

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

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

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Next Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Sound:
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse

Elder of the Month

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

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Class of 2022

Linda Stenhouse
Jerry Kross
Jackie Koch

Class of 2023

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall (NS)
Ronnie Storch

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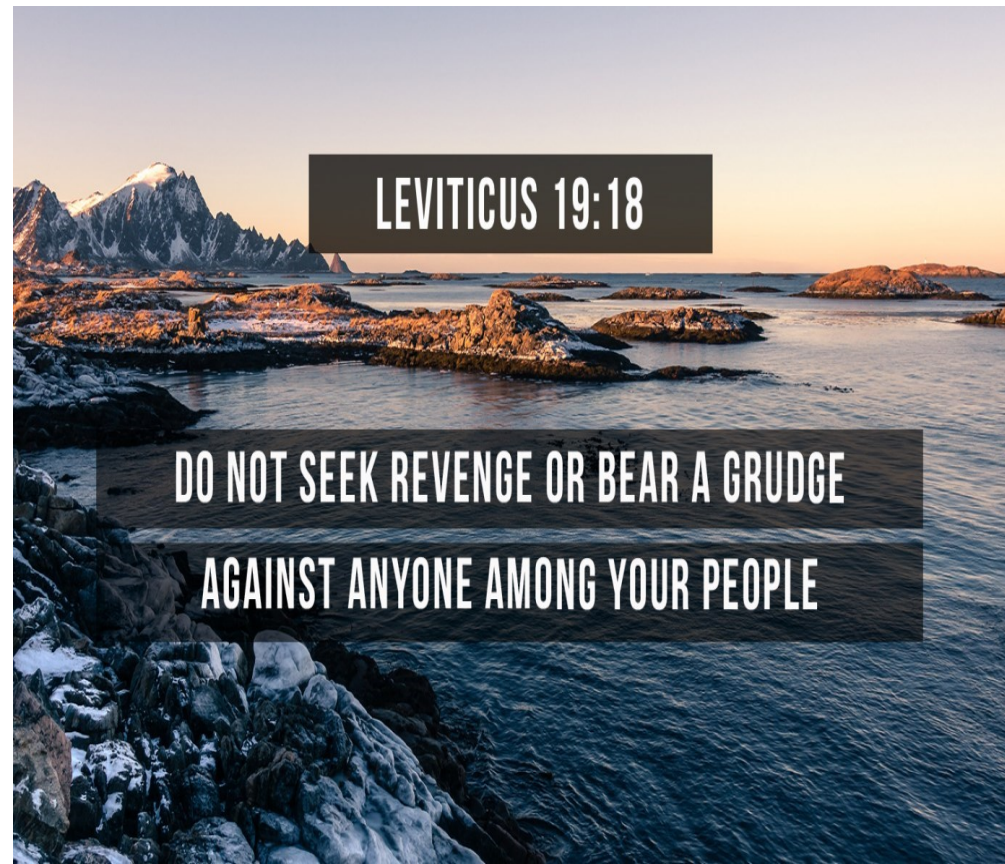
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May 15, 2022



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 15, 2022

5th 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 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" arr. Smith

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

Jerry Kross, Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth!

People: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights.

Leader: Praise the name of the Lord, and the Lord's glory shall be praised,

People: for people near and people far,

Leader: for people present and people to come,

People: for the young and for those wise with age.

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord;

People: come, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth"
"Bind Us Together"

Chorus: Bind us together Lord

Bind us together

With cords that cannot be broken

Bind us together Lord

Bind us together Lord

Bind us together with love

There is only one God

There is only one King

There is only one body

This is why we sing (Repeat Chorus)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

WELCOME ALL BIBLE STUDY: Join us for a 4 week Bible study on Sunday mornings June 5 – 26, beginning at 9:15 am. The study, titled "Welcome All", is centered around the practice of Christian hospitality through stories from both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. We hope many people will attend as we prepare for our 100th anniversary and welcoming all into our church. When we are intentional about welcoming all, we are affirming the worth of all of God's people. The hope of this practice is for each person to look at their own idea of welcoming all and ask themselves if a friend or stranger would experience the welcoming spirit of Christ in them. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

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?

We welcome any input from the congregation.

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.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.

SALAD LUNCH: Presbyterian Women will host their annual Salad Lunch today 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet on Thursday, May 19th at 11 a.m. at the Church.

SESSION MEETING: The Session of SPC will meet tomorrow, May 16th at 1:30 p.m. at the Church.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY: Thank you to all who attended our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, May 11th. The weather was perfect for the ceremony and we had a lovely reception afterwards to officially welcome Rev. Dr. Mary Anne and Lawrence Welch into our Church family. A big THANK YOU to Ronnie Storch for coordinating the refreshments and to all who came to help set up.

100th ANNIVERSARY MEETING: The 100th Anniversary Team will meet on Tuesday, May 17th at 10 a.m. at the Church.

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to care for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness. You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way. Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth. Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community, as we share your love with your people everywhere. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Believe the good news:

All: Jesus loves us and forgives us and sets us free.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Alleluia. Amen.

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 #446 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leviticus 19:9-18/John 13:31-35

SERMON

"The Forgiven Community"

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 "Is Your All On the Altar?" Arr. Renfrow

***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 #485 "To God Be the Glory"**

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 "I Am Thine, O Lord" 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 and REFRESHMENTS today are given by Jan & Jerry Kross. 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: Donna Aycock, Marie Lansche

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Teresa Castleberry (05/17), Linda Marshall (05/20), Greg Shelton (05/20), Tim Gerner (05/20)

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 Vaitkeicius' 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.