

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

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Sound:
Ushers: Linda Marshall
Linda Stenhouse

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Elder of the Month

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Bill Marshall (NS)
Ronnie Storch

Class of 2024

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Sunday, February 19, 2023

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord

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.

Rev. Mary Anne will not have office hours on Feb. 21st, due to her attendance at the Presbytery meeting.

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 "I Am Resolved" arr. Livingston, Jr.

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Sharon Stone, Liturgist

Leader: The day has dawned, the morning star rises in our hearts.

People: We witness the glory of Christ!

Leader: God speaks to us in cloud and flame, in mysterious words and dazzling visions.

People: We witness the glory of Christ!

Leader: The Lord loves justice and equity, and is exalted over all the people.

People: We witness the glory of Christ! Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMNS: #73 "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

HYMN # 293 "This is My Father's World"

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Magnificent God, we cannot stand before the glory of your presence. You shine with divine light, and we are overwhelmed by your goodness. Lift us in your mercy, release us from our fear, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might reflect your light and share your love, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: The March fellowship dinner will be held at Ronnie Storch's home on Friday, March 24th, at 5:00 p.m. Ronnie will provide pulled pork, buns, and rice, as well as drinks. Guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. A sign-up sheet will be on the back table next Sunday with additional details. Ronnie's address is 116 Brookhill Place, Mauldin.

HELP FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS: A flyer is inserted in today's bulletin with information on how to donate to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help the victims of the massive earthquake in Syria and Turkey.

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"

Coming Next Sunday:

Scripture: Romans 5:12-19/Genesis 1:1-2, 4

Sermon: We're on the Way to Easter

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.

SESSION MEETING: The Session of SPC will meet tomorrow, Feb. 20th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Church.

CARDS: Join us for a game of cards on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

DEVOTIONALS FOR LENT: This year's Lenten devotional is titled "Amazing Grace" in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the hymn. Please take one to read during Lent.

BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT:

In Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws, pastor and best-selling 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.

This 6 week Lenten Bible study will begin this coming Sunday morning, Feb. 26, and continue through April 2 (Palm Sunday). We will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m. so that we can finish shortly after 10:00. Whether or not you have pre-ordered the book, you are welcome to join us.

40-DAY READING PLAN: A good way to walk through Lent is to read the Gospel of Luke in its entirety. A reading plan to help you do this is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. It is available for everyone, but those who are participating in the Bible study on Luke will want to be sure to take a copy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Just as a cloud overshadowed the disciples in the transfiguration story, and they heard a voice say that Jesus is the beloved of God, so too we are God's beloved people.

People: We are forgiven, again and again, by this glorious God.

Leader: That promise gives us peace and joy!

All: What a wonder! 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 #446 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SERMON: "Mountaintop Experiences" 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 "Jesus Paid It All" arr. Howlett

***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: Sue Seidel

*CLOSING HYMN #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*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 "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" Gabriel

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 Ronnie Storch. 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: Eddie Watson, Jackie Koch

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

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); Cassie Wolfe; Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father; Hector & Susan Medina; Robert Polenta & Keith Purser (friends of Jackie Koch); Linda Lingner (cousin of Jackie) 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 are spaghetti sauces and noodles. As always, we are grateful for all donations.