

SERVING THE CHURCH This Week Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius Sound: Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse Sound: Ushers: Linda Stenhouse Jackie Koch
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Sunday, January 15, 2023

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church
 Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Welcome, announcements

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch has office hours Tuesdays, 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 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" Arr. Hughes

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: To all searching for grace and truth,

People: Come and see!

Leader: To all searching for meaning and purpose,

People: Come and see!

Leader: To all searching for abundant life,

People: Come and see! Let us worship God together.

OPENING HYMNS: #276 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

God of the ages, we do not always wait with patience. We do not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize your work in our lives. We would rather take the credit for ourselves. We would rather take the easy way out. We would rather step on others if it means more for ourselves. Forgive us for all the ways we forget you. Help us to delight to do your will. Help us to trust in you and return us to the path of righteousness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world.

People: The Lamb of God takes away the sins of each and every one of us.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-4/Matthew 4:12-17

Sermon: The Kingdom is at Hand

Leader: Christ has mercy on us, forgiving our sins.

All: Alleluia!

RESPONSE: "God Is So Good"

*God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, He's so good to me.
He cares for me, He cares for me,
He cares for me, He's so good to me.*

HYMNS #343 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 49:1-7/John 1:35-42

SERMON:

"Come and See"

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.

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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Arr. Mier

***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 HYMNS #447 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"

***Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And He will be my Savior.***

POSTLUDE "Tell the Good News" Bartlett

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, or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS AND REFRESHMENTS today are given by Candie & Joe 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: Sharon Flesch, Sue Seidel

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Gary Klein (01/15)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jean Kirkland, Marsha Johnson (sister of Darrell); Sue Marshall's mother, Barbara; Anne Stenhouse Clark (daughter of Linda); Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall's brother); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father); Hector & Susan Medina; Robert Polenta & Keith Purser (friends of Jackie Koch); the Templeton family; 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); 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.firstpresssimpsonville.com. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

SESSION MEETING: The Session of SPC will meet on Monday, Jan. 16th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Church.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Thursday morning, January 19th at 11:00 a.m. All women of the Church are invited to attend.