

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

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

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Next Week

Liturgist: Jerry Kross
Sound:
Ushers: Jan Kross
Jerry Kross

Elder of the Month

For March: Barb Daugherty, 864-234-0143
For April: Jackie Koch: 443-985-6646

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2022

Linda Stenhouse
Jerry Kross
Jackie Koch

Class of 2023

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall (NS)
Ronnie Storch

2 Cents-A-Meal

Next Week!

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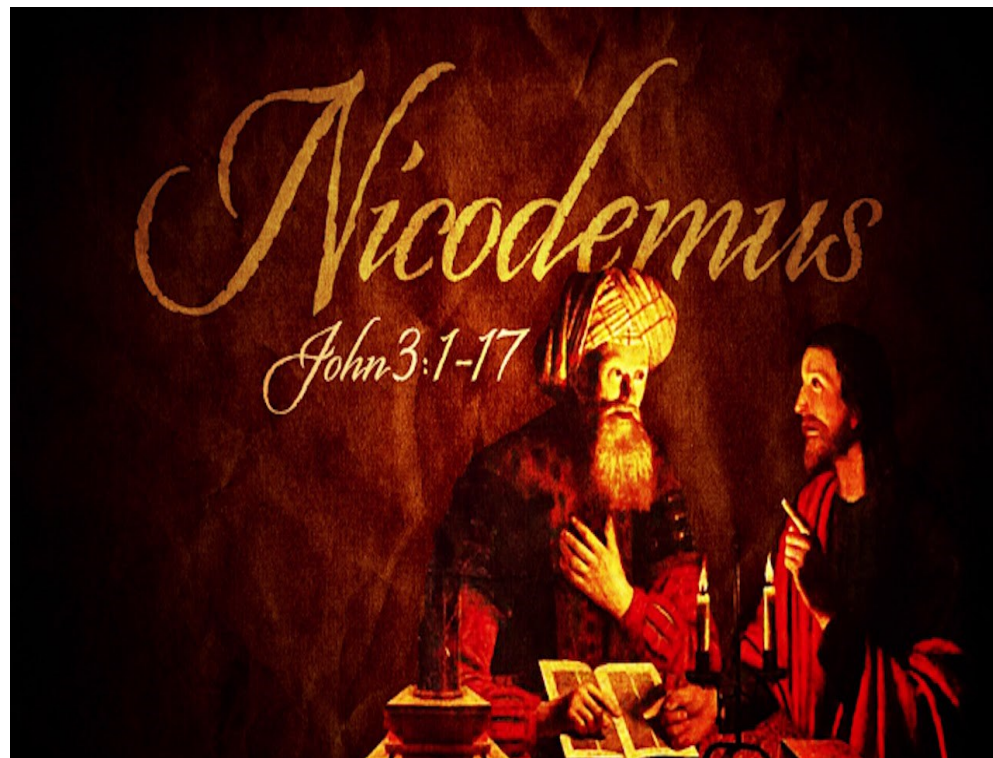
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March 27, 2022

Celebrating 100 Years!
1922-2022

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 27, 2022

4th 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 "Down at the Cross" arr. Loree

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey, God calls us to follow in trust.

People: God is able to make us more than we have been and blesses us on the way.

Leader: As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again, Christ invites us to become a new creation.

People: Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light, and we are saved through Him.

***OPENING HYMN #476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"**
"Since Jesus Came Into my Heart"

*What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
Since Jesus came into my heart;
I have light in my soul for which long I have sought,
Since Jesus came into my heart.*

Refrain:

*Since Jesus came into my heart,
Since Jesus came into my heart;
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart*

*I shall go there to dwell in that City I know,
Since Jesus came into my heart;
And I'm happy, so happy as onward I go,
Since Jesus came into my heart.*

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.

EASTER FLOWERS: Easter lilies will decorate our Sanctuary for the Easter season. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the order form inserted in the bulletin. The cost is \$10 per lily. Deadline to order is April 10th. You may place your order form in the collection plate or give it to Jackie.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bill Marshall (NS) and Ronnie Storch are the Session members on the Nominating Committee. They will be asking for two volunteers from the congregation to work with them on the Nominating Committee. This committee will be seeking Session members for the Class of 2024.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need more volunteers to be available to work with children when the need arises. Some parents may not be comfortable with the noise level of having their children in the playground. Also, we hope to reach out to the community with programs to reach families.

With our new Safe Place policy, we need to do background checks and training for all volunteers. Everyone who works with children needs to learn about the risks of child abuse in order to recognize it, prevent it, and respond to it in a proactive way.

Carrie Nettles, the chaplain at the Julie Valentine Center will come to our church and do the training. It will last about an hour and a half including time for questions. The date has not yet been set but will be in May or June. We will try to find a date that works for all.

Please sign up on the back table if you are able to volunteer to help with children. If you have any questions, please speak with Barb Daugherty, Linda Marshall or Linda Stenhouse.

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

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: Apr. 03: Francis Womack
Apr. 10: Mary Anne Welch - Palm Sunday
Apr. 17: Mary Anne Welch—Easter (communion)

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

- Where in our congregation do people get beyond surface relationships to share their struggles and know one another deeply?
- What signs do we see of maturing fruit of the Spirit of our people? Where do we need more?

We welcome any input from the congregation.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the

world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God.

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 #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-17

SERMON

"As the Wind Blows"

Rev. Nancy Blakely

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967)

The life, death, resurrection, and coming again of Jesus Christ set the pattern for our mission. His life as a human being involves us in the common life of all. His service to others commits us to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering make us sensitive to all human anguish. His crucifixion discloses God's judgment on our inhumanity and His resurrection provides the hope of God's promised renewal of human life and God's ultimate victory over all wrong. Thanks be to God!

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 "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed/At Calvary" arr. Poole

***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 #356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

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

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Conkey

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 AND REFRESHMENTS today are given by Roger Pryor and Darrell Johnson Thank you.

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.

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: Jo & Gary Klein, Jan & Jerry Kross

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Cassie Wolf (03/29), Ashlee Hotsinpiller (03/30)