

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse  
Sound:  
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse  
Linda Marshall

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**Next Week**

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Sound: Joe Vaitkevicius  
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius  
Candie Vaitkevicius

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**Sunday, August 15, 2021**

*First Presbyterian Church*

Simpsonville, SC

*"Growing Together in Faith – Loving and Serving in the World"*

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 15, 2021

12th Sunday after Pentecost

\* WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please remain seated for a time of silent meditation as we prepare to worship God. **The wearing of masks during service and singing hymns is optional.***

**NOTE:** This service may be video recorded.

**Please stand if you are able where asterisk.**

PRELUDE "Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place" Arr. Wolfe

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP**

Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist

Leader: The God of wisdom sent Jesus Christ, the bread of life, to teach us his ways, feed us with his flesh and blood, and fill us with the Holy Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

**CONFESSION OF OUR SIN** (unison prayer)

**All-knowing God, we are your children, but we have turned away from your wisdom and walked in our own ways. We have lived carelessly and squandered time. We have been foolish and failed to understand your will. We have been drunk with the wine of this world and debauched in our own desires. Purge us from evil and fill us with your Spirit. Clear our minds from the clutter that we may discern what is right and walk in your ways. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful! God shows great and steadfast love to us through Jesus Christ, our bread of life.

**People: By his flesh and blood our sins are forgiven and we have eternal life. Alleluia! Amen.**

highlight important messages from a chapter in the book. This week Chapter three will be our focus.

## Chapter 3 "The Wind"

The Holy Spirit is a *who* instead of a *what*. Even though we use the image of the wind to talk about the Spirit, in reality the Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force of nature. The Spirit is as much a living, personal being as are Jesus and God the Creator.

**Jesus and the Spirit.** The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus. To be filled by this Spirit means that we will become more like Jesus. We will live as he did, doing God's work in the world, because we will be like him through his Spirit's presence in us. We cannot be effective disciples of Jesus without welcoming the Spirit who empowered Jesus' own ministry. Being filled with the Spirit is meant to be a constant, ongoing process for every Christian.

**Community in Spirit.** Without the Spirit moving and acting in power, the church devolves from the living body of Christ into a well-intentioned but generally impotent religious organization.

**The Holy Spirit is the source of power for the believing community.** The Spirit can:

- encourage us
- help us stay focused
- lead us into new patterns of behavior and new ways to make decisions
- do things differently
- discern where God is calling & how to make decisions based on that call
- support us; give us peace
- empower us to take risks of faith
- give us spiritual power
- show us God's way forward.

God's power changes things we cannot change and provides resources beyond what we have ourselves to do God's work. When every path seems blocked, the Spirit can show us God's way forward.

**FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER:** The next step in the Legacy Project is "Forty Days of Prayer." The congregation is urged to do these daily prayers with the team. Prayers begin today. You should have received the first week of prayers in an Eblast or by mail. Printed copies are available in the Narthex.

**PULPIT SUPPLY:**

Aug. 22: Pressley Cox

Sep. 05: Beverly Kelly

Aug. 29: Jim Caprell

Sep. 12: Pressley Cox

**REVISED COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS:** Please note that, as of June 20th, our Revised Safety Protocols are in effect. The most noteworthy change is the lifting of the mask requirement. These protocols were emailed to those with email and mailed to those without email. There are extra copies of the Revised Protocols on the table in the Narthex.

Due to the changes to our worship service because of the pandemic, we are asking those who have served in the past as ushers, liturgists, and in the sound booth to sign up for Sundays for the rest of this year. Sign-up sheets are located on the back table, along with the sign-up sheet for flowers. We encourage others who have not served in these capacities in the past to also sign up. We need more volunteers for these duties since some of our congregation have not yet returned to active worship due to COVID.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Please remain seated after worship this morning for a short congregational meeting to elect members of the Nominating Committee.

**SESSION MEETING:** The Session of FPC will meet Monday, Aug. 16th, at 7 p.m. here at the Church.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will meet on Thursday, Aug. 19th, at 11 a.m. at the Church.

**THE LEGACY PROJECT** is a time of discernment for congregations to identify gifts of the congregation, reflect upon their impact to the community, and plan for the future. The FPC Legacy Project team is working on this with representatives from Foothills Presbytery and the Presbyterian Foundation.

The team has met several times for discussions of "Sailboat Church." We would like to share some of the key points from each chapter with the Congregation. Each week, through October 3rd, the bulletin will

**Response: "Thank You, Lord"**

*Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul  
Thank you, Lord, for making me whole  
Thank you, Lord, for giving to me  
Thy great salvation so rich and free*

**HYMN #487**

**"When Morning Gilds the Skies"**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

**SERMON**

"What's In Your Closet?"

Rev. Justin Cazel

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living 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.**

**Joys and Concerns of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**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,**

**The power, and the glory,**

**For ever and ever. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF OFFERING AND PRAYER (the offering plate is located on a back table in the sanctuary just inside the back double doors.)

OFFERTORY                    “Beautiful Savior”                    Arr. Wood

**\*The Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*CLOSING HYMN #343                    “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”**

\*BENEDICTION

**RESPONSE: “The Lord Bless and Keep You”**

*The Lord bless and keep you,  
The Lord make his face to shine on you  
and be gracious, gracious.*

*The Lord bless and Keep you,  
The Lord lift his countenance on you  
and give peace, give you peace.  
Amen, Amen*

POSTLUDE                    “The Solid Rock”                    Tune SOLID ROCK

Please remain seated for a short congregational meeting.

**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN!** Whether you are a long-time member or first time visitor, we are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about the First Presbyterian community, we invite you to contact us through our website [www.firstpresssimpsonville.com](http://www.firstpresssimpsonville.com), or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

We welcome to our pulpit today Rev. Justin Cazel. Rev. Cazel is a member of Foothills Presbytery, being ordained in 2014. He served First Presbyterian in Greer as an Associate Pastor and as the Campus Chaplain for Ukirk at Furman. His “real job” is as a banker for South State Bank. Justin

has been married to Bitsy for 29 years. They have two great kids. Abby is an attorney, serving as a Public Defender in Bethel, AK. Will is a grad student at Western Colorado State University. Justin enjoys hiking, running, biking, reading, and anything outdoors. Justin and Bitsy have lived in Greenville since 1996, and hope they never have to leave!

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** this week are given by Linda Stenhouse. Thank you!

**BIBLE STORY BAGS** are available for children during worship. See an usher if you would like one for your child to use. Please return the bag to an usher after worship.

**LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Pastor Cassie, John Jackson; Jean Kirkland, Lila Childs (friend of Bill & Sue Marshall); Sue Marshall’s mother; Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall’s brother); Colleen Rogers (friend of the Stenhouse family); Etta Gallo (sister of Jo Klein); Doris Phipps (sister of Linda Stenhouse); Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papua New Guinea); Ivy Bertuzzi; Pat Clark; Elizabeth Cooper; Dixie Suit (sister-in-law of Kitty Shealy); Roger Edney (relative of Barb & Roger Daugherty). Do not hesitate to call or email the Church Office ([office@firstpresssimpsonville.com](mailto:office@firstpresssimpsonville.com)) about any pastoral concerns.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK:** Eddie Watson, Jackie Koch

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Amy Burnes (08/15)

**SCHEDULES AND EVENTS**

**FOOD PANTRY:** Your continued prayers and giving hearts allow us to keep this mission to our neighbors going. Suggestions for the month of August are hearty soups and stews. As always, we are grateful for all donations.

**VIDEO RECORDINGS:** Video recordings of services that have been previously recorded are available on the Church’s website: [www.firstpresssimpsonville.com](http://www.firstpresssimpsonville.com). Click on “Videos” in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right.”