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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 5, 2023

2nd 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.

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

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP**

Linda Stenhouse Liturgist

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

People: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMNS: #276 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Teacher, you call us to go, following the plan that you have set out for us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words. We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch, we make excuses for our failure to trust in you. Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit. Help us believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

People: Thanks be to God. We will bear witness to God's saving grace with our lives.

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.

WORSHIP TEAM will meet on Tuesday, March 7th, at 10:30 a.m. at the Church.

LEGACY TEAM will meet at the Church on Monday, March 13th at 1:30 p.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME will begin on March 12th. Remember to set your clocks ahead an hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 11th.

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 is on the back table with additional details. Ronnie's address is 116 Brookhill Place, Mauldin.

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: Rev. Dr. Mary Anne will be on vacation beginning March 12th through March 18th. Rev. Beverly Kelly will be our Pulpit Supply pastor on March 12th.

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 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 March are condiments such as ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, salad dressings, etc. 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."

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.

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 #442 "The Church's One Foundation"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 16/Genesis 22:1-14

SERMON: "Who Will Provide the Lamb?"
Welch

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne

***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.

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

*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

As the trays are passed please serve your neighbor with the words, "**The Body and blood of Christ, given for you.**"

Communion bread is not gluten free. It is our tradition to take the bread individually and to hold the wine to drink together.

*CLOSING HYMN #371 "Lift High the Cross"

*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

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 Linda Stenhouse. 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: Jimmy Cheeks, Donnett Hanson

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jeff VandeWeghe (03/07)