

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Jerry Kross
Sound: Roger Daugherty
Ushers: Jerry Kross
Jan Kross
Linda Stenhouse

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Next Week

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

Elder of the Month for August: Bill Marshall (NS), 864-967-9855
(H), 864-230-5268 (cell)

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2021

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

Class of 2022

Linda Stenhouse
Jerry Kross
Jackie Koch

*"I myself will search for my sheep
and will seek them out"*

Ezekiel 34:11-16



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Sunday, August 8, 2021

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Simpsonville, SC

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

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 8, 2021

11th 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 God, Our Help in Ages Past" Arr. Smith

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Jerry Kross, Liturgist

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit our steadfast loving God reaches out to redeem us.

People: Thanks be to God!

***OPENING HYMN #387 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

God of peace, we have rejected your redemption and forged our own way. We hang between heaven and earth, caught up in our own folly. We have held fast to falsehood, deceiving others and ourselves. We have sinned against you and done violence to others. Bitterness and wrath, anger and wrangling, slander and malice consume us. Evil runs rampant in our hearts. If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you so that you may be revered. Our soul waits in hope for your word to redeem us so that we may begin anew, a new day with you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: People of God, hope in the Lord! God in Christ has forgiven you!

People: God has redeemed us from all our iniquities through Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us as living bread for the life of the world.

LEGACY TEAM MEETING: The Legacy Team will meet on Tuesday, August 10th at 7 p.m. at the Church. Those in the congregation who signed up to read "Sailboat Church" are invited to attend. We will be discussing Chapters 7-10.

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

PULPIT SUPPLY:

Aug. 15: Justin Cazel
Aug. 22: Pressley Cox
Aug. 29: Jim Caprell

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Due to not having a quorum on Sunday, July 18th, the Congregational Meeting to elect members of the Nominating Committee will be held next 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. The FPC Legacy Project team is working on this with representatives from Foothills Presbytery and the Presbyterian Foundation.

The team met Tuesday evening, July 27th, to discuss the first six chapters of "Sailboat Church." We would like to share some of the key points from each chapter with the Congregation. Each week, for the next ten weeks, the bulletin will highlight important messages from a chapter in the book. This week Chapter Two will be our focus. Please see the insert in the bulletin.

Response: "Thank You, Lord"

*Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul
Thank you, Lord, for making me whole
Thank you, Lord, for giving to me
Thy great salvation so rich and free*

HYMN #171

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (verses 1-4)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16

SERMON

"The Searching God"

Rev. Francis Womack

***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 “We Shall See the King Someday / On Jordan’s Stormy Banks / When We All Get to Heaven” 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 #423 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE: “The Lord Bless and Keep You”

*The Lord bless and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine on you
and be gracious, gracious.*

*The Lord bless and Keep you,
The Lord lift his countenance on you
and give peace, give you peace.
Amen, Amen*

POSTLUDE “Love Is the Theme” Fisher

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 Dr. Francis M. Womack, Jr. Rev. Womack graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary and McCormick Theological Seminary. He has served at many Presbyterian Churches in North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, and Florida.

He serves on a number of committees in both the Presbyteries and Synods, including COM in three Presbyteries.

Rev. Womack has four children, nine grandchildren and one great grandson. For the past 7-8 years he has been living in the Presbyterian Community Home in Clinton, and for the past five years he has served the Providence ARP Church. His past hobbies and interests include sailing, hiking, and caving. He spends his time now writing and publishing, HAM radio, computer science, RC airplanes, and does a little traveling.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS this week are given by Sharon Stone. 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, Lila Childs (friend of Bill & Sue Marshall); Sue Marshall’s mother; Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall’s brother); Colleen Rogers (friend of the Stenhouse family); 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) about any pastoral concerns.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Jeff VandeWeghe, Robbie Herd

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Marie Lansche (08/08)

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 August are hearty soups and stews. As always, we are grateful for all donations.