

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius
Sound:
Ushers: Candie Vaitkevicius
Jan Kross

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Next Week

Liturgist:
Sound:
Ushers:

Elder of the Month

For August: Bill Marshall (NS), 864-967-9855 (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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August 21, 2022



Remembering and honoring the past; Moving forward in unity and grace.

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 21, 2022

11th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch has office hours on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. — Noon. Call the Church office to make an appointment.

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 "I Am Resolved" arr. Livingston, Jr.

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

Leader: You are a consuming fire, O God!

People: You are our rock and our fortress.

Leader: You are our hope, the one we have trusted since childhood.

People: Our praise is always about you and you alone.

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

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

God of mercy, we confess that we live self-centered lives. We tolerate injustice and cruelty, complacent in our corner of the world. We neglect the needs of others. In your righteousness, deliver us and rescue us. Turn us to your way and lead us in your light, that we might serve you and care for all of creation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Promising forgiveness and the sustenance we need to amend our lives,

All: God rejoices in our longing for wholeness.

Leader: Give thanks that we have been known and forgiven,

All: set free to live the resurrected life of faith.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION INVITATIONS: The Anniversary Team will be sending postcard invitations to our friends who are former members or have had affiliation with this congregation in the past. If you are still in touch with someone who may appreciate an invitation and you would be willing to share an address, please give it to a member of the anniversary team or email it to the church office. Anniversary team members: Linda Marshall, Linda Stenhouse, Candie Vaitkevicius, Gail West, Kitty Shealy, Alice Grooms, Jackie Koch.

CARDS: Join us for card playing Wednesday, Aug. 24th, 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 28st:

Scripture: Jeremiah 2:4-13/Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon: "Places of Honor"

SUPPER CLUB: The first Supper Club will be hosted by Jan and Jerry Kross on Saturday, October 1st at 5:00 p.m. Everything will be supplied, no need to bring anything. A sign-up sheet is on the back table for those wishing to participate.

SAVE THE DATES:

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

KENTUCKY FLOODING: Donations to help victims of the Kentucky flooding can be made to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance through PCUSA. Mail donations to PCUSA, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Credit card donations can be made by phone: 800-728-7228.

WHERE IS GOD LEADING US? Please join us Sunday mornings at 10am in Classroom #2 for a few minutes to join together in prayer, seeking God's will for our congregation - our vision, our mission, our outreach, our place in God's kingdom. In this 100th anniversary year, we celebrate God's continued faithfulness to us and seek His guidance for our future.

It will be an open invitation to pray - however the Spirit leads you - one or two sentences, more if the Spirit leads you, or silently if you're not comfortable praying out loud. If you would like to bring a Scripture verse to share, that's perfect too! Please come either way! God hears our prayers, both spoken and unspoken. The power of prayer grows if we share it with each other. Your presence will be a gift!

PRACTICE JOY BIBLE STUDY: Join us for a 4 week Bible study on Sunday mornings Sept. 18 – Oct. 9, from 9:15 to 10:00 am. The study, titled "Practice Joy", invites us to experience joy through the lens of scripture to see that joy is not a response to circumstances, but is rather a faithful choice. Joy is something that we experience, something we savor, and something that is gifted to us by a loving and merciful God. While we experience joy individually, it is also a communal practice, one that is experienced in different ways by all God's people. Please sign the sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you are interested. Materials will be provided.

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 #426 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 13:10-17/Jeremiah 1:4-10

SERMON "Only a Boy" 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.

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 "Near to the Heart of God" arr. Smith

***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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Helen Guthrie and John Verra

***CLOSING HYMN #145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"**

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 "Praise Him! Praise Him!" Tune JOYFUL SONG

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: Paula Ely, Ronnie Storch

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jean Kirkland, Sue Marshall's mother, Holly Caprell, Barbara; Linda Marksberry (friend of Darrell & Roger); the Cash family (friends of Darrell and Roger); 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) 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. 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.