

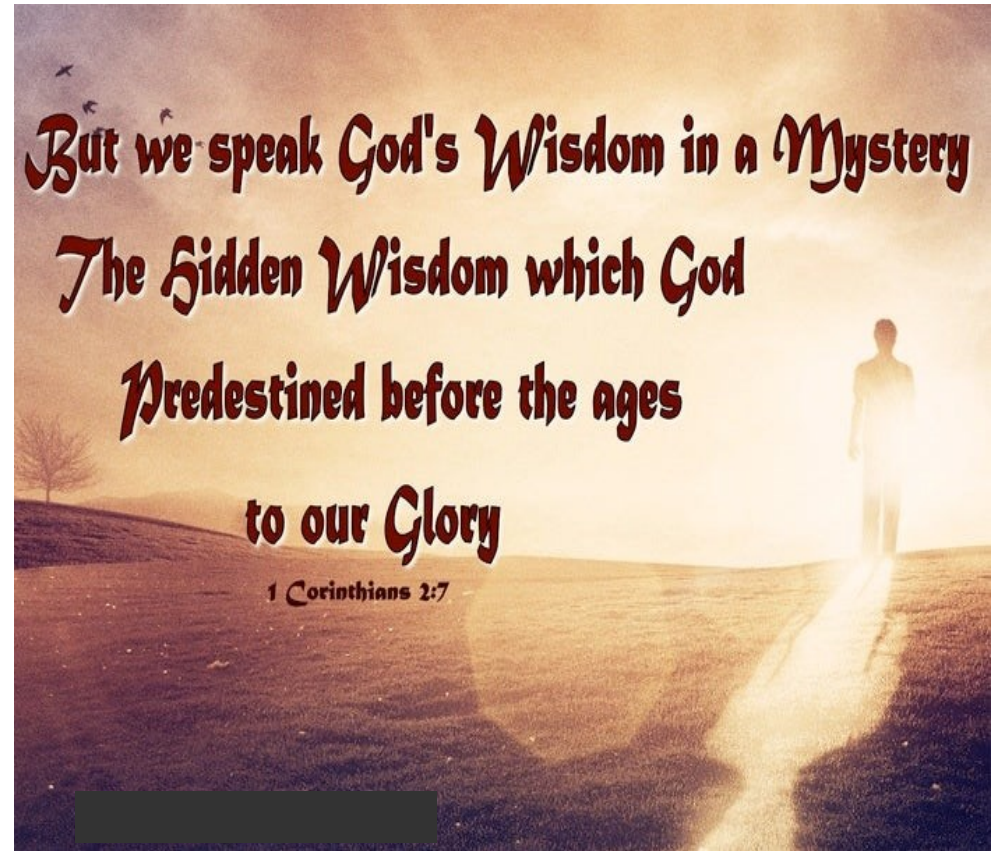
SERVING THE CHURCH This Week	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week
Liturgist: Jerry Kross Sound: Ushers: Jan Kross Jerry Kross	Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius Sound: Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius Candie Vaitkevicius
Elder of the Month for October: Jackie Koch, 443-985-6646 For November: Bill Marshall (PA), 864-228-6990 (H), 864-346-0746 (cell)	
SESSION MEMBERS	
<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Bill Marshall (NS)	Linda Stenhouse
Bill Marshall (PA)	Jerry Kross
Barb Daugherty	Jackie Koch

2 Cents-A-Meal
Next Week!

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Sunday, October 31, 2021

First Presbyterian Church
Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 31, 2021

23rd 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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Larson

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP Jerry Kross, Liturgist

Leader: Happy are they whose way is blameless,

People: who follow the teaching of the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN #263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (vs. 1 & 4)
"O How He Loves You and Me"

1ST VERSE

*Oh, how He loves you and me
Oh, How He loves you and Me
He gave his life
What more could He give
Oh, How He loves you
Oh, How He loves me
Oh, How He loves you and me.*

2ND VERSE

*Jesus to Calvary did go
His love for sinners to show.
What He did there
brought hope from despair.
Oh, How He loves you
Oh, How He loves me
Oh, How He loves you and me.*

Repeat after 2nd Verse:

*Oh, How He loves you
Oh, How He loves me
Oh, How He loves you and me.*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Holy God, giver of all good things, we have failed to live in thanksgiving for Earth, for our families, for neighbors, and for strangers, for the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the soil that grows our food. Forgive us for sins against you, your creation, and our neighbors, through disobedience to your will in word and deed. Teach us to love the way of blamelessness and to be happy in your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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 October are cans or jars of spaghetti sauce, boxed stuffing mix, canned yams, canned turkey gravy. 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. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

PULPIT SUPPLY:

Nov. 07: James Foote

Nov. 14: Nancy Blakely

Nov. 21: Jim Foote

Nov. 28: Beverly Kelly

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.

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.

WORSHIP TEAM MEETING: The Worship Team will meet tomorrow, Monday, at 2 p.m. at the Church.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 14th, following worship. The budget for 2022 will be presented. It is possible that there may also be a vote on the nomination of a new elder for the class of 2023.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: For the sake of Jesus Christ who died and rose for us, God forgives you all your sin.

People: Through the power of the Holy Trinity alive in our midst, God's mercy turns you toward what is good and just so that you may love God and love your neighbor. Amen.

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 #325

"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 2; 6-12

SERMON

"I Love a Mystery"

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 "O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" arr. Dengler

***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 #391 "Take My Life"

*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 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Showalter

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, or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS this week are given by Darrell Johnson & Roger Pryor. 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: Buildings & Grounds Team, the Hotsinpiller family

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Michael Shelf (10/31)

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) about any pastoral concerns.