

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

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

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Next Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius
Sound: Jerry Kross
Ushers: Jan Kross
Ronnie Storch

Elder of the Month

For September: Barb Daugherty, 864-234-0143

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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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**... and he reworked it
into another vessel,
as seemed good to him**

Jeremiah 18:4

September 4, 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

Sept. 4, 2022

13th 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 "Take Time to Be Holy" arr. Larson

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Stenhouse, 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 #483 "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"
"Once to Every Man and Nation"**

*Once to every man and nation Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood, For the good or evil side;
Some great cause, some great decision, Of- f'ring each the bloom or
blight,
And the choice goes by forever Twixt that darkness and that light.*

*Tho the cause of evil prosper, Yet the truth alone is strong;
Tho her portion be the scaffold, And upon the throne be wrong;
Yet that scaffold sways the future, And, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow, Keeping watch above his own.*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

**O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have
chosen to build on sinking sand. The works of our hands crumble
around us, and our best efforts are not good enough; sin is real, and we**

HOT DOG ROAST AND MOVIE NIGHT: Our next 100th anniversary celebra-
tion 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!

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 exper-
ience joy individually, it is also a communal practice, one that is experi-
enced 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, Al-
ice Grooms, Jan Kross, Jackie Koch.

PAINTING: Painting has been completed in the hallways and Sanctuary.
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.

Coming next Sunday, September 11th:

Scripture: Jeremiah 4:11-12/Like 15:1-10

Sermon: "Lost and Found"

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; Robert Polenta (friend of Jackie Koch); 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 Dney & 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

Today we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This sacrament is open to all who believe and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. This is not a Presbyterian table; this is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites all who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

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.firstpresssimpsonville.com. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

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 DATE:

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

are powerless before it. Forgive us for thinking we know best. Mend our broken values and create in us hearts that seek your purposes, so that what we build with our lives may give you glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus accompanies us on life's journey, offering abundant mercy and bountiful forgiveness along the way.

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

RESPONSE: "Change My Heart, O God"

*Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like you.*

HYMN #84 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 18:1-11/Luke 14:1, 25-33

SERMON "Carry the Cross" 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 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus:" arr. Putnam

*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 #400 "When We are Living"**

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE: "Lord, Make Us More Loving"

*Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving,
until we meet again:
Loving, loving, loving,
until we meet again.*

POSTLUDE "There's a Glad New Song" Fisher

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 today are given by Kiety Shealy. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Gail West. 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: Joe & Candie Vaitkevicius, Helen Guthrie

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Allan Castleberry (09/04), Bill Marshall NS (09/06), Josie Shelton (09/06), Helen Guthrie (09/09)