

SERVING THE CHURCH This Week	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week
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Remembering and honoring the past; Moving forward in unity and grace.

November 20, 2022

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church
Simpsonville, SC

"Growing Together in Faith – Loving and Serving in the World"

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nov. 20, 2022

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

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. **Please note that *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 "With Quiet Thanksgiving" arr. Barrett

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Jerry Kross, Liturgist
Leader: God has looked favorably on all of God's people and has redeemed all of creation.

People: God has given us a mighty Savior, the Lord whose reign we celebrate.

Leader: We gather to offer our thanks and praise to almighty God.

People: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #150 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**

HYMN #469 "Morning Has Broken"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)
Gracious Lord, we are quick to identify our enemies and slow to name the ways we hurt others. You lead us in the ways of righteousness, and yet we prefer to walk our own path. We are called to follow your lead in creating a beloved community, yet we idolize wealth and power. Heal us and help us, O God. Turn us from the ways of sin, the means that create unjust ends. Grant that we may seek to be for others what you are for us: a source of light on the way to peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord gives light to those who dwell in darkness and guides our every step in the path of salvation.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

GO TELL BIBLE STUDY: Ever since angels lit the Bethlehem sky and sent amazed shepherds to meet the baby, people whose lives have been touched by Jesus have been telling others the story. Join us for a 4 week Bible study titled "Go Tell" and discover how we can tell the story to others just as the shepherds did. We will meet on Sunday mornings November 27 through December 18, from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. Please sign the sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you are interested. Materials will be provided.

THORNWELL THANKSGIVING OFFERING: Today's bulletin has an envelope for contributions to benefit Thornwell. Thornwell's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect, building and strengthening families, and support healthy communities in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Please support this worthy mission if you are able.

DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Jan Johnson will host the next dinner on Saturday, December 10th at 5 p.m. Jan will provide the entrée. If you'd like to bring a salad or dessert, please indicate it when you sign up on the sheet on the back table. There is also a sign-up sheet for 2023 for anyone that would like to volunteer to host a fellowship dinner.

THANK YOU: Many thanks for the wonderful day of fun, fellowship, and food we enjoyed last Saturday at the baby shower; it was truly appreciated! Lydia, Karsin, and Teresa Shelf.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: We have an assortment of daily devotionals for Advent on the table in the entryway. Please choose one to take home and use for your personal devotions.

SANTA'S SENIOR HELPERS: We are once again collecting items for the residents of the Clinton Presbyterian Community. Please see the bulletin insert for additional information.

NEXT SUNDAY:

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5/Luke 1:5-25

Sermon: "Finding Our Place at the Manger: Elizabeth and Zechariah

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: If you'd like to purchase a lovely poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the order form located on the back table. The cost remains at \$10.00. The poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary throughout the advent season. Please indicate if you would like to take your flower(s) home or if it is a donation only. Deadline to order is today. You may put the forms in the offering plate or give them to Jackie.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Men volunteers are needed today after worship service to help hang wreaths, set up the Christmas tree, and get items ready for Journey to the Manger. Thank you.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, Dec. 4th, after worship, to present the 2023 budget.

HAT & MITTEN TREE: We are collecting hats and mittens for children in Simpsonville Elementary. A tree will be set up in the Narthex for donations.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S "OUTREACH" OFFERING. In next week's Church Bulletin, there will be an envelope marked for "Presbyterian Women's Outreach Offering".

This newly named offering was previously called the "Thank Offering" that the Presbyterian Women collected to send to the Presbytery for World-Wide Charities. Due to current situations in our economy, our Presbyterian Women's Group elected to send the money to local charities or people in need within our Community. If you know of specific situations where this money will be appreciated, please let either Candie or myself know. The envelopes will be in the November 27th and the December 4th Church bulletins. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact either myself or Candie Vaitkevicius.

Love and Peace,
Sue Marshall (cell # - 864.305.9355)

RESPONSE: "Thank You, Lord"

*Thank You, Lord, Thank You, Lord,
Thank You, Lord, I just want to Thank You, Lord.*

***HYMN #151 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Jeremiah 23:1-6/Luke 23:32-43

SERMON "One on His Right, One on His Left" Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch

**Response: *Jesus, remember me when you came into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you came into your kingdom.***

***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 "Because I Have Been Given Much" 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

*CLOSING HYMN #555 "Now Thank We All Our God"

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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" Kocher

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 Joe & Candie Vaitkevicius. 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: Marie Lansche, Gail West

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Hector Medina (11/23)

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 November are canned vegetables except corn and black beans. As always, we are grateful for all donations.

SAVE THE DATE:

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

CHRISTMAS GATHERING & GIFT SWAP: Please join us for our 4th and final event celebrating our 100th Anniversary on Friday, Dec. 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. An evening of fun and fellowship is planned with savory and sweet treats, a game of "Name That Christmas Tune", and a "Chinese" gift swap. Please bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$15.00 for the swap. Please sign up on the sheet on the back table if you plan to attend.