

<b>SERVING THE CHURCH This Week</b>	<b>SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week</b>
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Next Week!

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**“O give thanks unto the LORD;  
for he is good: for his mercy  
endureth for ever.”**

Psalms 136:1 (KJV)

King James Bible Online .org

**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

*Simpsonville Presbyterian Church*  
Simpsonville, SC

*“Growing Together in Faith – Loving and Serving in the World”*

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 26, 2023

1st Sunday in Lent

**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 have office hours tomorrow, Feb. 27th, instead of Tuesday due to a scheduling conflict.**

**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 "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Pethel

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Marshall, Liturgist

Leader: For forty days and forty nights

**People: our Savior fasted in the wilderness.**

Leader: Tempted to turn from God, tempted to turn to power and privilege

**People: our Savior resisted.**

Leader: Let us follow Jesus through the wilderness this Lent, examining our temptations, resisting them, and returning to God.

**People: Let us worship God!**

**OPENING HYMNS: #92 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

**CONFESSION OF OUR SIN** (unison prayer)

**Merciful One, we are so easily tempted. We turn away from your word so quickly. We seek anything that claims to save us from discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness. But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind. You are our true hope and salvation, our hiding place, our guide, our guardian. We confess our transgressions to you: forgive our sins. Amen.**

**HELP FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS:** Information on how to donate to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help the victims of the massive earthquake in Syria and Turkey is located on the table in the Narthex.

Coming Next Sunday:

Communion

Scripture: Psalm 16/Genesis 22:1-18

Sermon: Who Will Provide the Lamb?

**VIDEO RECORDINGS:** Video recordings of services that have been previously recorded are available on the Church's website: [www.firstpressimpsonville.com](http://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."

**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:** 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.

This study is going on now through April 2 at 9:15 am on Sunday mornings. Even if you can only make it a time or two, you are most welcome to stop in and 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.

**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 beginning next week with additional details. Ronnie's address is 116 Brookhill Place, Mauldin.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

**People: God does not count our sins against us,**

Leader: but offers us a free gift of righteousness.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSE: "My Prayer"**

*Help me live the way I should,  
Guided daily by your Word,  
Make my whole life a Christ controlled life,  
This is my prayer today.*

**HYMNS #81 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26/Genesis 1:1-2:4a

SERMON: "We're on the Way to Easter" 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.**

**Prayer 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 "Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart" arr. Phillips

**\*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 #372 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"**

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: "Share His Love"

*Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you*  
*Share His love by sharing of your faith*  
*and show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you*  
*every moment, every day!*

POSTLUDE "The Glory of Those Forty Days" Trans Bell

**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](http://www.simpsonvillepres.com), or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS AND REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Roger Pryor and Darrell Johnson 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:** Sue & Bill Marshall, Tori Fowler

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** None

**LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jean Kirkland, Marsha Johnson (sister of Darrell); Sue Marshall's mother, Harriet Allen; 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; Richard Ramsdell (brother of Ronnie Storch); Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papau 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](mailto: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.