

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Bill Marshall (PA)
Sound:
Ushers: Jan Kross
Jerry Kross

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Next Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Sound:
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse
Gail West

Elder of the Month for August: Bill Marshall (NS), 864-967-9855 (H), 864-230-5268 (cell)
for September: Barb Daugherty, 864-234-0143

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Class of 2021

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

Class of 2022

Linda Stenhouse
Jerry Kross
Jackie Koch

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Next Week!

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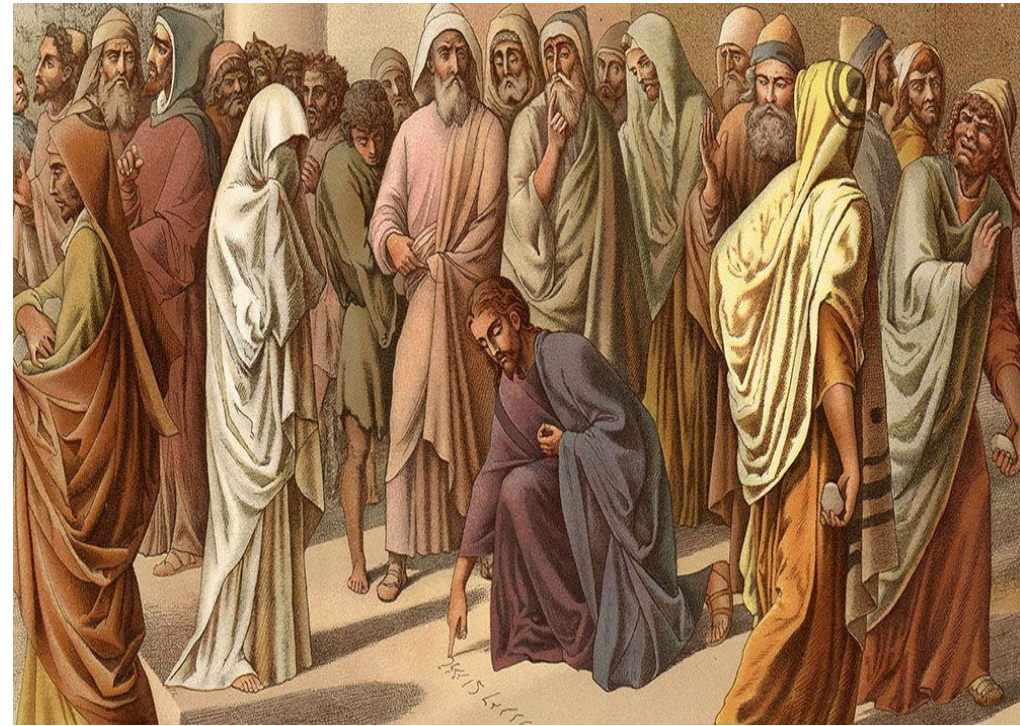
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Sunday, August 29, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 29, 2021

14th 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 "Who Is On the Lord's Side?" Arr. Smith

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Marshall (PA), Liturgist

Leader: The world is filled with the glory of God!

People: Flowers appear, birdsongs brighten the day; Love comes to us with joy!

Leader: Let the oil of gladness anoint your souls in worship.

People: We will arise and sing for joy and worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with all of our heart, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us O God. Forgive what we have been; help us amend who we are, and by your will direct what we yet will be, so that we may do your work and walk in your way to the honor and glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our generous God has given us the perfect gift of forgiveness.

People: Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has liberated us from dead tradition and made us new by the living Word, filling our hearts with God's love.

Chapter 5

"The Church's Mission"

Sailboat churches live to partner with the Holy Spirit in what God wants to do for the world. This is our mission. In doing so we follow Jesus, who lived to do the work of "the one who sent me" (John 4:34). Involvement in mission is also the way the church finds its continuing life and vitality. Every church, no matter how large or small, has a part to play in God's work for the sake of the world.

What is really important is that each congregation discerns how God wants to partner with it and then works with God to carry out that call.

Proclaim the Good News: Proclaiming God's saving love and power to the world is uniquely the mission of the church.

Demonstrate God's Reign: The presence of hospitality, forgiveness, kindness, generosity, joy, patience, love in the church should be evident to members and nonmembers alike. The fruit of the Spirit is produced only when the Spirit of Christ is active in the congregation and people are intentionally committed to growing in discipleship to Jesus.

Invite People into Relationship with God: We cannot save anyone or argue them into Christian faith. Instead, our mission is simply to invite others to "come and see what God has done!" As our lives and words give evidence about how God is transforming us, God will use our witness to draw others into new life.

Engage in Loving Service: The Spirit will bring people our way who need loving service. As this happens it is important to remember that the way in which we interact with these people is as important as what we do for them. It is challenging to listen deeply to people in need and engage in honest relationships that encourage accountability, dignity, and healing.

FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER: The next step in the Legacy Project is "Forty Days of Prayer." The congregation is urged to do these daily prayers with the team. Prayers begin today. You should have received the first three weeks of prayers in an Eblast or by mail. Printed copies are available in the Narthex. **We appreciate our congregation joining us in the Forty Days of Prayer. As you pray, if something comes to you, please share it with a member of Session.**

PULPIT SUPPLY:

Sep. 05: Beverly Kelly
Sep. 12: Pressley Cox
Sep. 19: Beverly Kelly

Sep. 26: Pressley Cox
Oct. 03: Beverly Kelly

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.

SAVE THE DATE: The Legacy Team is planning a luncheon after service on Sunday, Oct. 10th. Pressley Cox and Olanda Cox will be with us to discuss the Legacy Project/Sailboat Church.

VIDEO TRAINING: We are seeking volunteers to train to use our new video recording equipment. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the back table.

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.

Each week, through October 3rd, the bulletin will highlight important messages from a chapter in Sailboat Church. This week Chapter **five** will be our focus.

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 #345

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

SILENT PRAYER: A few moments of silent communication with God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 7

SERMON

Rev. Jim Caprell

***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 "Amazing Grace" Arr. Innes

***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 #386 "O for a World"

*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 "Praise the Lord, the King of Glory" Tune CHARLES

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS this week are given by Roger Pryor & 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.

We welcome to our pulpit today Rev. Jim Caprell. Jim is still at work as Chaplain to The Clinton Presbyterian Community in Clinton, SC. He serves on the Investment Committee for Foothills Presbytery and as Moderator of the Board of Trustees for the SC Inn in Montreat, NC. Married to Holly, they have two adult sons and daughters-in-law and one adorable grandson. And a dog.

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Cassie, John Jackson; Jean Kirkland, Lila Childs (friend of Bill & Sue Marshall); Ronnie Storch; Sue Marshall's mother; Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall's brother); Linda Marksberry (friend of Darrell & Roger); Cora Larsen (Linda Marshall's mother); Colleen Rogers (friend of the Stenhouse family); Doris Phipps (sister of Linda Stenhouse); Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papua New Guinea); Ivy Bertuzzi; 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: Tori Fowler, Jimmy Cheeks

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Joe Vaitkevicius (8/30), Allan Castleberry (9/4)

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.

VIDEO RECORDINGS: Video recordings of services that have been previously recorded are available on the Church's website: www.firstpressimpsonville.com. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."