

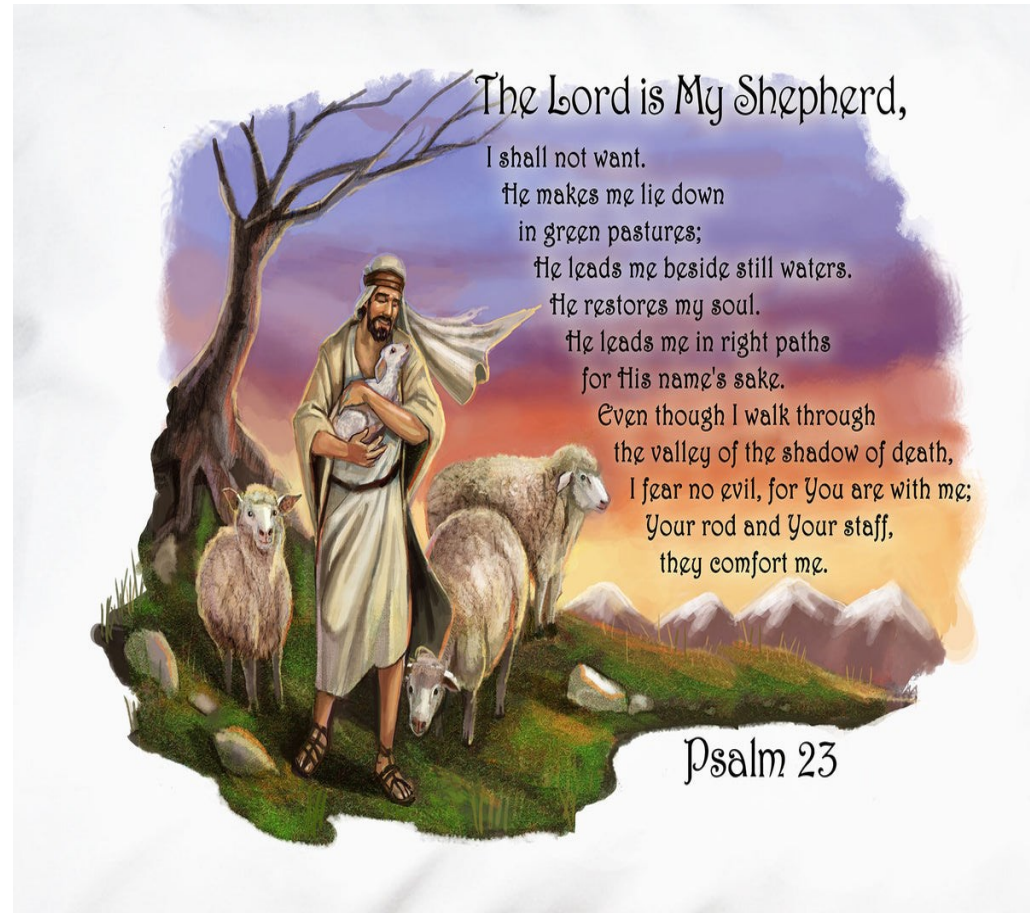
SERVING THE CHURCH This Week	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week
Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius	Liturgist: Bill Marshall (PA)
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Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius Candie Vaitkevicius	Ushers: Linda Marshall Bill Marshall (NS)
Elder of the Month	
For May: Ronnie Storch, 864-627-8583 (H), 864-254-8861 (cell)	
SESSION MEMBERS	
<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Barb Daugherty	Linda Stenhouse
Bill Marshall (NS)	Jackie Koch
Ronnie Storch	Candie Vaitkevicius

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Next Week!

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Sunday, April 30, 2023

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church
Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 30 2023

4th 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 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" arr. Whitworth

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

Leader: Our Good Shepherd calls.

People: He knows us each by our name.

Leader: Our Good Shepherd leads.

People: We are here to listen and to follow.

Leader: Our Good Shepherd protects and provides.

All: We give thanks and praise for our Good Shepherd.

OPENING HYMNS: #355 "Hear the Good News of Salvation"

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

God of community, you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours." You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even when we walk through the darkest valley, God is with us.

People: God does not abandon us.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and receive Christ's peace.

All: Alleluia. Amen.

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 5:45 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 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.

PW SALAD LUNCH: The Presbyterian Women's Salad Lunch will be held next Sunday, May 7th, after worship in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this annual fundraising event.

GAP CREEK SINGERS' SPRING CONCERT will be held on Saturday, May 6th, 7 p.m. at Washington Baptist Church, 3500 SC-14, Greer, SC 29651. A reception will follow the concert.

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.

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

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: Acts 7:55-60/John 14:1-7

Sermon: "The Way, The Truth, and the Life"

Communion

RESPONSE: "Lord, Send a Revival" (chorus)

*Lord, send a revival; Lord, send a revival;
Lord, send a revival; And let it begin with me.*

HYMNS #172 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Acts 2:42-47/Psalm 23

SERMON: "My Shepherd" 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 “Softly and Tenderly” arr. Huisman

***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 #540 “God Be With You Till We Meet Again.”**

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE: “The Lord Bless and Keep You”**

*The Lord bless and keep you,
The Lord make his to shine on you
And be gracious, gracious.*

*The Lord bless and keep you,
The Lord lift his countenance on you
And give peace, give you peace.*

Amen, Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

POSTLUDE “Christ Receiveth Sinful Men” McGranahan

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 Roger Pryor and Darrell Johnson. 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: Hector & Susan Medina, Linda Brought

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Teresa Shelf (05/03),

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 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 May are child friendly items such as juice boxes, small packages of cookies or candy, 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.”

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.