

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Sound:
Ushers: Linda Marshall
Linda Stenhouse

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Next Week

Liturgist:
Sound:
Ushers: Kitty Shealy
Gail West

Elder of the Month

For May: [Ronnie Storch, 864-627-8583 \(H\); 864-254-8861 \(cell\)](#)

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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May 1, 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

May 1, 2022

3rd 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 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" Arr. Smith

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to our God forever and ever.

People: Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN #371

"Lift High the Cross"

***1 Christ beside me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
King of my heart;
Christ within me,
Christ below me,
Christ above me
never to part.***

***2 Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me
shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising
light of my life.***

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

SAVE THE DATES:

- May 15th: Presbyterian Women's Salad Lunch—after worship service.
- July 8th: Ice Cream Social—7 p.m.

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.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY: Please join us for the ribbon cutting ceremony in honor of our 100th Anniversary and in returning to the Church's original name. The event is hosted by the Simpsonville Chamber of Commerce and will be attended by Simpsonville dignitaries and other invited guests. A reception to welcome Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch will follow. We encourage all who are able to attend and show support for our Church!

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

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.

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: Foothills Presbytery Staff, Presbyterian Women

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Teresa Shelf (05/03), Lauren Young (05/03)

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 Vaitkeicius' 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@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. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love, love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others. Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The resurrection of Jesus shows us the grace of God is stronger than death and the love of God has no boundary.

All: This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

RESPONSE:

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

*I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me*

HYMN #339

"Be Thou My Vision"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 5:11-14/Acts 9:1-19

SERMON

"How Full is Your Pitcher?"

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me / Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
Arr. Whitworth

***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**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the LORD!
Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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THE SHARING OF THE MEAL: The communication meal is pre-packaged. Upon receiving it from the servers, open and eat the wafer, but hold the juice to drink together. The wafer is not gluten free.

***CLOSING HYMN #525 "Here I Am, Lord"**

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE: "He Lives"

He lives, 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 "Serve the Lord with Gladness" B. B. McKinney

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 Ronnie Storch. Thank you.