

SERVING THE CHURCH This Week	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week
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Sunday, April 9, 2023

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church
Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 9, 2023 Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

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 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" arr. Larson

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

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: God has answered us!

People: God has come to earth to become our salvation!

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

People: Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMNS: #113 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us. There is no way we can earn your love, there is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness. And yet you shower these mercies on us. You, who have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe. Meet us here in this place, and call us once again to trust in you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God says to us, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."

People: Christ says to us, "Do not be afraid."

SAVE THE DATES:

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

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: Psalm 116/Acts 4:32-35

Sermon: "Risus Paschalis"

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."

EASTER FLOWERS: Easter flowers are decorating our Sanctuary today. A list of honorees and memorials is included in today's bulletin. If you chose to take home a flower, please take it with you after today's service.

CHURCH WORKDAY: Thank you to all who helped with projects yesterday.

CARDS: Join us for card playing on Wednesday, April 12th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

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 \(campfellowship.org\)](http://Events—FellowshipCampandConferenceCenter(campfellowship.org)). There is also a flyer on the back table.

Leader: We need not fear; we are forgiven, we are loved, we are redeemed!

People: Alleluia!

RESPONSE: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.*

HYMNS #122 "Thine is the Glory"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SERMON: "Do Not be Afraid" 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 “Crown Him With Many Crowns” arr. Renfrow

***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 #118 “The Day of Resurrection”**

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: **“He Lives” (Chorus)**

***He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life’s narrow way
He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.***

POSTLUDE “Because He Lives” Tune RESURRECTION

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 our lovely Easter lilies purchased in honor of and in memory of loved ones and special people. See bulletin for a list of honorees.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Gail West. 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: Presbyterian Women, Buildings & Grounds Team.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jan Kross (04/10)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jean Kirkland, Marsha Johnson (sister of Darrell); Sue Marshall’s mother, 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.