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Elder of the Month For April: Jackie Koch: 443-985-6646	
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<u>Class of 2022</u> Linda Stenhouse Jerry Kross Jackie Koch	<u>Class of 2023</u> Barb Daugherty Bill Marshall (NS) Ronnie Storch

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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

April 3, 2022

5th 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 "At the Cross" arr. Waller

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Jerry Kross, Liturgist

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

People: We were like those who dream.

Leader: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

People: We rejoiced: "The Lord has done great things for us."

Leader: May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

People: come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.

***OPENING HYMN #361 "How Firm a Foundation"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away — and a new life has begun.

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 pray-ground. 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.

NEW E-MAIL AND WEBSITE are up and running: website: www.simpsonvillepres.com; email: office@simpsonvillepres.com. The old website and email addresses are linked to the new ones, so either will work.

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: 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.

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

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 located on the back table. 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.

People: Forgetting what lies behind, and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 #357 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 21:5-19

SERMON "Falling Temples" 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 #379 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”**

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 “Kind Maker of the World” Fleurs de noels

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS AND REFRESHMENTS today are given by Jan & Jerry Kross Thank you.

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.

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: Elizabeth Cooper, Meals on Wheels volunteers.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jackie Koch (04/05), Jim Stenhouse (04/08)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Cassie, John Jackson; Jo Klein and the Klein family; 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 Papau 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@simpsonvillepres.com) about any pastoral concerns.