

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

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

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**Next Week**

Liturgist:  
Sound:  
Ushers: Linda Marshall

**Elder of the Month**

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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**April 24, 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

April 24, 2022

2nd Sunday of Easter

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

"Near the Cross"

Arr. Howlett

## \*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

Jerry Kross, Liturgist

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: Celebrate God in this sacred space! Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

**People: Give praise for God's mighty deeds! Give praise for God's resurrecting power!**

Leader: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

**People: Praise God with the harp and the cello!**

Leader: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

**People: Praise God with flutes and guitars!**

Leader: Praise God with cymbals and drums!

**People: Let everything with life and breath praise God.**

## \*OPENING HYMN #121 "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

*Shine, Jesus, shine*

*Fill this land with the Father's glory*

*Blaze, Spirit, blaze*

*Set our hearts on fire*

*Flow, river, flow*

*Flood the nations with grace and mercy*

*Send forth your word*

*Lord, and let there be light (Repeat)*

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

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

- How do we as a congregation practice genuine hospitality to strangers and "the least of these"?
- How do we confront behaviors that are hurtful to the body of Christ? How do we help people change these behaviors?

We welcome any input from the congregation.

**CHURCH BROCHURE:** We have a new brochure to promote our Church through the Simpsonville Chamber of Commerce. If you would like copies to pass out to potential new members, please see Jackie.

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.

**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."

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A congregational meeting will be held today after worship service to elect members of the nominating committee and to review the 2021 Annual Report.

**PHOTOS:** We would like to ask that anyone who has historical photos of activities, events, or milestones in the Church's past, to please bring them in so we can use them as part of the 100th Anniversary celebration.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

- May 11th: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Welcome Reception for Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch—10 a.m.
- May 15th: Presbyterian Women's Salad Lunch—after worship service.
- July 8th: Ice Cream Social—7 p.m.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** will meet this Thursday, April 28th at 11 a.m. at the Church.

**RIBBON CUTTING PREPARATION:** A list of jobs to prepare the Church for the ribbon cutting ceremony is located in the Narthex. Please help us make our Church and grounds beautiful for this occasion.

**CARDS:** Join us for card playing on Wednesday, April 27th, at 11 a.m. Bring your own lunch.

**CELEBRATION:** Nazareth Presbyterian Church will be celebrating their 250th anniversary in May. For more information visit their website: [www.nazarethpresbyterian.org](http://www.nazarethpresbyterian.org). There is also a flyer on the bulletin board.

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**O God, your love is boundless, and your grace exceeds our imaginations. You keep finding ways to be among us, even when the doors of our hearts are locked. Graciously, you seek us out. We cannot hide, but we can confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways and corrupted our best intentions, tempting us to believe that you don't notice, that you aren't even present. Correct our vision. Cleanse our hearts. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the power of sin has been defeated.

**People: God's love is stronger still.**

Leader: This is good news!

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**RESPONSE: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to His name.*

**HYMN #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 5:27-32/John 20:19-31

SERMON

"Your Brother, Thomas"

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch

**\*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 "Jesus Paid It All" Arr. Howlett

**\*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 #123 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**

**BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE: "He Lives"**

*He lies, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!*

POSTLUDE "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" Fillmore

**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](http://www.simpsonvillepres.com), or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** today are given by Darrell Johnson & Roger Pryor. Thank you.

**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:** Scout Troop 700, SPC Finance Team

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** None

**LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Pastor Cassie, John Jackson; Jo Klein and the Klein family; Jean Kirkland, Sue Marshall's mother, Jan Kross, 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-