

**Where: Children's Hall**

**When: This Friday, January 25 @ 6P**



## Women's Book Club

All women are invited to join us for a discussion on *Inspired*, By Rachel Held Evans. In “Inspired,” Evans explores what the Bible is and how it’s read. She describes its origin stories and resistance stories, investigates their contexts and interpretations and even retells a few along the way in poetry, soliloquy and choose-your-own-adventure genres.

**Meet at Palm Coast @ 7:00pm on the following Mondays:**

**Feb 4** ~ Introduction - Chapter 2: Deliverance Stories/The Walls

**Feb 11** ~ Chapter 3: War Stories/The Debate

**Feb 18** ~ Chapter 4 - Chapter 5: Resistance Stories/The Water

**Feb 25** ~ Chapter 6: Gospel Stories/The Sea

**Mar 4** ~ Chapter 7: Fish Stories/The Letter

**Mar 11** ~ Church Stories - Epilogue

[Click Here for More Info & Childcare](#)



**ISLAND  
CONCERT  
ASSOCIATION**

**2019**

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**5th**  
Formosa Quartet



**19th**  
Aimee Toner, Flute



**12th**  
Davin-Levin Duo  
Harp and Guitar



**26th**  
Rhonda Hambright, Soprano  
Laetitia Ruccolo, Piano

**EVERY TUESDAY IN FEBRUARY AT 7:30 PM  
IN THE SANCTUARY \*FREE ADMISSION\***

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 10TH**

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD  
LIKE TO JOIN, PLEASE CONTACT ALAN AT  
[ALAN@SSPRES.ORG](mailto:ALAN@SSPRES.ORG)

# Savannah Presbytery

Save the Date  
40th Annual Savannah Presbytery  
*Faith Enrichment Conference*  
February 15-16, 2019  
Epworth by the Sea

**In Defense of Kindness:**  
What it Means to Be Kind in an Age When We're All Kinda Mean

Keynote Speaker:  
**Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow**  
Bruce is a Presbyterian pastor, author, consultant,  
and former Moderator of the PC(USA). He speaks  
and writes on issues of faith, technology, race,  
parenting, and church culture.

**Savannah Presbytery**  
**Faith Enrichment Conference**  
February 15-16 at Epworth by the Sea

Since 1979 Savannah Presbytery has hosted a Training Event for members

of the Church, now called the Faith Enrichment Conference (previously the Leadership Development Conference). The event features outstanding keynote leadership as well as workshops for study and faith enrichment. This year's keynoter is Rev. Dr. Reyes-Chow - former moderator of the PCUSA - who will be presenting on the theme: "In Defense of Kindness."

For more information and registration, please visit  
<http://www.savannahpresbytery.org>

[Click Here for Brochure](#)

[Registration Forms](#)

# Capital Campaign

A heartfelt thank you for your participation in and contribution towards the "Heart and Soul Capital Campaign"! Every dollar pledged is critical to the effort of renovating our sanctuary and updating our campus so that we can continue to grow the church and strengthen our mission of sharing the love of Jesus Christ in the world.

Gift Level	# of Gifts Pledged	Total
\$1,000,000	1	\$1,000,000
\$500,000	2	\$1,000,000
\$100,000 - \$300,000	4	\$600,000
\$50,000 - \$60,000	8	\$410,000
\$20,000 - \$30,000	5	\$130,000
\$10,000 - \$15,000	16	\$184,000
\$1,001 - \$7,500	40	\$158,940
≤ \$1,000	46	\$25,372
Total	122	\$3,508,312

To date, we have received pledges in the amount of \$3,508,000. The chart above shows a breakdown of all the pledged gifts. Your response has been amazing – thank you! The Capital Campaign Committee is also continuing to follow-up with individuals who have expressed an interest in supporting the campaign but have not already done so. We are hopeful that we can reach or surpass at least \$4 million in pledged giving. If you have not already made a pledge, there are several ways to do so: fill out and return a pledge card (available [online](#) or on tables around the church), call the church office, or request a personal visit from a member(s) of the Campaign Committee.

We are well on our way to realizing the dream of having a sanctuary with new windows, new flooring, improved seating, brighter light streaming through new windows and an overall more functional space for us to worship and fellowship! As we are rapidly wrapping up the campaign, we are excited about the future of our campus and all of the opportunities which are in front of us. 2019 proves to be an exciting time in the life of our church – we look forward to being together on the journey!

In Christ,

Heart and Soul Capital Campaign Committee,  
*Jack Hartman (Chair), Mel Baxter, Lillian Clarke, Teresa Hodgdon, Brenda*



## Connect with Us

### Have You Heard of Realm?

Realm is the church's software that serves as a database for member and visitor contact information, giving statements, and other helpful information. It is a wonderful tool for YOU (i.e., church members) to find contact information for other members, manage your personal giving history, follow church announcements, etc.



To access Realm online, go to [onrealm.org/sspres](http://onrealm.org/sspres) and Sign Up. You can also access Realm via your phone or tablet with the Connect app, which is available on the App Store & Google Play store and can be downloaded through one of the links below. After signing up, you can enter the code: **sspres** to join our network.

If you have any problems logging in, please call Jeannine or Ada in the church office at 638-2220. We are here to help!

## Let's get connected.

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Stay connected with the Church

**TEXT: SSPRES**  
**TO: 555888**

We will provide occasional updates on church activities, event/meal RSVP reminders, and other timely information.

# Worship This Sunday

## MUSICAL NOTES

“The Campbells are comin’, Oho, Oho, the Campbells are comin’, Oho, Oho.....” We at SSPC hope that all of you are coming to a celebration of Scottish heritage next Sunday. Pageantry and Pomp aside, any festival that is done here is done with family in mind. So, whether or not ye are Scottish, you will enjoy the fun and fellowship. The Presbyterian Church has deep Scottish roots and it is traditional at many Presbyterian churches to celebrate this with a Kirkin’ of the Tartans. In your bulletin, you will find a history of the Kirkin’ and a list of the parade of family tartans that you will see. The 8:30 and 11:00 am services will be alike, so choose yer preference! The processional is Highland Cathedral, which is a traditional Scottish tune as is the recessional, Scotland the Brave. Our Chancel Choir will be singing, The Reverend Alexander Brown will be preaching, the First Coast Highlanders will be playing Pipes and Drums, and Betty Wilson will be reading scripture. The band always plays a few tunes in the front of the church for our enjoyment after each service. All manner of Scottish dress is invited and encouraged. Rev. Brown is the pastor of Golden Isles Presbyterian Church and he has invited his congregation to join ours for the day. Invite your neighbors and friends!

The Chancel Choir will be singing Jane Marshall’s Christ is Made the Sure Foundation. Hymns for Sunday: 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past; 649 Amazing Grace.

Gràdh agus taing,

Rhonda

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**Scripture Readings:** *Hebrews 13:14*

**Hymns:**

**8:30 & 11 am Service Hymns:**

- Our God, Our Help in Ages Past - 687
- Amazing Grace - 649

# The Week Ahead

## **Sunday, January 27th**

- 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
- 5:00pm - **Youth Ensemble (Grades 6-12)** - Youth Hall
- 6:00pm - **Youth Group** - Britt Room

## **Monday, January 28th**

- 10:00am - **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary
- 3:00pm - **Congregational Life Meeting** - Upper Room
- 4:30pm - **KidZ Book Club** - Palm Coast
- 8:00pm - **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
- 8:00pm - **Al Anon** - John Law

## **Tuesday, January 29th**

- 7:00 am - **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-Fil- A
- 9:30 am - **Staff Meeting** - John Law

## **Wednesday, January 30th**

- 12:00 pm - **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - John Law
- 4:00 pm - **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
- 6:00 pm - **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
- 6:30 pm - **Chancel Ringers** - Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm - **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

## **Thursday, January 31st**

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

## **Friday, February 1st**

- 10:00 am - **Book Study and Prayer** - Jann's Office

**Reminder:** Picture make-up days will take place on January 28-29 in the Parlor. [Click here](#) to sign up today!

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## Joys & Concerns



### Christian Sympathy

We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Elaine Carpenter Busino, mother of member Lisa Martin, who passed away on Friday, January 18, 2019.

### Christian Celebration

We share in celebration with Allison & Kyle Culbertson as they welcome their first child into the world, Eleanor "Ellie" Grace Culbertson. Ellie was born on Tuesday, January 22nd. The proud grandparents are Ann & Peter Nermoe. Congrats to the family!

## PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS

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

## Giving Opportunities

# 2018 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

YEAR END OFFERINGS & EXPENDITURES

OFFERINGS RECEIVED YTD	\$1,131,976.90
EXPENDITURES PAID YTD	\$1,114,992.59
NET OFFERINGS/EXPENDITURES	\$16,984.31

## 2018 SPECIAL OFFERINGS

ANGEL TREE	\$17,516.00
JOY GIFT	\$1,799
CHRISTMAS EVE FOR DEACON'S FUND	\$7,861

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GIVING AND FAITHFULNESS AS ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CARRIES OUT GOD'S WORK.



***Click Here to Give Online***

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.

**SOUP BOWL OF CARING**

**FEBRUARY 3RD**

BRING CANNED GOODS AND/OR MONEY DONATIONS TO CHURCH ON FEBRUARY 3RD TO SUPPORT A LOCAL FOOD DRIVE! 100% OF THE DONATIONS STAY IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

The advertisement features a background of various canned goods like soups, beans, and sauces. In the foreground, there is a bowl of soup with a spoon. The text is overlaid on the image in bold, colorful fonts.

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