

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

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

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**Next Week**

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

**Elder of the Month for July:** Linda Stenhouse, 864-967-7218 (H)  
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**SESSION MEMBERS**

**Class of 2021**

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

**Class of 2022**

Linda Stenhouse  
Jerry Kross  
Jackie Koch



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**Sunday, July 11, 2021**



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

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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 11, 2021

7th 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            "We Shall Walk Through the Valley"            Arr. Manuel

## \*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: Come, let us worship God with the passion and joy of King David and all the people who sang and danced before the ark of the covenant.

**People: Let us worship our Savior with the songs and praise of thanksgiving of the apostle Paul and all who are blessed with every spiritual blessing.**

Leader: God has blessed us in our Lord Jesus Christ, destined us to be children of God, and sealed us in the Holy Spirit.

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*OPENING HYMN #469            "Morning Has Broken"

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, you are the God of glory. We confess that we often forget that your holiness is dangerous. We take our impurities for granted, make excuses for the sins we commit, and expect you to overlook the harm we cause while still demanding justice from others. We do not deserve your mercy. Forgive us, and return us to a right relationship with you for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. You made us for the purpose of praising you; enliven us with the Holy Spirit so that we can fulfill our calling in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: According to the riches of his grace, which God has lavished upon us and sealed for us by the promised Holy Spirit, hear this good news:

**People: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE and CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Session is looking for two people from the congregation to volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee. This committee will recruit members to serve on the Session for the class of 2023. There will be a Congregational meeting next Sunday, July 18th, after worship to elect the nominating committee.



Please sign up on the sheet on the back table if you plan to attend Jan's party so Jan's daughter will know how many to expect. Thank you.

**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.

**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.

**LEGACY MEETING:** The Legacy Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 15th, here at the Church.

**CARDS:** Join us for cards on Wednesday, July 14th at 11 a.m. here at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

**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: "God is So Good"**

*God is so good; God is so good,  
God is so good, He's so good to me!  
He cares for me, He cares for me,  
He cares for me, He's so good to me!*

**HYMN #306**

**"Fairest Lord Jesus"**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Psalm 23  
New Testament: John 20:1-18

SERMON

"Resurrection"

Rev. Bill Lancaster

**\*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                    “Holy, Holy, Holy”                    Arr. Purifoy

**\*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 #118    “The Day of Resurrection”**

**\*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!*

POSTLUDE                    “Onward, Christian Soldiers”                    Tune St. Gertrude

**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. 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 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.

**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); Doris Phipps (sister of Linda Stenhouse); 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@firstpresssimpsonville.com](mailto:office@firstpresssimpsonville.com)) about any pastoral concerns.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK:** Ronnie Storch, Alice Grooms

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Westley Warren (07/12), Eddie Watson (07/15), Candie Vaitkevicius (07/17)

**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 July are personal items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc. As always, we are grateful for all donations.

**PULPIT SUPPLY:**

July 18: Justin Cazel	Aug. 08: Francis Womack
Jul. 25: Pressley Cox	Aug. 15: Justin Cazel
Aug. 01: Francis Womack	Aug. 22: Pressley Cox