

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Sound:
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse
Sharon Flesch

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Next Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaiatkevicius
Sound:
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius
Candie Vaitkevicius

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 23, 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 23, 2023

3rd 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 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" arr. Smith

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

Leader: We have been walking, Lord,

People: on roads of uncertainty and fear, on roads of exhaustion and doubt, on winding roads that have led us here.

Leader: Join us on our journey, Lord.

People: By your presence, refresh our spirits, set our hearts ablaze, and give us new direction!

OPENING HYMNS: #280 "Amazing Grace"

"There is a Name I Love to Hear"

*There is a Name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear,
The sweetest Name on earth.*

*Refrain: O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!*

*It tells me of a Savior's love,
Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood,
The sinner's perfect plea.*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

LEGACY MEETING: The Legacy Team will meet on Wednesday, May 1st, at 3 p.m. at the Church. All are welcome to attend.

EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY: Our sanctuary will be utilized on Saturday afternoon April 29, by Troop 700 and the Wisely family where they will recognize Sean Wisley and his achievement of Eagle Scout. Despite battling and placing into remission Chronic Myeloid Leukemia these past few years, Sean served as Senior Patrol Leader from the time he was recovering from his leukemia treatments up until COVID-19 arrived. Sean has recently completed his Eagle Scout project which was a Blessing Box for food donations at the Fountain Inn First Baptist Church.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: Acts 2:42-47/Psalm 23

Sermon: "My Shepherd"

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, April 30th, after worship to present the Annual Report for 2022 and to nominate two people from the congregation to serve with Candie and Jackie on the Nominating Committee.

NOTE: Rev. Dr. Mary Anne will be off beginning Sunday, May 14th through Sunday, June 4th for surgery. Pulpit supply pastors will be preaching for those four Sundays. She will also not have office hours during her recovery.

CARDS: Join us for card playing Wednesday, April 26th, 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: Plans for dinner and a show have been finalized for Friday, May 19th. The dinner will be at Shortfields Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. We have a private room reserved in Jackie's name. The show (Love, Loss and What I Wore) begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Simpsonville Arts Center. Dinner is pay as you go. Tickets for the show have been purchased for those signed up as of last Sunday (4/16). You may still sign up until Sunday, May 7th. I will purchase additional tickets as needed. The ticket cost for senior citizens is \$12 PLUS a \$1.50 convenience fee per ticket. Please pay Jackie for the tickets by Sunday, May 14th.

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.
- Dinner and a Show—Friday, May 7th, 5:30 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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Eternally patient God, we ask again and again, "What should we do?" And again and again, you tell us, "Repent and return to me." Yet we have not changed our ways. We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways, and take for granted the grace you have given us. Once again, we ask you for forgiveness. Show us the way forward and help us return, once again, to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! New life is not only possible; it has drawn near to us in Jesus. The promise is for us, and for all the children of God.

People: **By the grace of God, the glory of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and we are free! Alleluia! Amen.**

RESPONSE: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

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

HYMNS #341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SERMON: "Hearts on Fire" 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 "It Is Well" arr. Hamilton

***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 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"** (bulletin insert)

***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

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

McKinney

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 given by Kitty Shealy. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Sharon Flesch. 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: Marie Lansche, Gail West

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jean Kirkland (04/23)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jean Kirkland, Marsha Johnson (sister of Darrell); Sue Marshall's mother, the Stenhouse and Clark families; Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall's brother); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father; Hector & Susan Medina; Robert Polenta (friend of Jackie Koch); Tom Hefernan (brother of Jackie); Scott Hatfield (son-in-law of Candie & Joe); 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 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.firstpresssimpsonville.com. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top