

<b>SERVING THE CHURCH This Week</b>	<b>SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week</b>
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**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**Simpsonville, SC**

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

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 28, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent

\* 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 "Savior of the Nations, Come" arr. Jarell

\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

**People: Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.**

\*OPENING HYMN #9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

JOURNEY TO THE MANGER: Luke 1:28-33

Alice Grooms

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Reading: Kitty Shealy & Gail West

**PRAYER (ALL): Lord of all that is seen and unseen, we set our hope of you, our living God, who comes to save, not to condemn the world. Even on days we feel battered and weary, we are ready for your in-breaking presence. Help us to set our hope on you and live as people of hope who point to your light and enact your love in a world too often awash in hopelessness. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SING:** Do you have a favorite Christmas Carol? If so, please write it on the inserted slip and place it in the Church on the "Feed the Need" table. We will use some of the carols for the Christmas Carol Sing on January 2nd. Last day to submit carols is today.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** Join us as we finish putting the Christmas decorations up in the Church. We will meet on Thursday, Dec. 2nd at 10 a.m.

**PRAY GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING:** The Pray Ground team will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 30th at 11:30 a.m. here at the Church.

**THORNWELL OFFERING:** Envelopes are inserted into today's bulletin. All contributions will go to the Thornwell Home for Children. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

**NEW SEATING ARRANGEMENT:** Please note that the seating has been changed. Those who wish to Social Distance will sit on the right side (window side) of the Sanctuary; those who don't wish to Social Distance may sit on the left (wall side). Further changes will be forthcoming as we incorporate the Pray Ground into the Sanctuary.

**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 December are baking supplies such as flour, sugar, etc. and packaged cookies. 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.firstpressimpsonville.com](http://www.firstpressimpsonville.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. 28 thru Dec. 24: Beverly Kelly

Dec. 26: No in-house service (link will be provided for Foothills Presbytery service.)

**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.

**THANK OFFERING:** Since 1888, Presbyterian women have given back to people in their communities and around the world through the Thank Offering. The Thank Offering helps fund programs that provide education, relief from disasters, safe housing, even cooking instruction and so much more. Any contribution you are able to make to help this worthwhile Organization will be greatly appreciated. We will be collecting donations through today. Checks or cash are greatly appreciated. Envelopes are on the back table. Thank you for your generosity.

**FELLOWSHIP STATION:** The Fellowship Station (drinks, cookies, etc.) resumes today. If you would like to contribute refreshments one Sunday, please sign up on the sheet on the back table.

**CARDS:** Join us for cards on Wed. Dec. 1st at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Response: "While We Are Waiting, Come"**

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.*

*Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

**Hymn #3 "Comfort, Comfort You My People"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Malachi 3:1

Luke 21:25-36

SERMON

"The In Between Time"

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 “Prepare the Royal Highway” 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 #12 “People, Look East”

\*BENEDICTION

**RESPONSE: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

***Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.***

POSTLUDE “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist Cry” Monk

**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 Roger Pryor and Darrell Johnson. Thank you.

**FRESHMENTS** this week are provided by the Session.

**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.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK:** Nan Boyd, Hector & Susan Medina

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Greg Shelton (11/30), Barb Daugherty (12/03)

**LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Pastor Cassie, John Jackson; Jean Kirkland, Sue Marshall’s mother; Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall’s brother); Jo Klein; Susan Medina; Linda Good (friend of Jackie Koch); Chuck (Candie Vaitkeicius’ brother); 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 & Jen Gibson (relatives 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.