

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Sound:
Ushers: Bill Marshall (NS)
Linda Marshall

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Next Week

Liturgist: Bill Marshall (PA)
Sound:
Ushers: Gail West

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Bill Marshall (PA)
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Sunday, November 21, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 21, 2021

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

* 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 "With Quiet Thanksgiving" arr. Barrett

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist
Leader: O Come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

***OPENING HYMN #551** "Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

We love the wrong things, O God, and we love them too much, We love our possessions and our privileges, our pleasures and our pains, our squabbles and our securities. We wet ourselves as stumbling blocks before you and each other. We forfeit your future to save ourselves today. Our minds are fixed on earthly things and not on the Divine in-breaking all around us. Forgive us, O Lord, for we love the wrong things and we love them too much. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Response: "Thank You, Lord"

Thank You, Lord;

Thank You, Lord;

Thank You, Lord;

I just want to thank You, Lord.

Please open your hearts and yes, your wallets to purchase a few of the listed items. We will be collecting these items throughout November (until the 29th of November) in the decorated box positioned in the Narthex.

THANK OFFERING: Since 1888, Presbyterian women have given back to people in their communities and around the world through the Thank Offering. The Thank Offering helps fund programs that provide education, relief from disasters, safe housing, even cooking instruction and so much more. Any contribution you are able to make to help this worthwhile Organization will be greatly appreciated. We will be collecting donations this Sunday (November 21st) and next Sunday (November 28th). Checks or cash are greatly appreciated. Envelopes are on the back table. Thank you for your generosity.

FELLOWSHIP STATION: The Fellowship Station (drinks, cookies, etc.) will resume on Sunday, November 28th (this date is covered). If you would like to contribute refreshments one Sunday, please sign up on the sheet on the back table.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING: Do you have a favorite Christmas Carol? If so, please write it on the inserted slip and place it in the Church on the "Feed the Need" table. We will use some of the carols for the Christmas Carol Sing on January 2nd. Last day to submit carols is November 28.

CARDS: There will be no card playing on Wed. Nov. 24th; however, we will play on Wed. Dec. 1st at 11 a.m. Bring your own lunch.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Due to the changes to our worship service because of the pandemic, we are asking those who have served in the past as ushers and liturgists, 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 need more volunteers for these duties since some of our congregation have not yet returned to active worship due to COVID.**

PULPIT SUPPLY:

Nov. 28 thru Dec. 24: Beverly Kelly

Dec. 26: No in-house service (link will be provided for Foothills Presbytery service.)

100TH ANNIVERSARY: Next year is a very special year for our Church, the 100th Anniversary! We are looking for people to help plan special activities, events, and to work on gathering information for a Centennial Celebration booklet. Please let a Session member know if you would like to help.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: In keeping with our tradition, beautiful poinsettias will adorn our Sanctuary during the Advent season. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please fill out an order form (forms on back table). You may drop the form in the collection plate or hand it to Jackie. All orders are due today.

“SANTA’S SENIOR HELPERS”

The Christmas Holidays are fast approaching, but time doesn’t stand still as the COVID virus continues to affect our lives on a daily basis. Once again this year, the Presbyterian Women have decided to collect items for the residents of The Clinton Presbyterian Community in Clinton SC. Our former Pastor, Jim Caprell, who is the Chaplain at The Clinton Presbyterian Home, has reached out to us once again to help them by collecting items that the residents are in need of or would greatly appreciate. These gifts are NOT to be wrapped, as the “Elves” at the Home can make individual selections specifically for each resident. Following is a list of suggestions that Jim has found the residents would appreciate as gifts: Postage stamps,

Post-it Notes, large print word search puzzles, large print paperback books, 2022 calendars, pens, small umbrellas, flashlights with batteries, Kleenex, mouthwash, toothbrush, toothpaste, shower caps, shaving cream, soap, lotion, deodorant, nail clippers and files, hair brushes, combs, socks, hose (ankle length or knee high or thigh high), note cards, and all occasion greeting cards, but especially birthday cards.

(Please note: the medium size bottles of liquid items are preferred over larger bottles for ease of handling by the residents). The Holiday’s can be a hard time for family and friends and with the virus still affecting our lives, the people separated from family can be a lonely time for them as well.

Hymn #559 “We Gather Together”

SILENT PRAYER: A few moments of silent communication with God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:33-37

SERMON

“The Rest of the Story”

Pastor Jim Foote

*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

“Because I Have Been Given Much”

arr. Smith

***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 #363 “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”**

***BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE: “Lord, Make Us More Holy”

*Lord, make us more faithful, Lord, make us more faithful
Lord, make us more faithful, Until we meet again.
Faithful, faithful, faithful,, Until we meet again.*

POSTLUDE “For the Beauty of the Earth” Koshier

Please remain seated for the 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, or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS this week are given by Kitty Shealy. 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.

We welcome to our pulpit today Rev. James Foote. Rev. Foote was commissioned as a Lay Preacher (Commissioned Ruling Elder) in Holston Presbytery on December 7, 1991. Over the past 30 years, Jim has been the pulpit supply for churches in Holston, Abington, Foothills, and Trinity Presbyteries.

Jim lives at the Presbyterian Community in Clinton, SC. His son Mark and his family live in Simpsonville. His other son, Tim, lives in Singapore with his wife. Jim has authored five books: “How to Do Accounting I” and How to Do Accounting II,” “My Life and Times,” “Uncle Jim’s Book of Stories”,⁴

and “Uncle Jim’s Collection of Readings”, currently available on Amazon.com. To develop his storytelling skills, he has taken classes at ETSU in storytelling and belongs to the National Storytelling Network and the International Biblical Storytellers.

In retirement, Jim enjoys traveling, doing pulpit supply and storytelling concerts. He sings with the Upstate Men’s Chorus, and enjoys singing in the church choir and karaoke.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Jan Johnson, Jean Kirkland

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Hector Medina (11/23), Pat Clark (11/25)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Cassie, John Jackson; Jean Kirkland, Sue Marshall’s mother; Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall’s brother); Susan Medina; Linda Good (friend of Jackie Koch); Chuck (Candie Vaitkeicius’ brother); Sean & Donna (friends of Linda Stenhouse’s daughter); Robert Pryor (Roger Pryor’s brother); Linda Marksberry (friend of Darrell & Roger); Cora Larsen (Linda Marshall’s mother); Colleen Rogers (friend of the Stenhouse family); Doris Phipps (sister of Linda Stenhouse); Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papau New Guinea); Ivy Bertuzzi; Pat Clark; Elizabeth Cooper; Dixie Suit (sister-in-law of Kitty Shealy); Roger Edney & Jen Gibson (relatives of Barb & Roger Daugherty). Do not hesitate to call or email the Church Office (office@firstpresssimpsonville.com) about any pastoral concerns.

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 October are cans or jars of spaghetti sauce, boxed stuffing mix, canned yams, canned turkey gravy. 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. Click on “Videos” in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right.”