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**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

**Simpsonville Presbyterian Church**  
Simpsonville, SC

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

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 2, 2023

6th 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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Larson

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

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Fling wide the gates, that all may enter in and give God thanks.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Blessed are all who come in the name of the Lord!

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

**OPENING HYMNS: #85 "What Wonderous Love is This"**

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not follow your example. We do not empty ourselves, we do not humble ourselves, we are not obedient. You simply ask us to care about this world you created, but we fail to do even that. Forgive us. You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love. Heal us, and help us to follow. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Your God has come to you, humble, in the form of a slave, to free you from the weight of sin and death.

**People: Jesus' obedient suffering has released us.**

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

**PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED:** We are looking for a couple of people who would like to take photos of special services and special activities and events for our website and facebook page. If interested, please let Jackie know. Thank you.

**DINNER AND A SHOW:** We are exploring the idea of a group dinner at a local restaurant and a show at the Simpsonville Arts Center. The show we are considering is "Love, Loss and What She Wore." The show runs from May 12-28th. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table if you may be interested in attending. If we have enough interest, Jackie will pursue booking a restaurant and getting tickets. There are also other shows scheduled at the Simpsonville Arts Center you may be interested in: Elvis, April 22-23; License to Chill (a tropical rock concert) June 30-July 15, and Rhinestone Cowboy (classic country), August 3-6.

**CAMP FELLOWSHIP RETREAT:** The Trinity and Foothills Presbyteries are hosting a retreat April 21-22 at Camp Fellowship for all churches in the two presbyteries. For more information, here is the website: [Events — Fellowship Camp and Conference Center \(campfellowship.org\)](https://www.campfellowship.org). There is also a flyer on the back table.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

- PW Salad Lunch—Sunday, May 7th, 11:30 a.m.
- Gap Creek Singers' Spring Concert— Saturday, May 6th, 7 p.m.

**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 Maundy Thursday (April 6, 7:00 p.m.)

Scriptures: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14/John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sermon: "A New Commandment"

Coming Next Sunday: (Easter)

Scriptures: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24/Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon: "Do Not be Afraid"

## LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jean Kirkland, Marsha Johnson (sister of Darrell); Sue Marshall's mother, Harriet Allen; Dan Stogner (brother of Pat Clark); 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); Tom Heffernan (brother of Jackie); Scott Hatfield (son-in-law of Candie & Joe); the family of 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) 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 April are canned fruit, fruit cups and granola bars. 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](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."

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Easter flowers will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. A list of honorees and memorials will be included in the Easter bulletin. If you chose to take home a flower, please take it with you after the Easter service.

**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 8th (next Saturday). A list of projects is located in the Narthex. Please sign up if you can help. If you can't make it on the workday, you may do it at your convenience.

Leader: Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the one who is exalted beyond what we can comprehend:

**People: Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**RESPONSE: "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed"**

*Was it for sins that I have done  
He Suffered on the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown,  
And love beyond degree!*

**HYMNS #84 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Psalm 114/Romans 6:3-11

SERMON: "Crucified with Him?" Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch

**\*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 Holy City" Transcribed Peery

**\*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."  
The Communion wafer is not gluten free. It is our tradition to take the bread individually and to hold the wine to drink together.

**\*CLOSING HYMN #88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

*"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise Him, With heart and life and voice,  
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice.*

**POSTLUDE** "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" Dykes

**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** today are given by Kitty Shealy. 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:** Boy Scout Troop 700, the Finance Team

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Jackie Koch (04/05), Jim Stenhouse (04/08)