

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Sound: Roger Daugherty
Ushers: Ronnie Storch
Linda Stenhouse

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Next Week

Liturgist: Jerry Kross
Sound:
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius
Candie Vaitkevicius

Elder of the Month for June: Jerry Kross, 864-915-3560
Elder of the Month for July: Linda Stenhouse, 864-979-2863

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2021

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

Class of 2022

Linda Stenhouse
Jerry Kross
Jackie Koch

2 Cents-A-Meal

Next Week!

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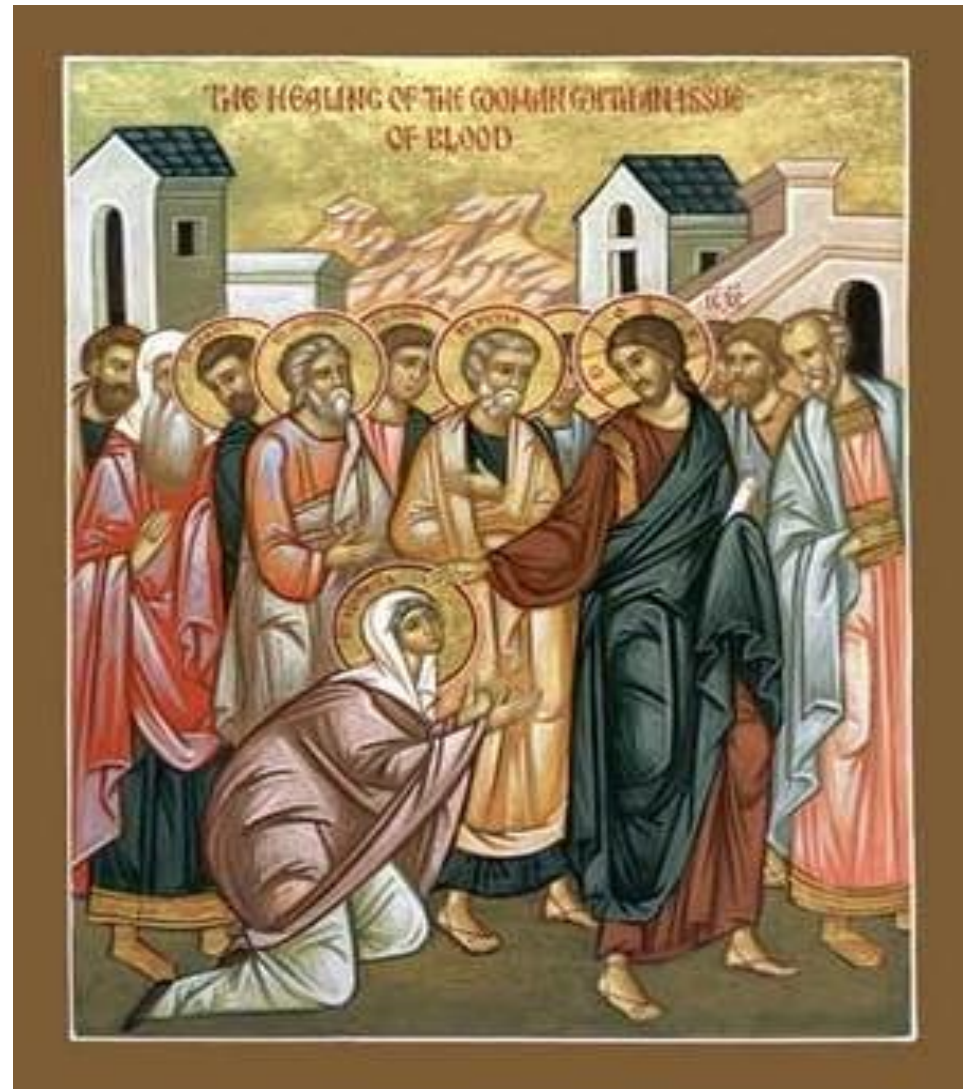
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Sunday, June 27, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 27, 2021

5th Sunday after Pentecost

* 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 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Arr. DeCou

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist

Leader: I wait for the Lord,

People: my soul waits, and in God's word I hope.

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

People: more than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: In faith, let us turn to our God, whose love is sure.

*OPENING HYMN #361 "How Firm a Foundation"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Trusting you does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fear. We are not convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us. Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you, for we would be disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If the Lord kept count of all our sins, who could stand? But with God there is forgiveness; Christ gives us peace.

People: Thanks be to God!

*90th Birthday
for
Jan Johnson*

*Drop-in 2:00 - 4:00
Sunday, July 25th*

*14 Jenkins Farm Way
Simpsonville*

228-7979 (daughter's home)

No gifts - Card and a hug!

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.

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., July 14th. Bring your own lunch.

LADIES' LUNCH: All women of the Church are invited to lunch at Sweet Katherine's in Fountain Inn on Thursday, July 8th at 11:30. Please let Gail West know if you will attend by Sunday, July 4th.

THE LEGACY PROJECT is a time of discernment for congregations to identify gifts of the congregation, reflect upon their impact to the community, and plan for the future. We currently have a team working on this with representatives from our church working with Foothills Presbytery and the Presbyterian Foundation. Please keep this group in prayer.

SAILBOAT CHURCH: The Legacy team invites all who are interested to read the book "Sailboat Church" along with us. A copy of the book is on the table in the back of the sanctuary along with a sign-up sheet. A free copy will be provided to anyone who signs up to read the book.

Response: "Alleluia"

*He's my Savior!, He's my Savior!, He's my Savior!
He's my Savior!, He's my Savior!, He's my Savior!
He's my Savior!, He's my Savior!
He is Worthy!, He is Worthy!, He is Worthy!
He is Worthy!, He is Worthy!, He is Worthy!
He is Worthy!, He is Worthy!*

HYMN #341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: II Sam. 6:1-15
New Testament: Mark 5:21-43

SERMON "A House of Death Becomes a House of Life" Rev. Bill Lancaster

***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 "Jesus Paid It All" 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 #411 "Arise, Your Light is Come!"

*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 "The God of Abraham Praise" Hebrew Melody

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.firstpressimpsonville.com, or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

We welcome to our pulpit today, Rev. Bill Lancaster. Bill is a retired minister living in Greenville. He served 18 years as associate pastor or pastor of four churches across South Carolina, and 18 years as Associate Executive of Foothills Presbytery. He and his wife, Marty, have a Golden Retriever, Caroline. In retirement, he enjoys woodworking, especially turning wooden bowls.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS this week are given by Roger Pryor and 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.

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Cassie, John Jackson; Jean Kirkland, Hector & Susan Medina; Robbie Herd; Ronnie Storch, Lila Childs (friend of Bill & Sue Marshall); Sue Marshall's mother; Etta Gallo (sister of Jo Klein); Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papua 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@firstpressimpsonville.com) about any pastoral concerns.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Barb & Roger Daugherty, Jim & Linda Stenhouse

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Natalie Gerner (06/27)

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.

PULPIT SUPPLY:

July 04: Francis Womack
July 11: Bill Lancaster

Jul 18: Justin Cazal
Jul. 25: Pressley Cox