

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

Liturgist: Bill Marshall (PA)  
Sound:  
Ushers: Bill Marshall (NS)  
Linda Marshall

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**Next Week**

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse  
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**Elder of the Month**

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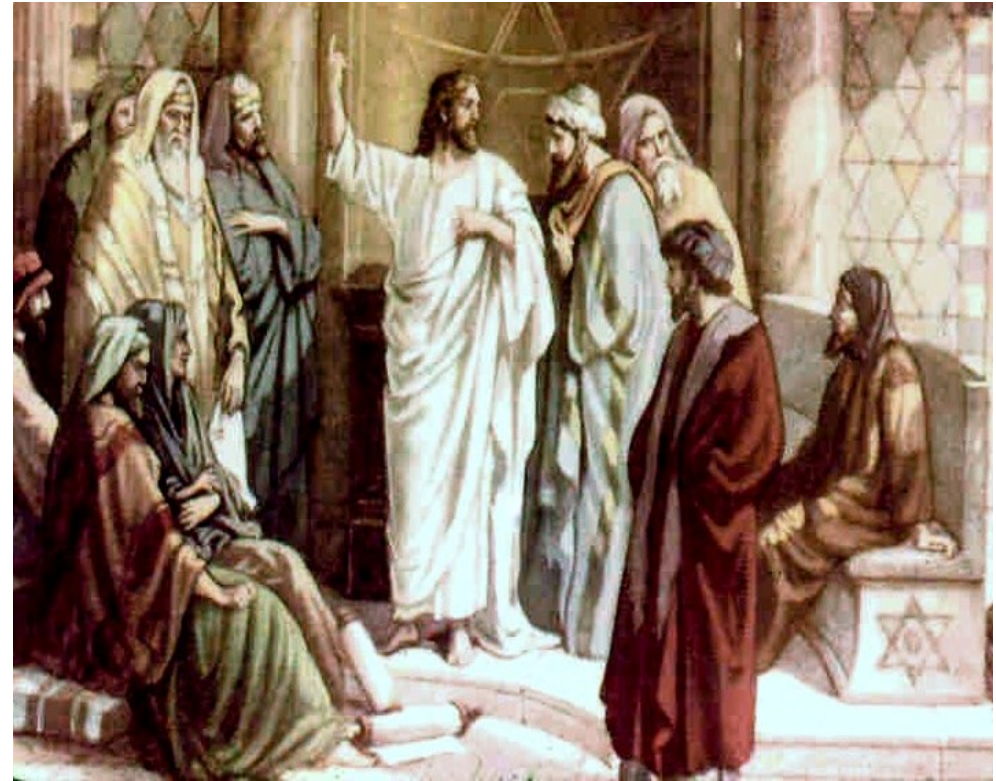
**SESSION MEMBERS**

**Class of 2021**

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

**Class of 2022**

Linda Stenhouse  
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**Sunday, November 14, 2021**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**Simpsonville, SC**

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

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 14, 2021

25th 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 "The Solid Rock" arr. Innes

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Bill Marshall (PA), Liturgist  
Leader: God who comes to us in Word and Spirit, calls us to a table set for all who hunger.

**People: We hunger for grace and forgiveness; we hunger for justice and peace.**

Leader: God knows and meets our deepest hungers with bread which always satisfies.

**People: Thanks be to God who blesses and feeds all human yearnings, and who does this through our feeble, simple human hands.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Here in This Place" (bulletin insert)

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. How often we do not do what we intended! What we say is not how we act. We hear your word preached and we give our assent, but faith is found wanting when it comes time to obey. We are confronted by conflict; decisions are called for. Our desires are at odds with what you command, and we default on our promise to you. O Christ, have mercy upon us and awaken our hearts to sincere repentance. Enable us to will and to work for your good pleasure, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity, hears your plea. In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving, in the mercy of Almighty God, you are forgiven! For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who died

## "SANTA'S SENIOR HELPERS"

The Christmas Holidays are fast approaching, but time doesn't stand still as the COVID virus continues to affect our lives on a daily basis. Once again this year, the Presbyterian Women have decided to collect items for the residents of The Clinton Presbyterian Community in Clinton SC. Our former Pastor, Jim Caprell, who is the Chaplain at The Clinton Presbyterian Home, has reached out to us once again to help them by collecting items that the residents are in need of or would greatly appreciate. These gifts are NOT to be wrapped, as the "Elves" at the Home can make individual selections specifically for each resident. Following is a list of suggestions that Jim has found the residents would appreciate as gifts: **Postage stamps, Post-it-Notes, large print word search puzzles, large print paperback books, 2022 calendars, pens, small umbrellas, flashlights with batteries, Kleenex, mouthwash, toothbrush, toothpaste, shower caps, shaving cream, soap, lotion, deodorant, nail clippers and files, hair brushes, combs, socks, hose (ankle length or knee high or thigh high), note cards, and all occasion greeting cards, but especially birthday cards.** (Please note: the medium size bottles of liquid items are preferred over larger bottles for ease of handling by the residents). The Holiday's can be a hard time for family and friends and with the virus still affecting our lives, the people separated from family can be a lonely time for them as well. Please open your hearts and yes, your wallets to purchase a few of the listed items. We will be collecting these items throughout November (until the 29th of November) in the decorated box positioned in the Narthex.

**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 and liturgists, 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 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](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:**

Nov. 21: Jim Foote

Nov. 28 thru Dec. 24: 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.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** In keeping with our tradition, beautiful poinsettias will adorn our Sanctuary during the Advent season. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please fill out an order form (forms on back table). You may drop the form in the collection plate. All orders must be received by November 21st.

**SESSION MEETING:** The Session of FPC will meet tomorrow evening, Nov. 15th at 7 p.m. at the Church.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will meet on Thursday, Nov. 18th at 11 a.m. at the Church.

**THANKSGIVING DECORATING:** The Worship Team will meet on Friday at 1 p.m. to decorate for Thanksgiving.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A Congregational Meeting will be held today 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.

and rose from the dead to destroy the shroud of despair, rejoice!

**People: We will rejoice. Thanks be to God!**

**Response: "Thank You, Lord"**

*Thank You, Lord;*

*Thank You, Lord;*

*Thank You, Lord;*

*I just want to thank You, Lord.*

**Hymn #510 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:223-32

SERMON

"Vineyard Invitation"

Rev. Nancy Blakely

**\*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 "My Song Will Wake the Dawn" arr. Englert

**\*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, peel and eat the wafer, but hold the juice to drink together. The wafer is not gluten free.

**\*CLOSING HYMN #422 "God Whose giving Knows No Ending"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

***Lord, make us more loving, Lord, make us more loving,  
Lord, make us more loving, Until we meet again.  
Loving, loving, loving, Until we meet again.***

POSTLUDE

"Blessed Be the Name"

Tune BLESSED NAME

Please remain seated for the Congregational Meeting.

**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 Ronnie Storch

**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. Nancy Blakely. Nancy is an honorably retired minister of Foothills Presbytery, being ordained in 1978. She has served in various positions as pastor, campus minister, interim pastor, minister of education, co-pastor with her husband Charlie, and Hospice chaplain. Their daughter Caroline is an ordained PC(USA) minister, serving as chaplain at Central State Psychiatric Hospital in Louisville, KY. She and her husband Gabe have an adorable 4 year old son, Jacob.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK:** Darrell Johnson, Donna Aycock

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Joseph Hotsinpiller (11/15)

**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); Susan Medina; 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@firstpressimpsonville.com](mailto:office@firstpressimpsonville.com)) about any pastoral concerns.