

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

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Sound:  
Ushers: Bill Marshall (NS)  
Linda Marshall

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Sound:  
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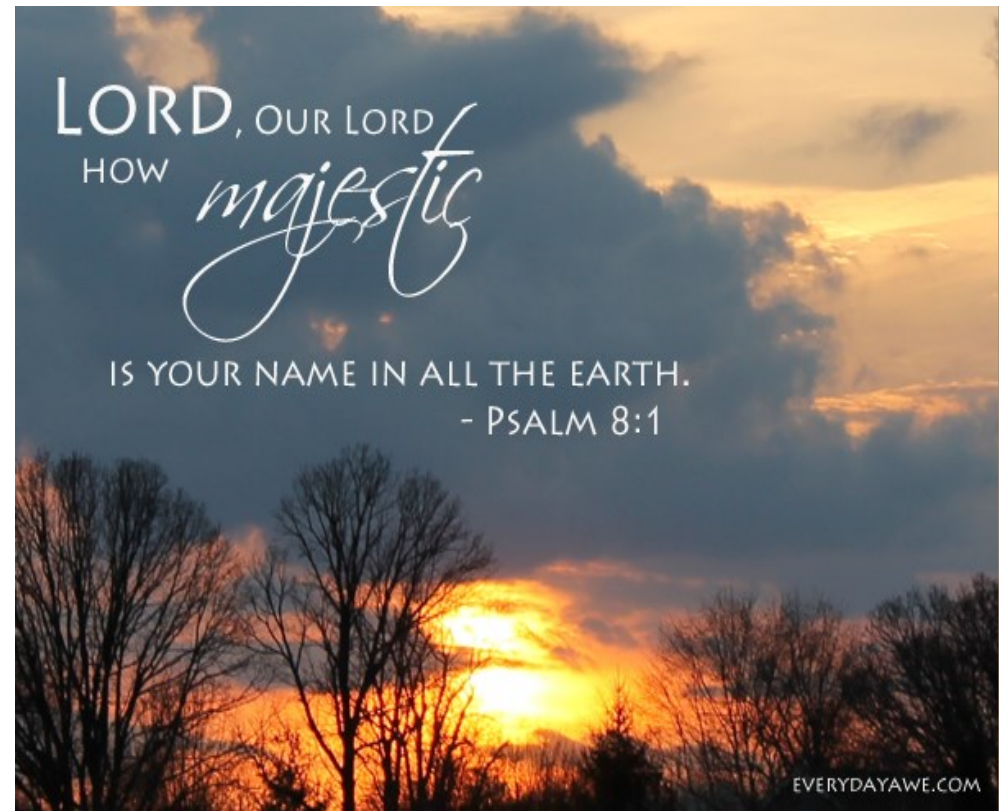
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**Sunday, October 3, 2021**

*First Presbyterian Church*

Simpsonville, SC

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

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 3, 2021      9th Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion

\* 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. Albrecht

\***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP**      Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist

Leader: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,

**People: but in the last days he has spoken to us through his Son Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Jesus is the reflection of God's glory, and he sustains all things in the world by his powerful Word. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should give his only Son to suffering for our salvation.

**People: Therefore we will proclaim God's name. In the midst of the congregation, we will praise God.**

\***OPENING HYMN #163**      "Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name"

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**You gave us commandments, God of love, because you know the hardness of our hearts. You have created us to live in community, and still we oppress others and separate ourselves from each other and from you. Jesus loved the children, but there are still children in the world who live in hunger or fear, rejected and unloved. Forgive us, and call us to faithfulness, that we might share what we have been given, and receive your kingdom with the wonder and gratitude of children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**WORSHIP TEAM MEETING:** There will be a worship team meeting tomorrow, Monday, at 2 p.m.

**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.

**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!!** 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.**

**LEGACY LUNCHEON:** The Legacy Team will host a luncheon after service next Sunday, Oct. 10th. Pressley Cox and Olanda Carr will be with us to discuss the Legacy Project/Sailboat Church. Everyone is invited. Lunch is courtesy of the Legacy Team.

This week the bulletin will highlight important messages from the final chapter, Chapter ten, in Sailboat Church. (See bulletin insert)

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK:** Deeper Life Bible Church, Lamb of God Christian Fellowship

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Lydia Shelf (10/6)

### 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 Good (friend of Jackie Koch); Sean & Donna (friends of Linda Stenhouse's daughter); 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@firstpresssimpsonville.com](mailto:office@firstpresssimpsonville.com)) about any pastoral concerns.

### 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 cereal, canned fruit, and canned proteins such as tuna, chicken, spam, etc. . 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.firstpresssimpsonville.com](http://www.firstpresssimpsonville.com). Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

#### **PULPIT SUPPLY:**

Oct. 10: Pressley Cox & Olanda Carr  
Oct. 17: Nancy Blakely  
Oct. 24: Francis Womack  
Oct. 31: Francis Womack

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Jesus said, Let the children come to me, do not stop them;

**People: for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.**

Leader: Seeing our repentant hearts, Jesus will embrace us in grace and comfort us with mercy.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. We are children of God! Live in peace!**

**Response: "Rain Down"**

*Rain down; Rain down;  
Rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down; Rain down;  
Rain down your love, God of life.*

**HYMN #260**

**"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 8 and Job 1:1, 2:1-10

SERMON

"Does God Care?"

Rev. Beverly Kelly

**\*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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Whitworth

**\*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**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the LORD!**

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

**Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:**

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

THE SHARING OF THE MEAL: The communion meal is pre-packaged. Upon receiving it from the servers, open and eat the wafer but hold the juice to drink together. The wafer is not gluten free.

**\*CLOSING HYMN #509 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE: "Lord, Make Us More Holy"**

*Lord, make us more holy, Lord, make us more holy,  
Lord, make us more holy, Until we meet again.  
Holy, holy, holy, Until we meet again.*

POSTLUDE "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Tune ARISE

**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.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** this week are given by Linda Stenhouse. 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 14 wonderful grandchildren.