

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Sound:
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse

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Next Week

Liturgist: Jerry Kross
Sound:
Ushers: Jan Kross
Jerry Kross

Elder of the Month for February

Bill Marshall (NS), 864-967-9855 (H), 864-230-5268 (cell)

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2022

Linda Stenhouse
Jerry Kross
Jackie Koch

Class of 2023

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall (NS)
Ronnie Storch

2 Cents-A-Meal

Next Week!

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Celebrating 100 Years!

1922-2022

Sunday, January 30, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 30, 2022

4th 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 "Come, Thou Almighty King" arr. Smith

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist

Leader: From the very beginning, God calls us.

People: God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

Leader: We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

People: But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days.

Leader: Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

People: God is with us and sustains us.

***OPENING HYMN #368 "I've Got Peace Like a River"**

"There is a Name I Love to Hear"

*There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in mine ear,
The sweetest name on earth.*

**Chorus: Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!**

*It tells me of a Savior's love
Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood,
The sinner's perfect plea.*

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

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 flow-ers. **We need more volunteers for these duties since some of our congregation have not yet returned to active worship due to COVID.**

STEWARDSHIP 2022 Pledge Status: We have 12 pledges, totaling \$58,760 (up \$9,000 from 2021). Thank you to those who have responded to date, for those of you who still wish to pledge for 2022, please return your completed pledge card to Bill Marshall at your earliest convenience.

Pledge Category	2020	2021	2022
1-1,000	1	1	1
1,001 - 2,000	1	1	
2,001 - 3,000	5	6	2
3,001 - 4,000	1	1	1
4,001 - 5,000	1	1	2
5,001 - 6,000	1	1	1
6,001 - 7,000	1		2
7,001 - 8,000	1	1	
8,001 - 9,000			
9,001 - 10,000			
10,001+	1	1	3
Declared to Give but not Pledge	2	2	2
Total Pledges and Declared Givers	15	15	14
Total Pledge Amount	\$51,720	\$49,760	\$58,760
Approved Budget	\$112,097	\$100,097	\$108,381
Total Pledged Amount as a % of Budget	46%	50%	54%

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); Mac Parks (former member); 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@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: Feb. 06: Lindsay Small—Communion
Feb. 13: Mary Ann Welch
Feb. 20: Jim Caprell—Scout Sunday & Soup Lunch

AED TRAINING: Training on our new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) will be held after worship service on Sunday, Feb. 13th, from approximately 12:30 –2:00 p.m. A catered lunch will be provided prior to the training. Please sign up on the sheet on the back table if you will attend.

100th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE: The 100th Anniversary Team met Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022. The theme of the Anniversary is: "Remembering and Honoring the Past; Moving Forward in Unity and Grace." An eblast was sent on Jan. 27th with additional meeting highlights.

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Lord, you are the giver of life and the God of love. You made each person in your image, and you tell us in your word to love each other as you have loved us. Yet, as we think over this past week, we know we have failed to follow that command. Forgive us, Lord, when instead of loving all people we choose to love only those who are like us and are easy to love. Forgive us when we turn away from people who look different or think differently. We confess that we cannot love as you have commanded us to on our own. You tell us that love lays down its life for others, and you showed us that on the cross. But we are weak and selfish. We cannot even lay down our preferences and rights for others, let alone our lives. Teach us Lord. Though we are weak, you are strong. Fill us with your love and compassion for all people so we have eyes to see those around us in need of love. Give us hands and feet willing to reach out. Stir us to invite others to use their gifts for your glory. As you have loved us, help us to love others. In your name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Though we know only in part, we are fully known to God.

People: **By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love, and calls us to abide in faith, in hope, and in love.**

RESPONSE: "Hallelujah!"

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HYMN #269 "O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

SERMON

"Naming Names"

Rev. Lindsey Small

***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 "And Can It Be" arr. Whitworth

***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 #391 "Take My Life"**

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 "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Tune DARWALL

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 Roger Pryor and Darrell Johnson. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS this week are provided by Joe and Candie Vaitkevicius. 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. Lindsey Small. Rev. Small is an ordained minister and recent transplant to the Upstate from West Michigan. She has an M.Div. from North Park Seminary in Chicago and has served churches in Stockholm, Sweden; Chicago; Minneapolis, and most recently Holland, Michigan. Lindsey also served as a grant director and teaching assistant at Western Theological Seminary in Holland. She and her husband, Kyle, live in Greenville and have three children: Micah, Madeline, and Maggie.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Joe & Candie Vaitkevicius, Worship Team

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Warren Young (01/30), Linda Stenhouse (01/31), Ronnie Storch (02/03),