# SERVING THE CHURCH This Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevivcius

Sound:

Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius

Linda Stenhouse

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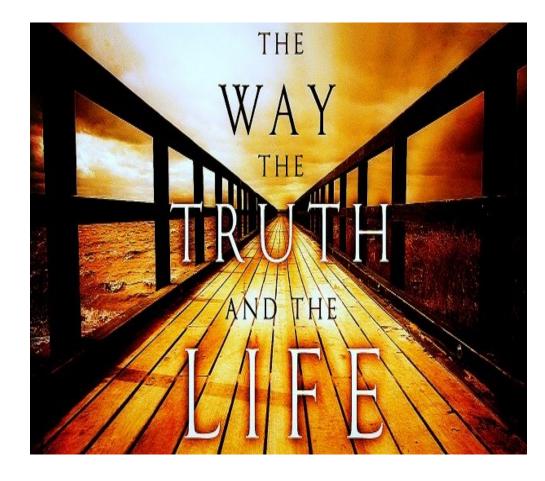
#### **Elder of the Month**

For July: Linda Stenhouse, 864-967-7218 (H), 864-979-2863 (cell)

#### **SESSION MEMBERS**

Class of 2023Class of 2024Barb DaughertyLinda StenhouseBill Marshall (NS)Jackie Koch

Ronnie Storch Candie Vaitkevicius



**Sunday, July 9, 2023** 

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# Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 9, 2023 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome, announcements

**Joys and Concerns** 

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch has office hours on Tuesdays from 9 a.m.—

Noon. For an appointment, please call the Church office.

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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

arr. Broughton

\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: In this place, we gather to turn our hearts and minds to God.

People: We rejoice that the Triune God meets us here.

Leader: As we worship, we remember that **People: we are the family of faith together!** 

OPENING HYMN: #356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#485 "To God Be the Glory"

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

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

Faithful One, despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be. Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm. Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace. Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way. Amen.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

All: To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

## **Coming Next Sunday:**

Scripture: Isaiah 55:10-13/John 15:1-11

Sermon: "I AM the True Vine""

HOT DOG ROAST AND YARD GAMES: Join us on Friday, July 28th, at 5:30 p.m. on the Church grounds for an evening of food and fellowship. Enjoy Hot Dogs and fixins', salads and desserts and then join in a game of corn hole and other yard games. We are asking attendees to bring a dessert, side dish or salad to share. There is a sing-up sheet on the back table. Friends and family are welcome. Please indicate how many are attending and what you would like to bring. Thank you.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Acts: Catching Up With The Spirit, written by Matthew L. Skinner is coming soon. Through this Bible study, we will learn to experience God's faithfulness and guidance by joining the journey with Jesus' followers in the book of Acts.

Please join us for this 6 week Bible study on Sunday mornings July 16 through August 20. We will begin at 9:15 and end about 10:10. If you can't make it every week, that's okay. Just come when you can. Books will be made available upon request. The suggested donation is \$10. If you order a book by July 2, you will receive it by July 9, in time to read the first chapter before the study begins. Checks should be made out to the church.

Follow this link for a short 90 second video introduction: <a href="https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/series/">https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/series/</a>
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A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the sanctuary.

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

**CHURCH FAMILY BULLETIN BOARD:** We will be making updates to our Church Family Bulletin Board. Jackie will be contacting you if a new photo is needed.

Leader: I declare to you now, in the name of Jesus Christ, that your sin is forgiven.

All: We have been freed for service in his name.

RESPONSE: "I'M So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, Singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

HYMNS #150 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12/John 14:1-7

SERMON: "I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life" 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

"All for Jesus"

arr. Bock

\*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.

**ISIAH 117 HOUSE PRESENTATION:** Please be seated for a short video describing this exciting mission opportunity that the Church is embracing.

God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you, May the Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE "We Are Called to be God's People" Tune AUSTRIAN HYMN

**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 Ronnie Storch. Thank you.

**REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Joe & Candie Vaitkevicius. 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**: Donna Aycock, Allan & Teresa Castleberry

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**: Eddie Watson (07/15)

### LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jean Kirkland, Jason Koch (son of Jackie); Kitty Shealy, Sue Marshall's mother, Everett (sister of Donnett); Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall's brother); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father); the May family; Debbie Ramsdell (sister-in-law of Ronnie); Hector & Susan Medina; Scott Hatfield (son-in-law of Candie & Joe); Candie & Joe's daughter, Heather; Jan Johnson; Dixie Suit (sister-in-law of Kitty Shealy); Helen Guthrie; the Grooms family; The Bell family; 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 July are cereals. 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: <a href="https://www.simpsonvillepres.com">www.simpsonvillepres.com</a>. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

<sup>\*</sup>PRAYER OF DEDICATION

<sup>\*</sup>CLOSING HYMN #376 "Love Devine, All Loves Excelling"

<sup>\*</sup>BENEDICTION

<sup>\*</sup>RESPONSE: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"