

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius  
Sound: Joe Vaitkevicius  
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius  
Candie Vaitkevicius  
Linda Stenhouse

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**Next Week**

Liturgist: Jerry Kross  
Sound:  
Ushers: Jerry Kross  
Jan Kross  
Gail West

**Elder of the Month for June:** Jerry Kross, 864-915-3560

**SESSION MEMBERS**

**Class of 2021**

Bill Marshall (NS)  
Bill Marshall (PA)  
Barb Daugherty

**Class of 2022**

Linda Stenhouse  
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**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

*First Presbyterian Church*

Simpsonville, SC

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



**PULPIT SUPPLY:**

June 20: Francis Womack  
June 27: Bill Lancaster  
July 04: Francis Womack

Jul. 11: Bill Lancaster  
Jul 18: Justin Cazel  
Jul. 25: Pressley Cox

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.

**CARDS:** Our twice monthly card games at the Church will be on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 11 a.m. The next date is Wed., June 23rd. Bring your own lunch.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will meet on Thursday, June 17th, at 11 a.m. here at the Church.

**LEGACY PROJECT MEETING:** The first meeting of the Legacy Project will be held on Thursday evening, June 17th, at 7 p.m. We will meet at the Church and via Zoom.

**each other, and feed us with your grace, that we may grow in faithfulness and work together in peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God is at work, nurturing our growth and showing us the ways that lead to life. God is at work, reconciling us to one another and teaching us the paths of love. God is at work, hearing our confessions, forgiving our sins, and blessing us in love.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Response: "Alleluia"**

*Alleuia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleuia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
I will Praise Him! I will Praise Him! I will Praise Him!  
I will Praise Him! I will Praise Him! I will Praise Him!  
I will Praise Him! I will Praise Him!*

**HYMN #293 "This is My Father's World"**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 12:20-36

SERMON "A Page Out of the Big Book" Rev. Nancy Blakely

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From The Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)  
**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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 "He Hideth My Soul" Arr. Manuel

**\*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 #285 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

\*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE:

*Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you  
Share His love by sharing of your faith  
And show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you  
Every moment, every day!*

**"PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL DISMISSED BY THE USHERS.**

POSTLUDE "Have Faith in God" B. B. McKinney

**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. Nancy Blakely. Nancy is an honorably retired minister of Foothills Presbytery, being ordained in 1978. She has served in various positions as pastor, campus minister, interim pastor, minister of education, co-pastor with her husband Charlie, and Hospice chaplain. Their daughter Caroline is an ordained PC(USA) minister, serving as chaplain at Central State Psychiatric Hospital in Louisville, KY. She and her husband Gabe have an adorable 3 year old son, Jacob.

**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, Hector & Susan Medina; Charlene Harrison; Robbie Herd; Ronnie Storch, Lila Childs (friend of Bill & Sue Marshall); Sue Marshall's mother; Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papau New Guinea); Ivy Bertuzzi; Kyle Simonds (grandson of a friend of Jackie Koch); 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:** Chip, Teresa, Lydia, & Michael Shelf; Lisa Shelf

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** None

**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 June are cookies, snack cakes, and snack crackers. As always, we are grateful for all donations.