

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Linda Marshall
Ushers: Bill Marshall (NS)
Linda Marshall

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Next Week

Liturgist: Sharon Stone
Ushers: Gail West
Jackie Koch

Elder of the Month

For August: Bill Marshall (NS), 864-967-9855 (H), 864-230-5268 (cell)

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2023

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall (NS)
Ronnie Storch

Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse
Jackie Koch
Candie Vaitkevicius

2 Cents-A-Meal

Next Week!

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Sunday, July 30, 2023

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 30, 2023

9th 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 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Larson

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

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;

People: make known his deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

People: tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in his holy name;

All: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

OPENING HYMN: #298 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
"Every Day With Jesus"

*Every day with Jesus
Is sweeter than the day before
Every day with Jesus
I love Him more and more,
Jesus saves and keeps me
And He's the One I'm living for;
Every day with Jesus
Is sweeter than the day before. (Repeat)*

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.

TEXT: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1928

PRECIOUS LORD

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 August are small packages of snacks and cookies. 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.simpsonvillepres.com. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

HOT DOG ROAST AND YARD GAMES: Everyone had a great time of food and fellowship at the Hot Dog Roast on Friday. Thank you to the Fellowship Team for coordinating this event and to Linda Stenhouse for getting the food items.

AUGUST FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Sharon Flesh will host the next fellowship dinner on Saturday, August 12th, at 5:00 p.m. She will provide sausages/hotdogs, buns, chips and drinks. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. A sign-up sheet is on the back table. Sharon's address is: 107 Rashford Way, Simpsonville.

WORSHIP TEAM MEETING: The worship team will meet on Monday, August 1st at 10:30 a.m. at the Church.

CHURCH FAMILY BULLETIN BOARD: The Church Family bulletin board has been updated with a new look and some new photos. If you are not happy with your photo, please see Jackie and I will take a new photo. There are still a couple of photos that need updates, so if you do not see yours, please see Jackie.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21/Genesis 32:22-31

Sermon: "Wrestling with God"

Communion

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Spirit, intercede ... when we fall short of your glory, when we do not deserve your promises, when we do not act like those who have been called your family.

Spirit, intercede ... when our words wound, when our silence speaks volumes, when our actions are a far cry from what you would have us do.

Spirit, intercede ... break forth into our lives, forming us into the image of your Son, that we might never feel separate from you again. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! The psalmist writes, "Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit."

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

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 #441 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 8:26-39/Genesis 29:15-28

SERMON: "Family Feud" Rev. Dr. Mary Ann 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 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus/Open Our Eyes" arr. Callaway

***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 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (bulletin pg. 7)

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

*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 "Rejoice, All Ye People"

Tune METHFESSEL

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 Darrell Johnson and Roger Pryor. 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: Tori Fowler, Alice Grooms

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jean Kirkland, Linda Marshall's mother; Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother, Everett (sister of Donnett); Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall's brother); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father); the May family; the Ramsdell family (family of Ronnie); Hector & Susan Medina; Scott Hatfield (son-in-law of Candie & Joe); Candie & Joe's daughter, Heather; Dixie Suit (sister-in-law of Kitty Shealy); Helen Guthrie; Roger Edney (relative of Barb & Roger Daugherty). Do not hesitate to call or email the Church Office (office@simpsonvillepres.com) about any pastoral concerns.