

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

Liturgist: Sharon Stone  
Ushers: Gail West  
Jackie Koch

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**Next Week**

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius  
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius

**Elder of the Month**

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

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Class of 2023

Barb Daugherty  
Bill Marshall (NS)  
Ronnie Storch

Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse  
Jackie Koch  
Candie Vaitkevicius

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**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

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**Simpsonville, SC**

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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 6, 2023

10th 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      “Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know”      arr. Livingston, Jr.

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP**      Sharon Stone, Liturgist

Leader: God willingly satisfies our greatest needs

**People: when we bring what little we have.**

Leader: Let us love our neighbor as ourselves

**People: joining in God's miracle-working power.**

**OPENING HYMN: #361    “How Firm a Foundation”**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**Generous God, you freely offer us all we need. You offer us the bread  
of life, so we may never be hungry again. You offer us living water, so  
we will never thirst. But we scoff at your gifts, wasting our money,  
time, and energy on things that do not satisfy. Forgive us and call to us  
again, reminding us of your gifts of new life that are ours if we would  
only accept them. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news! The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.

**All: The Lord is good to all, and compassionate toward all creation.**

Leader: Believe this good news and give thanks:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## 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](http://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."

**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.

**PHOTOS:** If you attended the Hot Dog Roast and took photos, please email the photos to the Church so they can be used on our Facebook page: [office@simpsonvillepres.com](mailto:office@simpsonvillepres.com). Thank you!

**CARDS:** Join us for card playing on Wednesday, August 9th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Please plan to join us for a short informational meeting after the worship service on Sunday, Aug 13. The Building and Grounds team will share recommendations we made to Session regarding the parking lot as well as the Fellowship Hall. Session has approved moving forward on both projects, and we want to share the scope of each and garner congregational input. A handout of what we are considering will be available in the narthex on Aug 6. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Joe Vaitkevicius or either of the Bill Marshalls.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33/Genesis 37:1-4; 12-28

Sermon: "If You Want to Walk on Water"

**RESPONSE: "Rain Down"**

*Rain down; Rain down;  
Rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down; Rain down;  
Rain down your love, God of life.*

**HYMNS #329 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 14:13-21/Genesis 32:22-31

SERMON: "Wrestling with God" Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Welch

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Nicene Creed  
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 “There’s a Land That is Fairer Than Day/  
When We All Get to Heaven” arr. Purifoy

**\*The Doxology** (Note: New words)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the LORD!**

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

#### THE SHARING OF THE MEAL

As the trays are passed please serve your neighbor with the words, “The Body and blood of Christ, given for you.”

The Communion wafer is not gluten free. It is our tradition to take the bread individually and to hold the wine to drink together.

**\*CLOSING HYMN #280 “Amazing Grace”**

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: **“Lord, Make Us More Holy”**

*Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy;  
Until we meet again.  
Holy, holy, holy,  
Until we meet again.*

POSTLUDE “There’s a Glad New Song” Tune REDEEMING LOVE

**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 Gary & Jo Klein. Thank you.

**REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Ronnie Storch. 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:** Helen Guthrie, Donnett Hanson

**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); 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); 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](mailto:office@simpsonvillepres.com)) about any pastoral concerns.