

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

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

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**Next Week**

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

**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



**2 Cents-A-Meal**

Next Week!

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**Sunday, July 25, 2021**

*First Presbyterian Church*

Simpsonville, SC

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

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 25, 2021

9th 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 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" arr. Smith

\***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: Keep awake, for God comes to us when we least expect God.

**People: Listen for God's voice; God speaks and we hear God's teaching.**

Leader: Share God's teaching with one another; do not keep God's word a secret. Tell of God's wondrous deeds.

**People: We hope in God.**

**All: Let us worship the God of hope.**

\***OPENING HYMN #304** "Jesus Loves Me"

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

**CONFESSION OF OUR SIN** (unison prayer)

**O God, we rejoice in Your grace, given and received. We thank You that You claim us and are working in our lives to strengthen, encourage, and guide us. We praise You for the opportunities to serve in Your Kingdom, and for Your Spirit, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We come this morning realizing that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We ask this morning for Your forgiveness of our shortcomings. Be near us now as we silently confess to You our sins.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Jesus died and rose again for you. In humble penitence, accept his pardon, receive his peace.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**LADIES' OUT TO LUNCH:** The ladies of the church will gather for their monthly "lunch out" at Shortfield's Restaurant in Simpsonville on Thursday, August 5th at 12:30 p.m. Please let Candie know if you'd like to attend by Sunday, August 1st.

**CARD PLAYING:** Join us for a game of cards on Wednesday, July 28th, at 11 a.m. here at the church. Bring your own lunch.

**JAN JOHNSON'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** is today.

**ALICE BRIM'S 90th BIRTHDAY** is August 4th. Kitty Daniels would like to shower her with cards, and asks members of the congregation to please send her a card. The address is: 56 Eaglecrest Court, Simpsonville, SC 29681. Thank you in advance.

## PULPIT SUPPLY:

Aug. 01: Francis Womack

Aug. 08: Francis Womack

Aug. 15: Justin Cazel

Aug. 22: Pressley Cox

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Due to not having a quorum last Sunday, July 18th, the Congregational Meeting to elect members of the Nominating Committee will be held on Sunday, August 15th after worship.

**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 PROJECT MEETING:** Members of the Legacy Committee and those in the congregation who signed up to read "Sailboat Church" will gather to discuss the first six chapters on Tuesday, July 27th at 7 p.m. here at the Church.

Response: "God is So Good"

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

**HYMN #379**

**"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

"Get Out of the Boat???"

Pastor James Foote

**\*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            “Nothing But the Blood/O the Blood of Jesus/  
                                 “Are You Washed in the Blood?”        arr. Callaway

**\*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 #467        “How Great Thou Art”

\*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            “Glorious Is The Name”            Tune GLORIOUS NAME

**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](http://www.firstpressimpsonville.com), or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

We welcome to our pulpit today Rev. James Foote. Rev. Foote was commissioned as a Lay Preacher (Commissioned Ruling Elder) in Holston Presbytery on December 7, 1991. Over the past 30 years, Jim has been the pulpit supply for churches in Holston, Abington, Foothills, and Trinity Presbyteries.

Jim lives at the Presbyterian Community in Clinton, SC. His son Mark and his family live in Simpsonville. His other son, Tim, lives in Singapore with his wife.

Jim has authored five books: “How to Do Accounting I” and “How to Do Accounting II,” “My Life and Times,” “Uncle Jim’s Book of Stories”, and “Uncle Jim’s Collection of Readings”, currently available on Amazon.com. To develop his storytelling skills, he has taken classes at ETSU in storytelling and belongs to the National Storytelling Network and the International Biblical Storytellers. In retirement, Jim enjoys traveling, doing pulpit supply and storytelling concerts.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** this week are given by Darrell Johnson & Roger Pryor. 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; Lila Childs (friend of Bill & Sue Marshall); Sue Marshall’s mother; Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall’s brother); 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@firstpressimpsonville.com](mailto:office@firstpressimpsonville.com)) about any pastoral concerns.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK:** Gerner family, the Worship Team

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Jan Johnson (7/28)

**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.