

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius
Sound:
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius
Sharon Flesch

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Next Week

Liturgist: Sharon Stone
Sound:
Ushers: Linda Marshall
Linda Stenhouse

Elder of the Month

For February: Bill Marshall (NS), 864-967-9855 (H), 864-230-5268 (cell)

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2023

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall (NS)
Ronnie Storch

Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse
Jackie Koch
Candie Vaitkevicius



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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

February 12, 2023

6th 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.

We welcome the congregation of Grace Covenant, worshipping with us today.

PRELUDE "Abide With Me" arr. Whitworth

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

Leader: Steady our steps, O God, as we travel the journey set before us.

People: Let us walk in the way of light and pursue the path of peace.

Leader: Keep us on your course of life as we seek to be faithful

People: and as we gather to praise you, our faithful Lord and God.

OPENING HYMNS: #388 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Hymn #368 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Almighty God, you set before us life and prosperity, but we turn towards death and adversity. We do not listen to your commandments, we bow down to other gods: convenience, self-reliance, greed, bitterness. Break us of our longing for gods we can see and touch. Turn us back to you, mysterious and mighty God, that we may observe your commandments, and walk in your ways. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is always offering us another chance.

People: God is always offering life and abundance.

Leader: Turn to God and receive the good news:

All: Yesterday, today, tomorrow, we are forgiven! Alleluia!

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: Exodus 24:12-18/Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: "Mountaintop Experiences"

Coming Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22nd at 7:00 p.m.):

Scripture: Joel 2:1-2 12-17/Matthew 6:6-8

Sermon: "Whenever You Pray"

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jean Kirkland, Marsha Johnson (sister of Darrell); Sue Marshall's mother, the Stenhouse and Clark families; Helen Guthrie, Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall's brother); Linda Lingner (cousin of Jackie Koch); Helen Guthrie, 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.

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 February spaghetti sauces and noodles. 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."

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet on Thursday, Feb. 16th, at 11 a.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.

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 #145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Matthew 5:21-37/Deuteronomy 30:15-20

SERMON: "Obedience" 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 "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me/Just a Closer
Walk With Thee" arr. Whitworth

*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 communion wafer is not gluten free; however, gluten free meals are available upon request.

*CLOSING HYMN #510 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

*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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Page

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 Kitty Shealy. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Linda Stenhouse and Sharon Flesch. 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: Jeff VandeWeghe, Robbie Herd

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Katie Watson (02/15), Leah Young (02/17), Nicki Young (02/16)