

SERVING THE CHURCH This Week	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week
Liturgist: Jerry Kross Sound: Ushers: Jan Kross Linda Stenhouse	Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius Sound: Ushers: Jan Kross Joe Vaitkevicius

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<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
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Remembering and honoring the past; Moving forward in unity and grace.

December 4, 2022

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church
Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Dec. 4, 2022

2nd 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 "Prelude on 'Wachet Alf'" arr. Smith

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

Jerry Kross, Liturgist

Leader: God's vision of peace is a realm where all live together in harmo-
ny:

People: enemies become friends, fear gives way to understanding.

Leader: God calls us to be this community;

People: let us gather together to worship.

*OPENING HYMN #13 "Prepare the Way"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

JOURNEY TO THE MANGER:

Reading: Jan Kross

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

Bill & Sue Marshall

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

**God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We
have been hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and
hurt others, destroying what you have called good. Forgive us, and fill
us with your knowledge, so we may help bring forth your peaceful kin-
dom. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ comes into our world—Christ comes into our lives—to
purify us and give us another chance.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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.

Envelopes are located on the Feed the Need Table.

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)

DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Jan Johnson will host the next din-
ner this coming 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 fellow-
ship dinner.

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.

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 35:1-10/Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: "Finding Our Place at the Manger: Joseph

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 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 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a congregational meeting today 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. 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.

Leader: We rejoice in the hope Christ offers us!

All: 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 #409**

"Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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

SERMON "Finding Our Place at the Manger: Mary"

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 "The First Noel" Arr. Bisharat

*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.

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 #10 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

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.***

Please remain seated for the Congregational Meeting.

POSTLUDE "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" 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 are the lovely poinsettias purchased in memory of and in honor of loved ones and special friends.

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: Hector & Susan Medina, Mrs. Robert Brought

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None