

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Sound:
Ushers: Ronnie Storch
Linda Marshall

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Next Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius
Sound:
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius
Candie Vaitkevicius

Elder of the Month

For March: Barb Daugherty, 864-234-0143

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2022

Linda Stenhouse
Jerry Kross
Jackie Koch

Class of 2023

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall (NS)
Ronnie Storch



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March 20, 2022



Remembering and honoring the past; Moving forward in unity and grace.

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 20, 2022

3rd Sunday in Lent

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 "Man of Sorrows" arr. Page

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

Leader: Everyone who thirsts:

People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Leader: All who are hungry for righteousness:

People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Leader: **All who need the help of God:**

People: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

***OPENING HYMN #260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please sign up to volunteer as Liturgist, Ushers, or to bring refreshments and/or pulpit flowers. Sign-up sheets are on the back table.

SESSION MEETING: The Session of SPC will meet on Monday, March 21st, at 1:30 p.m. at the Church.

CARDS: Join us for card playing on Wednesday, March 23rd, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to be available to work with children when the need arises. Our new Safe Place Policy requires that all volunteers with children have a background check and training on child abuse, free of charge. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary. For more details, see Barb Daugherty, Linda Marshall, or Linda Stenhouse.

SAVE THE DATE: GAP CREEK SINGERS CONCERT: Darrell's group, The Gap Creek Singers, will perform a Spring Concert on Friday evening, May 20th, at 7:00 p.m. at Victor Baptist Church. The Church is located at 121 New Woodruff Rd. (Highway 101), Greer, SC 29651. No tickets are required. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Cassie, John Jackson; Jean Kirkland, Sue Marshall's mother, Barbara; Linda Marksberry (friend of Darrell & Roger); Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall's brother); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father; Bobby & Martha Gault family (friends of Linda Marshall); Richie & Barbara Deroches (friends of Linda & Bill Marshall); Mac Parks (former member); Hector & Susan Medina; Joe Vaitkevicius; Rev. Small's daughter Madeline; Gail West (for the loss of her brother-in-law); Chuck (Candie Vaitkevicius' brother); Cora Larsen (Linda Marshall's mother); the Shelf family (for the loss of Teresa's brother); 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@firstpressimpsonville.com) about any pastoral concerns.

VIDEO RECORDINGS: Video recordings of services that have been previously recorded are available on the Church's website: 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: Mar. 27: Nancy Blakely
Apr. 03: Francis Womack
Apr. 10: Mary Anne Welch
Apr. 17: Mary Anne Welch

LEGACY PROJECT: Following are the two questions concerning our congregation that Session will be discussing in March:

- What is the passion level of our Worship? Does our worship encourage people to offer themselves to God every week? Does our worship provide opportunities for people to experience what is being preached and taught?
- Is testimony from members of the congregation a regular part of our worship?

We welcome any input from the congregation.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God.

People: Through the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised with him. With gratitude, in faith, we will walk the way of Christ.

RESPONSE: "Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me"

*Oh, I Know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.
O, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

HYMN #81 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

"Magic Numbers"

Pastor Justin Cazel

***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 "Lenten Meditation" arr. Loree

***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 #447** "Lead On, O King Eternal"

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE: "Share His Love"

Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you.
Share His love by sharing of your faith
And show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you
Every moment, every day!

POSTLUDE "My Song Forever Shall Record" Bortniansky

WELCOME TO SIMPSONVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH! 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 Simpsonville 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 today are given by Linda Stenhouse. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Ronnie Storch. Thank you.

We welcome to our pulpit today Rev. Justin Cazel. Rev. Cazel is a member of Foothills Presbytery, being ordained in 2014. He served First Presbyterian in Greer as an Associate Pastor and as the Campus Chaplain for Ukirk at Furman. His "real job" is as a banker for South State Bank. Justin has been married to Bitsy for 29 years. They have two great kids. Abby is an attorney, serving as a Public Defender in Bethel, AK. Will is a grad student at Western Colorado State University. Justin enjoys hiking, running, biking, reading, and anything outdoors. Justin and Bitsy have lived in Greenville since 1996, and hope they never have to leave!

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.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Donnett Hanson, Roger Pryor

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None