

<b>SERVING THE CHURCH This Week</b>	<b>SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week</b>
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<b>Elder of the Month</b> For January: Linda Stenhouse, 864-967-7218 (H), 864-979-2863 (cell)	
<b>SESSION MEMBERS</b>	
<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Barb Daugherty	Linda Stenhouse
Bill Marshall (NS)	Jackie Koch
Ronnie Storch	Candie Vaitkevicius



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

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 1, 2023

1st Sunday of Christmas

Welcome, announcements

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch will be in the office Monday, Jan. 2nd from 9 a.m.—Noon instead of Tuesday, Jan. 3rd. The change is for this week only. 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 "Joy to the World" arr. Smith

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

Leader: Praise God! With the angels and hosts, we praise!

**People: With the sun and moon, we praise!**

Leader: With the fire and hail, we praise!

**People: With the frost and snow we praise!**

Leader: With the mountains and valleys, we praise!

**All: With the skies and the seas, we praise! Praise God!**

**OPENING HYMNS: #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

JOURNEY TO THE MANGER: Reading: Candie Vaitkevicius

CALL TO CONFESSION

**CONFESSION OF OUR SIN** (unison prayer)

Ever-present God, you became our Savior in all our distress. In all the ways we hurt, and all the ways we hurt others, in all the ways we feel neglected and all the ways we neglect others, in all the ways we cry out and all the ways we cause others to cry, you are with us, comforting us and holding us to account. In your love, redeem us once again. Lift us up and grant us your mercy, as you have throughout the generations. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Christ came into this world for us: imperfect humans, perpetual sinners, trying, learning, striving.



## LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jean Kirkland, Marsha Johnson (sister of Darrell); Sue Marshall's mother, Barbara; 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 January are cookies, crackers, sweet treats. 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.firstpressimpsonville.com](http://www.firstpressimpsonville.com). Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS:** The ordination and installation of class of 2024 Session members will be held next Sunday, January 8th during worship service. Candie Vaitkevicius will be ordained and installed, and Jackie Koch and Linda Stenhouse will be reinstalled.

**WORSHIP TEAM** will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd at 10:30 at the Church.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-9/Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon: Renew Your Baptism

**People:** He came to be tested, so that he might help us as we are tested, to forgive us all our sins.

Leader: Praise be to our merciful and faithful high priest!

**All:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**RESPONSE:** *"O Come All Ye Faithful" (refrain)*

*O come, let us adore Him*

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*O come, let us adore Him*

*Christ the Lord!*

**HYMNS #68** "What Star is This with Beams So Bright"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 63:7-9/Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON: "From Bethlehem to Rosewood" 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.**

## Joys and Concerns of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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 "What Child is This?" arr. Purifoy

### \*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 HYMNS #446 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"**

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: **"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"**

*Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!*

**POSTLUDE** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Smart

**WELCOME TO SIMPSONVILLE PRESBYTERIAN!** 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](http://www.simpsonvillepres.com), or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS AND REFRESHMENTS** are given by Linda Stenhouse. 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:** Sharon Stone, Paula Ely

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Roger Pryor (01/02), Alice Grooms (01/03), Bill Marshall (PA) (01/03), Tim Gerner (01/07)