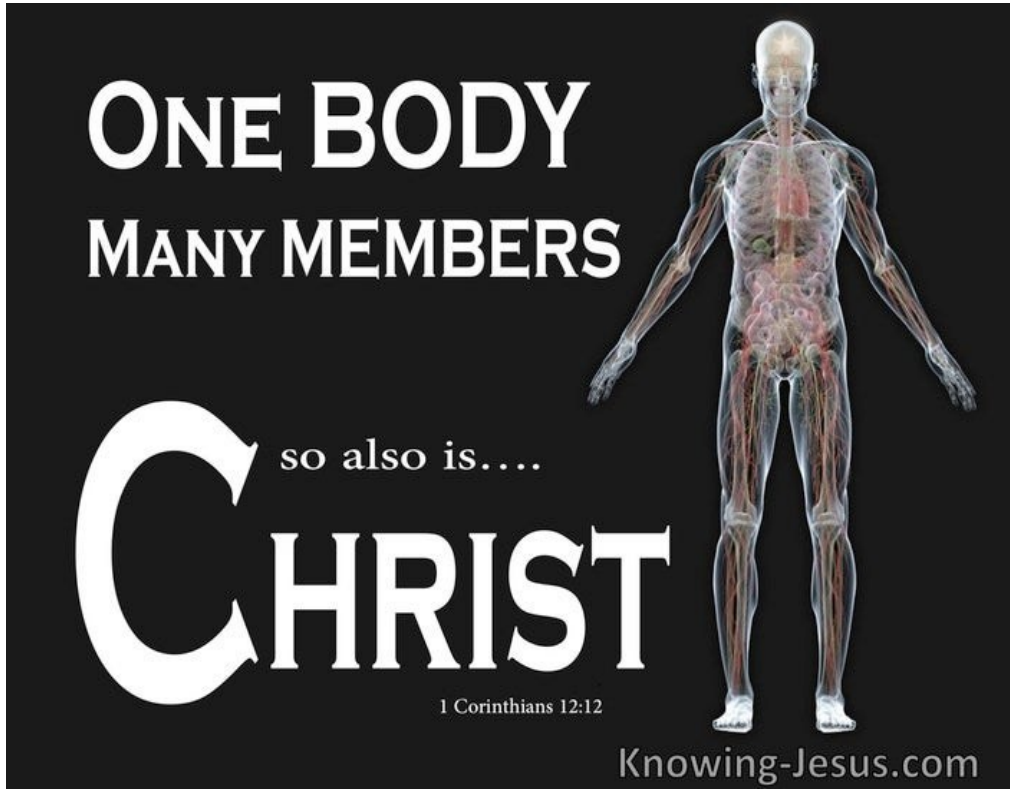


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Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius Sound: Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius Candie Vaitkevicius	Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse Sound: Ushers: Linda Stenhouse	
Elder of the Month for January Linda Stenhouse, 864-967-7218 (Home) 864-979-2863 (Cell)		
SESSION MEMBERS		
<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Bill Marshall (NS) Bill Marshall (PA) Barb Daugherty	Linda Stenhouse Jerry Kross Jackie Koch	Barb Daugherty Bill Marshall (NS) Ronnie Storch



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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday after 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 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" arr. Smith

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

People: your steadfast love finds us.

Leader: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

People: your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

Leader: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

People: your steadfast presence gives us hope.

Leader: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

People: you hear our cries and answer our prayers. Thanks be to God!

*OPENING HYMN #343 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (vs. 1,2,4)

"The Servant Song"

Brother, sister, let me serve you

Let me be as Christ to you

Pray that I may have the grace

To let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on a journey

We're together on this road

We are here to help each other

Walk the mile and bear the load

I will weep when you are weeping

When you laugh, I'll laugh with you

I will share your joy and sorrow

Till we've seen this journey through

Will you let me be your servant?

Let me be as Christ to you

Pray that I may have the grace

To let you be my servant too.

100th Anniversary Meeting: The committee will meet on Wed., Jan. 26th, at 10 a.m. at the Church. All are welcome.

LEGACY PROJECT: For the next several months, Session will be discussing two questions concerning our congregation during each of our monthly meetings. We welcome any input from the congregation. This month, we will consider:

- How in our life together do we make time for people to experience God in ways that empower them?
- How do we challenge and support people to move out of their comfort zones to serve God?

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 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.**

our presbytery, the surrounding communities, and across our denomination. She is married to Ben and they have three children: Sara, Emily, and Henry.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Ronnie Storch, Alice Grooms

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Gary Klein (01/19), Paula Ely (01/29), Jerry Kross (01/29)

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 Papua 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@firstpressimpsonville.com) about any pastoral concerns.

VIDEO RECORDINGS: Video recordings of services that have been previously recorded are available on the Church's website: www.firstpressimpsonville.com. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

PULPIT SUPPLY: Jan. 30: Lindsay Small
Feb. 06: Lindsay Small—Communion
Feb. 13: Mary Ann Welch
Feb. 20: Jim Caprell—Scout Sunday

SESSION MEETING: The Session of FPC will meet tomorrow, Jan. 24th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Church.

CARDS: Join us for card playing on Wed., Jan. 26th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Creator God, with each breath of life you breathe, you give gifts to your creation, calling us to use your gifts to build up your kingdom on earth. We confess that sometimes we do not see your gifts for the treasures they are. We either take credit for them ourselves, or we dismiss them as not important. We privilege some gifts over others, forgetting that you care about tiny things as much as big things. And when we are called upon to use our gifts for your glory, so often we find ourselves distracted by our own desire and uncertain of your direction. Forgive us. Open our ears to hear you speaking, and our hearts to embrace your purpose. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is the giver of MANY gifts. God is the Creator of the ONE body. God is slow to anger and quick to forgive. God helps us to share and honor the gifts of all. God helps us to heal the wounds and reunite the body. We are forgiven, loved, and accepted.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE: "Hallelujah!"

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HYMN #435 "We Are All One in Mission"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

SERMON "One Body?"

Rev. Pressley Cox

***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 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" arr. Putnam

***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**

Litany of Ordination (see bulletin insert)

Presentation of Members of the Class of 2023
Constitutional Questions
Prayer of Ordination
Declaration and Welcome

***CLOSING HYMN #525 "Here I Am, Lord"**

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE: "Surely, It Is God"

*Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in Him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And He will be my Savior.*

POSTLUDE "Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above" Wesley

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 Joe & Candie Vaitkevicius. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS this week are provided by Roger Pryor & Darrell Johnson. 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 The Rev. Pressley Neal Cox. She is a graduate of Presbyterian College (BA in Religion/Christian Education), Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (Master of Arts in Religious Education) and Columbia Theological Seminary (Masters of Divinity). She brings over twenty years in ministry and has a strong sense of call to the ministry of Christian Education. Pressley will be supporting leaders, making connections, resourcing, and coaching among the congregations of 5