

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius  
Sound:  
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius  
Candie Vaitkevicius

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**Next Week**

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse  
Sound:  
Ushers: Gail West  
Kitty Shealy

**Elder of the Month**

For July: Linda Stenhouse, 864-967-7218 (H);  
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**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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**July 3, 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

July 3, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

***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 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" arr. Smith

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: When we were low,

**People: God raised us up.**

Leader: When we were weak,

**People: God made us strong.**

Leader: When we were weeping,

**All: God brought us joy.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #483** "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Relentlessly God seeks us out.

**All: With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out.**

Leader: This is good news!

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

Coming next Sunday, July 10:

Scripture: Amos 7:7-17/Luke 10:25-37

Sermon: "View from the Ditch"

NOTE: The Church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.



## 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 July are personal items such as body wash, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, etc. 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](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."

**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.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND CORN HOLE COMPETITION:** Join us this Friday, July 8th, at 7 p.m. for the second of our special 100th Anniversary celebration events! Family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please bring lawn chairs if you have them. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for those who know they will attend. It is not mandatory to sign up ahead of time, but it will give the 100th Anniversary committee an idea of how many of our congregation plan to attend. We're looking forward to this evening of fun and fellowship and, of course, delicious ice cream!

**SUPPER CLUB:** Interested in additional fellowship opportunities? We are considering forming a "Supper Club" beginning in September and Jerry Kross has offered to host the first one. More information will be provided as we get closer to September. Please share your thoughts and interest in participating in this group with a session member

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

- How could our board, working with the minister, become a more effective spiritual leadership team?
- How do we hold our leaders accountable and support them in their spiritual growth?

We welcome any input from the congregation.

**RESPONSE: "My Prayer"**

*Help me live the way I should,  
Guid-ed daily by your Word,  
Make my whole life a Christ controlled life,  
This is my prayer today.*

**HYMN #514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"**

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

2 Kings 5:1-14/Luke 10:1-11

**SERMON**

"I Cannot Imagine"

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.**

**PASTOR'S PRAYER AND 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 "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Greer

#### \*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 communion 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 #564 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

#### BENEDICTION

RESPONSE: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

*God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE "God, Bless Your Church with Strength" b arr. Bach

**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 Kitty Shealy. Thank you.

**REFRESHMENTS** today are provided by Ronnie Storch. 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:** Jean Kirkland, the Young family

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Tori Fowler (07/04)

#### LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Pastor Cassie, Jean Kirkland, Sue Marshall's mother, Holly Caprell, Barbara; Linda Marksberry (friend of Darrell & Roger); Elaine Wiegert and family; Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall's brother); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father; 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 Papua New Guinea); Ivy Bertuzzi; Pat Clark's family; 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](mailto:office@simpsonvillepres.com)) about any pastoral concerns.