

<b>SERVING THE CHURCH This Week</b>	<b>SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week</b>
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<u><b>Class of 2022</b></u> Linda Stenhouse Jerry Kross Jackie Koch	<u><b>Class of 2023</b></u> Barb Daugherty Bill Marshall (NS) Ronnie Storch



For everyone who  
exalts himself will be  
humbled, but the one  
who humbles himself  
will be exalted.  
**Luke 14:11**

**2 Cents-A-Meal**  
Next Week!

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**August 28, 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

August 28, 2022

12th 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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Larson

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

Leader: You wove each of us together in the depths of the earth.

**People: You put us together in a secret place.**

Leader: You know us. You know our thoughts.

**People: We give praise to you, O God, for your works are wonderful!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

**#464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**Merciful God, in Jesus you show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of others. We confess that we go our own way; we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Free us from the temptation to pursue our own pleasure only. Help us to live in harmony with all your people, sharing one world and eating around one table, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: With abundant grace and mercy that reaches wide, God gathers us and cleanses us, making us new, making us whole.

**All: This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

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.

**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, Jan Kross, Jackie Koch.

**PAINTING:** It's time for some interior painting. We have contracted with a painter to focus on the hallway, foyer and sanctuary, and then the two classrooms, toddler and nursery rooms. In addition, we will paint the office area as the final stage (not yet estimated in terms of time or cost). Currently the kitchen, music room and bathrooms do not require painting. Jerry, Bill(pa) and Bill(ns) are coordinating with the painter to have the areas prepared with wall hangings, electrical covers and furniture removed/moved prior to painting and then replaced when completed. Please let us know if you are able to assist in the room preparations when they are planned. If you would like to support the project funding, please place your gift in the offering plate and note it for painting. Thank you.

**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, September 4th:

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11/Like 14:25-33

Sermon: "Carry the Cross"

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

**SAVE THE DATE:**

- 100th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service, Sunday, October 23, 2022.

**HOT DOG ROAST AND MOVIE NIGHT:** Our next 100th anniversary celebration event will be held on September 23 at 6:30pm. Please sign up on the Feed the Need Table. Plan to join us for fun and fellowship! Hot dogs and smores will be provided, but if you would be willing to bring a side dish or dessert, please indicate that as well. Friends and neighbors are welcome!

**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

**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 #438 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SERMON “Places of Honor” 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 "I Surrender All" arr. Bozard

**\*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 #446 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"**

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 "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound" Kirkpatrick

**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 and REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Roger Pryor and Darrell Johnson. 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:** Alice Grooms, John Verra

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Joe Vaitkevicius (08/30)

**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); 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 Papua 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 September are personal items such as body wash, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant 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.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.

**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.