

SERVING THE CHURCH This Week	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week
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Elder of the Month For January: Linda Stenhouse, 864-967-7218 (H), 864-979-2863 (cell) Please call Jackie Koch, 443-985-6646 during Linda's absence.	
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<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Barb Daugherty	Linda Stenhouse
Bill Marshall (NS)	Jackie Koch
Ronnie Storch	Candie Vaitkevicius



Matthew 4:12-17
The Great Light
Jesus is the "Great Light" that has dawned for us!

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Simpsonville, SC

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

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 22, 2023

Third 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 "This Little Light of Mine" arr. Albrecht

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP Jackie Koch, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: We gather in the presence of God.

People: Let us open our hearts and minds in worship.

OPENING HYMNS: #469 "Morning Has Broken"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Christ, our Messiah, you call us to fish for people, but we are hesitant to leave our boats. We are afraid to let go of the things we hoard, believing they make us secure. We are afraid to put our trust in you, afraid to follow, afraid we will fail. Forgive us. Transform our fear into faithfulness, and enable us to walk with you, that we may be part of your work in the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Just as Jesus called the disciples, so Christ calls us.

People: Forgiven of our sin and freed to serve, let us answer Christ's call.

Leader: Christ calls us, forgives us, heals us, and teaches us.

All: Thanks be to God!

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987
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PW SOUP LUNCHEON will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2023 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship service. Everyone is invited to this fund-raising event.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY will also be held on February 5th. The scouts of Troop 700 will participate in the worship service as well as attend the Soup Luncheon.

ASH WEDNESDAY service will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Church.

BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT: In Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's stories we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus' concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.

Join us for this 6 week Lenten Bible study on Sunday mornings from Feb 26 through April 2 (Palm Sunday). We will begin promptly at 9:15am. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the sanctuary.

The book is a nice hardback. It is not a necessity for attending the Bible study, but is helpful and available upon request. The suggested donation is \$10. There are an average of 25 pages to read per week if you choose the book. If you order a book by Feb. 5, you will receive it on Feb. 19, in time to read the first chapter before the study begins. Checks should be made out to the church.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: "What's Next?"

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 #371 "Lift High the Cross"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Isaiah 9:1-4/Matthew 4:12-17

SERMON: "The Kingdom is at Hand" 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 “No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus” 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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER: Sharon Flesch

***CLOSING HYMN “Will You Come and Follow Me” (bulletin pg. 7)**

*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 “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” Tune ARISE

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 today are given by Gail West. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Kitty Shealy. 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: Doug & Patti Albin, the Gerner family

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

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.”

CARDS: Join us for card playing on Wednesday, Jan. 25th, at 11 a.m. at the church. Bring your own lunch.

STEWARDSHIP 2023 Pledge Status: For 2023, we have 13 pledges, totaling \$51,960 (down \$6,800 from 2022). Thank you.

LITURGISTS NEEDED: We are in need of a few more people to be liturgists. If you feel you can volunteer for this important service, please let a Session member know and sign up on the sheet on the back table. Thank You!