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<u>Class of 2022</u> Linda Stenhouse Jerry Kross Jackie Koch	<u>Class of 2023</u> Barb Daugherty Bill Marshall (NS) Ronnie Storch



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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

August 7, 2022

Ninth 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 God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Smith

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Jerry Kross, Liturgist

Leader: The Mighty One speaks and calls out to the earth.

**People: Our God is coming!**

Leader: The Righteous One gathers the faithful from east and west.

**People: We welcome with thanksgiving as our sacrifice. We come to worship God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"  
"In the Bulb There is a Flower"**

1. In the bulb there is a flower,  
in the seed, an apple tree,  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**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.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

- Hot Dog Roast and Movie Night, Friday, September 23rd, 7 p.m.
- Congregational Meeting, Sunday, September 25th, after worship.
- 100th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service, Sunday, October 23, 2022.

**LEGACY TEAM MEETING:** The Legacy Team will meet on Monday, August 8th, at 1:30 p.m. here at the church. All are invited to attend.

**CARDS:** Join us for card playing Wednesday, August 10th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

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

- Where in our congregation do we practice Jesus' command to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12)?
- How do we encourage people to share with people outside the congregation how God has made a difference in their lives?

We welcome any input from the congregation.

Coming next Sunday, August 14th:

Scripture: Isaiah 5:1-7/Luke 12:49-56

Sermon: "A Strange Sort of Peace"

**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:** Greg & Josie Shelton, Barb & Roger Daugherty

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Marie Lansche (08/08)

### LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jean Kirkland, Sue Marshall's mother, Holly Caprell, Barbara; Marti (friend of Darrell & Roger); 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; Tina Vaitkevicius; Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papau New Guinea); Ivy Bertuzzi; 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.

### 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 August are canned meats such as tuna, Vienna sausage, spam; and peanut butter. 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](http://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.

**FACEBOOK:** Please "like" us on facebook and go to our page frequently. Visiting the Church's page gives the Church more exposure. Thank you.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**God of ages, God of the old, old story, we hear of our ancestors and are astounded by their faith. They trusted you, but we waiver. They believed your promise, but we cling to our own ideas. Forgive us and free us from our fear, that we may follow with joy wherever you may lead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is merciful and kind;

**All: though our sins are like scarlet, they become like snow.**

Leader: Be at peace,

**All: for our sins are washed clean by the goodness of God.**

### RESPONSE: "Rain Down"

*Rain down; rain down;*

*Rain down your love on your people.*

*Rain down; rain down;*

*Rain down your love, God of life.*

### HYMN #507 "I Come with Joy"

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20/Hebrews 11:1-3

SERMON

"Faith Is ..."

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 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" arr. Atwood

#### \*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 #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

#### BENEDICTION

**RESPONSE: "Lord, Make Us More Holy"**

*Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy,  
until we meet again:  
Holy, holy, holy,  
until we meet again.*

#### POSTLUDE

"He is Able to Deliver Thee"

Ogden

**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 Sharon Stone. Thank you.

**REFRESHMENTS** today are provided by Jackie Koch.