

SERVING THE CHURCH This Week	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week	
Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse Sound: Ushers: Linda Marshall Bill Marshall	Liturgist: Jerry Kross Sound: Ushers: Jan Kross Linda Stenhouse	
Elder of the Month		
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<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
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2 Cents-A-Meal

Next Week!

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

November 27, 2022

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nov. 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

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 "Savior of Nations, Come!" arr. Jarell

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

Leader: Let us go into the house of the Lord!

People: Let us meet God with joy!

Leader: God builds us up like a great city.

People: May peace be within our walls.

Leader: Let us seek the goodness of God;

All: let us go into the house of the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN #272 "God of the Sparrow"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

JOURNEY TO THE MANGER: Reading: Jackie Koch

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Jo & Gary Klein

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

O God, we are steeped in a world of violence. War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty. Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands, and show us how beautiful life can be when you forge them into instruments of peace. Amen.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet at the Church on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. The Christmas tree will be decorated prior to the regular meeting.

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: Today is the deadline for collecting items to support the residents of the Clinton Presbyterian Community. Thank you to all who donated.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Christmas Eve worship will be held at 7 p.m. on December 24th and Christmas Day service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day, December 25th.

NEXT SUNDAY:

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10/Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: "Finding Our Place at the Manger: Mary Communion"

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 beginning today for donations. The drive will end December 11th so that we can get the hats and gloves to the school in time for them to give them out before the holidays.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S "OUTREACH" OFFERING. In this week's Church bulletin, there is 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)

GO TELL BIBLE STUDY: Our Bible Study, "Go Tell" began this morning and will continue to meet on Sunday mornings through December 18th, from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m.

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Beloved, know this:

All: the God of Presence,

Leader: the God of Transformation,

All: the God of Peace,

Leader: hears our prayers and gives us power to love.

All: Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE: "While We Are Waiting, Come"

While we are waiting, come

While we are waiting, come

Jesus Our Lord Emmanuel

While we are waiting, come.

***HYMN #20 "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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

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

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 "Prepare the Royal Highway" Arr. Dengler

*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 #11 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.*

POSTLUDE "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" Handbuch

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 Darrell Johnson & Roger Pryor 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: Jan Johnson, Jean Kirkland

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Greg Shelton (11/30), Barb Daugherty (12/3)

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 & Keith Purser (friends of Jackie Koch); 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); 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 December are Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Soups and canned ravioli and spaghetti. 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 this 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.