

SERVING THE CHURCH This Week	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week
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<u>Class of 2021</u> Bill Marshall (NS) Bill Marshall (PA) Barb Daugherty	<u>Class of 2022</u> Linda Stenhouse Jerry Kross Jackie Koch



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Sunday, January 9, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord/Epiphany

* 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 "Joy to the World" arr. Smith

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Jerry Kross, Liturgist

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

People: Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

***OPENING HYMN #469 "Morning Has Broken"**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

JOURNEY TO THE MANGER: Matthew 2:1-6, 9-11 Linda Stenhouse

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

People: Thanks be to God!

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.**

100TH ANNIVERSARY: The 100th Anniversary Team is asking the congregation for ideas for a theme for the 100th Anniversary and for suggestions for special activities and events to celebrate in 2022. We would also like to ask for any photos, special bulletins, and history, especially for the second 50 years. Please fill out the form located on the back table and give it to Jackie or Linda Marshall by Sunday, January 16th. We appreciate your help.

PULPIT SUPPLY: Jan. 16: Elliott Grow
Jan. 23: Pressley Cox
Jan. 30: Lindsay Small

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Congregational Meeting for the Installation of Elders for the Class of 2023 will be held on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022 and presided over by Rev. Pressley Cox.

LEBACY TEAM: The Legacy Team will meet on Thursday, Jan. 13th, at 3:15 p.m. here at the Church. Included in the meeting will be a Webinar that begins at 4 p.m. and pertains to our Legacy project. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

CARDS: Join us for card playing on Wednesday, Jan. 12th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: Volunteers are needed to help take down the Christmas decorations on Thursday, January 13th, at 10:00 a.m. Please come and help if you are able. Thank you.

EPIPHANY STARS: Please pick up an Epiphany Star from the basket before you leave today. A big "THANK YOU" to Ronnie Storch for making the stars.

FELLOWSHIP STATION: If you would like to contribute refreshments one Sunday, please sign up on the sheet on the back table.

NEW SEATING ARRANGEMENT: Please note that the seating has been changed. Those who wish to Social Distance will sit on the right side (window side) of the Sanctuary; those who don't wish to Social Distance may sit on the left (wall side). Further changes will be forthcoming as we incorporate the Pray Ground into the Sanctuary.

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

RESPONSE: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Refrain)
*O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him,
O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

HYMN #63 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 1:1-5

SERMON "The Beginning" Rev. Francis Womack

***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 Linda Stenhouse

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 "Mary, Did You Know?" 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 #66 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE: "Love Has Come"

*Love has come—a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.*

POSTLUDE "Sing Hosannas" Polish Carol

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 today are given by Jan & Jerry Kross. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS this week are provided by Jan & Jerry Kross. 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 Dr. Francis M. Womack, Jr. Rev. Womack graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary and McCormick Theological Seminary. He has served at many Presbyterian Churches in North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, and Florida.

He serves on a number of committees in both the Presbyteries and Synods, including COM in three Presbyteries.

Rev. Womack has four children, nine grandchildren and one great grandson. For the past 7-8 years he has been living in the Presbyterian Community Home in Clinton, and for the past five years he has served the Providence ARP Church. His past hobbies and interests include sailing, hiking, and caving. He spends his time now writing and publishing, HAM radio, computer science, RC airplanes, and does a little traveling.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Sharon Stone, Paula Ely

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Robbie Herd (01/11); Jenna Holland (01/11)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Cassie, John Jackson; Jean Kirkland, Sue Marshall's mother, Barbara; Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall's brother); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father; Henry Powell (friend of Jackie Koch); Richie & Barbara Deroches (friends of Linda & Bill Marshall); Susan Medina; Joe Vaitkevicius; Gail West (for the loss of her brother-in-law); Chuck (Candie Vaitkevicius' brother); Cora Larsen (Linda Marshall's mother); the Shelf family (for the loss of Teresa's brother); 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.

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