

SERVING THE CHURCH This Week	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week
Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse Sound: Jerry Kross Ushers: Linda Stenhouse Jackie Koch	Liturgist: Jackie Koch Sound: Roger Daugherty Ushers: Jan Kross Jerry Kross

Elder of the Month
For October: Jackie Koch, 443-985-6646

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



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

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Oct. 16, 2022

19h 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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Arr. DeCou

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist

Leader: We lift up our eyes to the hills; from where will our help come?

People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: In praise and with thanksgiving, we gather as one body, with song and with prayer.

People: The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time and forevermore. Come, let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #403** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#338 "Kum ba Yah"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Grace-filled God, we confess that we pursue our own needs, neglecting the needs of others. We pursue our own desires, while slowly destroying the gifts of your creation. We deflect the call to ministry, ignoring the cries of those in need. We are drawn to proclaim the gospel, yet live it out only at our convenience. Have mercy on us, O God. Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel that, whatever the time or wherever we are, we may fully embody your love and justice for all the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Whoever we are, wherever we are, however we are, we belong to God.

Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000194, which supports the church's response to hurricanes and typhoons. Gifts can be made by going to pcusa.org/GIVE-HURRICANES, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "DR000194" written on the memo line and mail to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

P.O. Box 643700

Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS: Our first fellowship dinner was hosted by Jan & Jerry Kross and everyone who attended had a great evening of food and fellowship. We would enjoy having one every quarter, if possible. Jan Johnson has volunteered to host the next dinner in early December. Time and date will be forthcoming. We have a sign-up sheet on the back table for 2023 for anyone that would like to volunteer to host a fellowship dinner.

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING: Thank you to all who gave to the World Communion Day offering for items from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. We were able to purchase 2 Mzuzu drills, 3 sewing machines, 2 pairs of goats, 3 families of chickens, 2 sacks of Moringa tree seeds, 2 sets of 10 Jerry cans, and 2 sets of farming tools! These items will be very valuable to struggling families and communities.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you are able, please stay after worship today to help set up additional chairs for our 100th Anniversary service next Sunday.

OPEN HOUSE: Jan Johnson will be hosting two open house afternoons for anyone wishing to catch up with Pastor Cassie. Dates and times are: Friday, Oct. 21st from 1-4 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 22nd from 1-4 p.m. Jan's address is 101 Buckhead Lane, Simpsonville.

Save the date for the Gap Street Singers' Christmas concert on Friday, Dec. 9th, at 7:00 p.m. There is a poster on the bulletin board with additional information.

NEXT SUNDAY:

100th Anniversary Sunday!

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."

OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE will be celebrated next Sunday, October 23th. A ribbon cutting ceremony in front of the Church will be held immediately after service, followed by a luncheon reception for the congregation and guests. If you would be willing to provide a potato or pasta salad to contribute to the meal, please let us know on the Feed the Need table. We encourage everyone to attend; we would like to have a great showing of support from the congregation.

100th ANNIVERSARY PHOTO WALL: The photo wall is complete and ready for viewing. Thank you to the 100th Anniversary Team for gathering and mounting the photos and a big THANK YOU to Bill Marshall NS and Joe Vaitkevicius for helping to hang them.

CLEAN-UP DAY: Please join us if you're able for a general clean-up prior to our 100th Anniversary worship. It will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22nd from 9 a.m. –Noon. We want our church to look great for this special day!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, Oct. 30th, after worship service to elect Session members for the Class of 2024.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet on Thursday, Oct. 20th at 11 a.m. at the Church.

AID FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support this hurricane season. In the wake of catastrophic impacts from Hurricane Ian, recovery is ongoing in places hit by Hurricane Fiona, including Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Cuba. Storms are becoming more frequent and more severe, and this early in the hurricane season we must prepare for these broad and anticipated catastrophes that have not yet formed. Give today to enable our response, from emergency needs through the long-term recovery phase.

All: Through Jesus Christ, God cleanses us from all unrighteousness and leads us from sin.

Leader: People of God, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:27-34/Luke 18:1-8

SERMON "The Judge and the Persistent Widow"

Featuring the Simpsonville Presbyterian Players

* Bailiff: Linda Stenhouse

* Judge: Jerry Kross

* Persistent Widow: 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 "Jesus Paid It All" Arr. Manuel

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

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Go Now In Peace"

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

POSTLUDE

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

Webb

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 Gail West. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Kitty Shealy. 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: Donnett Hanson, Roger Pryor

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Roger Daugherty (10/22)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jean Kirkland, Sue Marshall's mother, 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; 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); the family of Jen Gibson (relatives of Barb & Roger Daugherty; Roger Edney (relative 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 October are peanut butter and jelly. As always, we are grateful for all donations.