

SERVING THE CHURCH This Week	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week
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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

May 8, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

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 "Singing I Go" arr. Sewell

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist

Leader: Lift your hearts, raise your voices, and join the heavenly host who forever sing:

People: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #151 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

#155 "Rejoice, the Lord is King" vs. 1 & 3

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Eternal God, in the presence of our enemies, we divide and demonize. When you face our enemies, you choose neither contempt nor punishment, but set a table and make provision for us all. Our ways are not your ways, O Creator, and they are an affront to the work of your hands. Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us. Send our risen Lord among us again to repair relationships and restore humanity. Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus just as he does at his table. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the sound of your Shepherd's voice: Jesus says, "I give you eternal life."

All: "You will never perish. No one can snatch you out of my hand."

Leader: Believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, nurtured, and safe.



SALAD LUNCH: Presbyterian Women will host their annual Salad Lunch next Sunday, May 15th, after worship service. There will be great food and a wonderful time of fellowship. Please plan to attend and support this fundraising event.

SAVE THE DATE: July 8th: Ice Cream Social—7 p.m.

RIBBON CUTTING PREPARATION: A huge “THANK YOU” to everyone who helped with the tasks for preparation for the ribbon cutting. Everything has been accomplished and the Church and grounds look great! The second work day scheduled for this Saturday is cancelled.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY: Please join us on Wednesday, May 11th, at 10 a.m. 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 and Lawrence Welch will follow. We encourage all who are able to attend and show support for our Church!

MOTHER’S DAY OFFERING: Envelopes for the annual Mother’s Day offering are included in today’s bulletin. Supporting Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina, this offering helps residents who have outlived their savings through no fault of their own continue to receive care. Please give to this worthy cause if you’re able. Thank you.

GAP STREET SINGERS CONCERT: Come out and support Darrell and his group on Friday, May 20th at 7 p.m.! Concert will be held at Victor Baptist Church, 121 New Woodruff Rd., Greer. An updated flyer with additional information is 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?

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 #387 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 23/Acts 9:36-42

SERMON “He Showed Her to be Alive” 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 “Worthy, You Are Worthy/Holy, Holy, Holy” Arr. Callaway

***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 #172** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

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 “Take the Name of Jesus With You” Doane

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 today are given by Kitty Shealy. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Gail West. 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: the Hotsinpillar family, Darrell Johnson

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; 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); 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.

SCHEDULES AND EVENTS

FOOD PANTRY: Your continued prayers and giving hearts allow us to keep this mission to our neighbors going. Suggestions for the month of May are canned proteins such as tuna, chicken, beef stew, etc. and other canned goods such as vegetables and soups. As always, we are grateful for all donations.

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.”

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.