

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

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

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Next Week

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

Elder of the Month for September: Barb Daugherty,
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Bill Marshall (NS)
Bill Marshall (PA)
Barb Daugherty

Class of 2022

Linda Stenhouse
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First Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 5, 2021

15th 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 Love Thee" arr. Manuel

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist
Leader: Our merciful God, maker of us all, pleads the cause of the poor and afflicted.

People: Open our hearts to demonstrate God's grace through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

***OPENING HYMN #482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

God of favor, we have not been true to you. You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have dishonored them. You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have favored the rich and despised the poor. We have dismissed the needy with empty words. Soften our hearts and make straight our ways. Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of our God triumphs over judgment through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ,

People: who has pleaded our cause, forgiven our sin, healed our sickness, and delivered us from evil.

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 six will be our focus (see bulletin insert).

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.**

PROCLAMATION OF OFFERING AND PRAYER (the offering plate is located on a back table in the sanctuary just inside the back double doors.)

OFFERTORY “His Eye is On the Sparrow” arr. Smith

***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: “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 “O Zion, Haste” Tune TIDINGS

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 Gail West. 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, The Reverend Beverly J. Kelly who is a native of Tryon, NC. She is a Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church, USA and before coming to the Upstate, served as the Director of Christian Education at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Midland, Michigan and pastor of First United Church of Christ in Bay City, Michigan. Thirteen years ago she and her husband, Burnett retired and moved to Sunset, SC. Shortly after moving, she began working to establish a monthly ecumenical worship service at the historic McKinney Chapel. Beverly has been a volunteer Chaplain at Hospice of the Upstate, served on the Board of Oconee County Habitat for Humanity, and served on the Thornwell Home for Children Board of Trustees. She has served as Interim Director of Christian Education at Pickens Presbyterian Church and is presently Parish Associate there. She and Burnett have four children and fourteen wonderful grandchildren.

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); Robert Pryor (Roger Pryor’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: Donnett Hanson, Roger Pryor

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Bill Marshall (NS) (09/06); Josie Shelton (09/06), Darrell Johnson (09/12)

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 September are 1 lb. bags of white rice and also green beans. As always, we are grateful for all donations.