

SERVING THE CHURCH This Week	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week
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Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

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

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 19, 2023

4th 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 "Man of Sorrows" arr. Page

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

Leader: The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

People: God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.

Leader: The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

People: God's goodness and mercy are always close.

OPENING HYMNS: #324 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: you do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Relentlessly, God seeks us out.

People: With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out.

Leader: This is good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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 143/Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon: "A Valley of Hope"

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 was included in last week's bulletin. Extras are on the back table.

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

LEGACY MEETING: The Legacy Meeting originally scheduled for Monday, March 13th has been rescheduled for Monday, April 3rd at 1:30 p.m. at the Church.

CHURCH WORKDAY: A workday has been scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd. A list of things to be done will be provided soon.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: will be held Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Church.

CARDS: Join us for card playing Wednesday, Mar. 22nd at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: The March fellowship dinner will be held at Ronnie Storch's home this coming 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. Today is the last day to sign up. Ronnie's address is 116 Brookhill Place, Mauldin.

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 #78 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Psalm 98/Zephaniah 3:14-20

SERMON: "Bring You Home" 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 "Lenten Meditation" arr. Loree

***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 #15 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

*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 "My Song Forever Shall Record" Borniansky

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 Linda Stenhouse. 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: Meals on Wheels volunteers, Food Pantry volunteers

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); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father; Hector & Susan Medina; Robert Polenta (friend 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.

VIDEO RECORDINGS: Video recordings of services that have been previously recorded are available on the Church's website: www.firstpresssimpsonville.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.