

SERVING THE CHURCH This Week Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius Sound: Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius Linda Marshall	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week Liturgist: Boy Scouts Sound: Ushers: Boy Scouts
Elder of the Month For today and February: Bill Marshall (NS), 864-967-9855 (H), 864-230-5268 (cell)	
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<u>Class of 2023</u> Barb Daugherty Bill Marshall (NS) Ronnie Storch	<u>Class of 2024</u> Linda Stenhouse Jackie Koch Candie Vaitkevicius



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 Next Week!

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Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 29, 2023

4th 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 "If Your Heart Keeps Right" arr. Peery

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: Blessed: the poor in spirit,

People: those who mourn, the meek.

Leader: We gather to hear who Christ calls blessed;

People: those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful,

Leader: the pure in heart, the peacemakers, the persecuted.

All: Blessed.

OPENING HYMNS: #84 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

HYMN: "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

*Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony
Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me*

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.

THANK YOU: Thank you all for your love and prayers during our time of grief and loss. We are truly grateful to our Church family. Linda & Jim Stenhouse.

Coming Next Sunday: Boy Scout Sunday/PW Soup Luncheon

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-9a/Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon: "Salt and Light"

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. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

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!

PW SOUP LUNCHEON will be held next 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 next Sunday, February 5th. The scouts of Troop 700 will participate in the worship service as well as attend the Soup Luncheon.

COMMUNION: Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, February 12th instead of February 5th due to Boy Scout Sunday.

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.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Merciful God, we fail to do what is right. Instead, we pursue evil and do not speak the truth. Even when we try our best to be faithful, still we turn away from you. Forgive us, accept us, and redeem us, that we may seek to do what you call good. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption, is the one who judges us.

People: Christ is the one who was born for us and forgives us with abundant love.

Leader: We will boast of all the good God has done for us!

All: Thanks be to God!

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 #369 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Matthew 5:1-12/Micah 6:1-8

SERMON: "What's Next?" 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 "We Shall See the King Someday/On Jordan's Stormy
Banks/When We All Get to Heaven" Manuel

***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 #357 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

*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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Neander

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 Darrell Johnson and 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: Joe & Candie Vaitkevicius, the Worship team

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Paula Ely (01/29), Jerry Kross (01/29), Linda Stenhouse (01/31), Ronnie Storch (02/03)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jean Kirkland, Marsha Johnson (sister of Darrell); Sue Marshall's mother, the Stenhouse and Clark families; Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall's brother); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father; Hector & Susan Medina; Robert Polenta & Keith Purser (friends of Jackie Koch); Tina Vaitkevicius; Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papua New Guinea); 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.