

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Bill Marshall (PA)
Sound:
Ushers: Bill Marshall (PA)
Ronnie Storch

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Next Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius
Sound:
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius
Linda Marshall

Elder of the Month

For March: Barb Daugherty, 864-234-0143

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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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 12, 2023

3rd 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 be on vacation Mar. 12th through 18th.

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 "Down at the Cross" arr. Lore

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Bill Marshall (PA), Liturgist

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams

People: So our souls long for you, O God.

Leader: Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

People: When shall I come and behold the face of God?

OPENING HYMNS: #356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***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,

People: but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Leader: We will bear witness to God's saving grace with our lives.

People: Thanks be to God!

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:

Scriptures: Psalm 98/Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sermon: "Bring You Home"

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.

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.

EASTER FLOWERS: As is our tradition, Easter lilies will decorate our sanctuary during the Easter season. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one or special person, the cost is \$10.00 per lily. You may list more than one honoree or memorial for the bulletin. You may elect to make a donation only or to take your flower home on Easter Sunday. An order form is included in today's bulletin.

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

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 #379 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: John 4:5-42

SERMON: "What Should We Do?" Rev. Beverly Kelly

***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 “Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed/At Calvary” arr. Poole

***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 #281 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*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 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” Conkey

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 Jackie Koch. 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.

We welcome to our pulpit today, The Reverend Beverly J. Kelly who is a native of Tryon, NC. She is a Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church, USA and before coming to the Upstate, served as the Director of Christian Education at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Midland, Michigan and pastor of First United Church of Christ in Bay City, Michigan. Thirteen years ago she and her husband, Burnett retired and moved to Sunset, SC. Shortly after moving, she began working to establish a monthly ecumenical worship service at the historic McKinney Chapel.

Beverly has been a volunteer Chaplain at Hospice of the Upstate, served on the Board of Oconee County Habitat for Humanity, and served on the Thornwell Home for Children Board of Trustees. She has served as Interim Director of Christian Education at Pickens Presbyterian Church and is presently Parish Associate there.

She and Burnett have four children and fourteen wonderful grandchildren.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Roger Pryor, Jo & Gary Klein

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jeremy Marshall (03/14), Ethan Hotsinpiller (03/14)

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; the family of 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.