

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

Liturgist: Linda Marshall

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Ushers: Linda Stenhouse

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**Elder of the Month**

For April: Jackie Koch, 443-985-6646

**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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**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

**Simpsonville Presbyterian Church**

**Simpsonville, SC**

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

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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 16, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

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 "Near the Cross" arr. Howlett

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

Leader: O praise to the God of laughter whose humor sends ripples through even the river of death, who turns a mustard seed into a tree.

**People: Like a trickster, you turn my world topsy-turvy.**

Leader: Here in the Fun House the popular routes lead me in circles, but the dead-ends have doors.

**People: O for a thousand tongues to sing the praise of One who is All, who is as invisible as the wind, yet as firm as a rock.**

**OPENING HYMNS: #485 "To God Be the Glory"**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**God of joy, we know that you have blessed us richly. Yet so often, we are down in the dumps over silly little disappointments. You have given us Jesus Christ, raised him from the dead and promised us eternal life. But we act as though we don't know it! Forgive us, God! Keep us mindful that you always have the last laugh, and that your promise is for true joy in every circumstance, and life forever. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Christ is raised from the dead! Love wins! Hallelujah!

**People: Christ lives and reigns for us! Hallelujah!**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19/Luke 24:28-35

Sermon: "Hearts on Fire"

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will meet on Thursday, April 20th, at 11 a.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:** Plans are being finalized for May 19th for dinner at a local restaurant and the show “Love, Loss, and What I Wore” at the Simpsonville Arts Center. The dinner will be begin at 5:30 p.m. The restaurant will be chosen soon. The play begins at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$12.00 per person (senior citizen ticket). Please sign up on the sheet on the back table only if you are committed to attending. Last day to sign up is Sunday, May 7th and the money for the tickets is due to Jackie by Sunday, May 14th. A new sign-up sheet has been generated with those who previously indicated interest already on the list. If you find that you cannot go, please cross off your name(s).

**SAVE THE DATES:**

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

**MAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** Candie and Joe Vaitkevicius will host the May dinner on Wednesday, May 31st at 5 p.m. The main course will be a chicken and stuffing casserole. Guests are asked to bring salads and desserts. A sign-up sheet is on the back table.

**RESPONSE: “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”**

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

**HYMNS #121 “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Psalm 126/Acts 4:32-35

SERMON: “Risus Paschalis” 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 "Jesus Paid It All" arr. Howlett

**\*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 #108 "Christ is Alive!"

\*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 "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Fillmore

**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 Ronnie Storch. Thank you.

**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:** Darrell Johnson, Donna Aycock

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Chip Shelf (04/19)

**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); 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 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](mailto: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."

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, April 30th, after worship to present the Annual Report for 2022.

**SESSION MEETING:** The Session of SPC will meet tomorrow, April 17th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Church.