

<b>SERVING THE CHURCH</b> <b>This Week</b>	<b>SERVING THE CHURCH</b> <b>Next Week</b>
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**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Simpsonville, SC**

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

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 24, 2021

22nd 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 Have Decided to Follow Jesus" arr. Pethel

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

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times,

**People: God's praise will continually be in my mouth.**

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

**People: let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

**People: let us exalt God's name together!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #155** "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**Merciful God, we have not been humble. We have discouraged others from seeking you. We have not sought your wisdom. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to boast only of you. Help us to celebrate when others seek after you. Give us the light of your wisdom and ways, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: People of God, beloved of the Lord, the one who created you and maintains your every breath calls you to receive mercy and be forgiven. Go in peace, in the firm assurance of pardon, so that today and every day your path may be strong and free, in the name of the holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**FALL CLEAN-UP:** Bill Marshall (PA) is compiling a list of projects for our fall clean-up. There is no "group work day" designated; pick a project and do it at your convenience. If you have any suggestions for projects, please let Bill know. A sign-up sheet will be forthcoming.

**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 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.**

## 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. 31: Francis Womack  
Nov. 07: James Foote  
Nov. 14: Nancy Blakely  
Nov. 21: Jim Foote  
Nov. 28: Beverly Kelly

**BIBLE STUDY:** Bible study, "Grateful: The Transformative Practice of Giving Thanks" began this morning at 9:15 a.m. It will run through Nov. 28th.

**CARDS:** Join us for card playing on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Please bring your own lunch.

**LEGACY MEETING:** There will be a Legacy meeting on Wednesday evening, Oct. 27th at 7 p.m. at the Church. The congregation is invited and encouraged to attend. We will be discussing how God is guiding our Church into the future and ways we can serve Him and the congregation. All thoughts and ideas are welcome. Transportation to and from the meeting can be provided. Please sign up on the sheet on the back table if you would like to attend.

**100TH ANNIVERSARY:** Next year is a very special year for our Church, the 100th Anniversary! We are looking for people to help plan special activities, events, and to work on gathering information for a Centennial Celebration booklet. Please let a Session member know if you would like to help.

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 #333 "Seek Ye First"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 14:15-22

SERMON

"I Cannot Come"

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 "Near to the Heart of God" arr. Mier

**\*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 #332 "Live Into Hope"

\*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 "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" Tune WONDROUS STORY

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

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** this week are given by Jan & Jerry Kross. 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 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.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK:** Administrative Team, Presbyterian Church USA

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Betty Bell (10/24)

**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); 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.