

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius

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Next Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse
Sharon Flesch

Elder of the Month

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

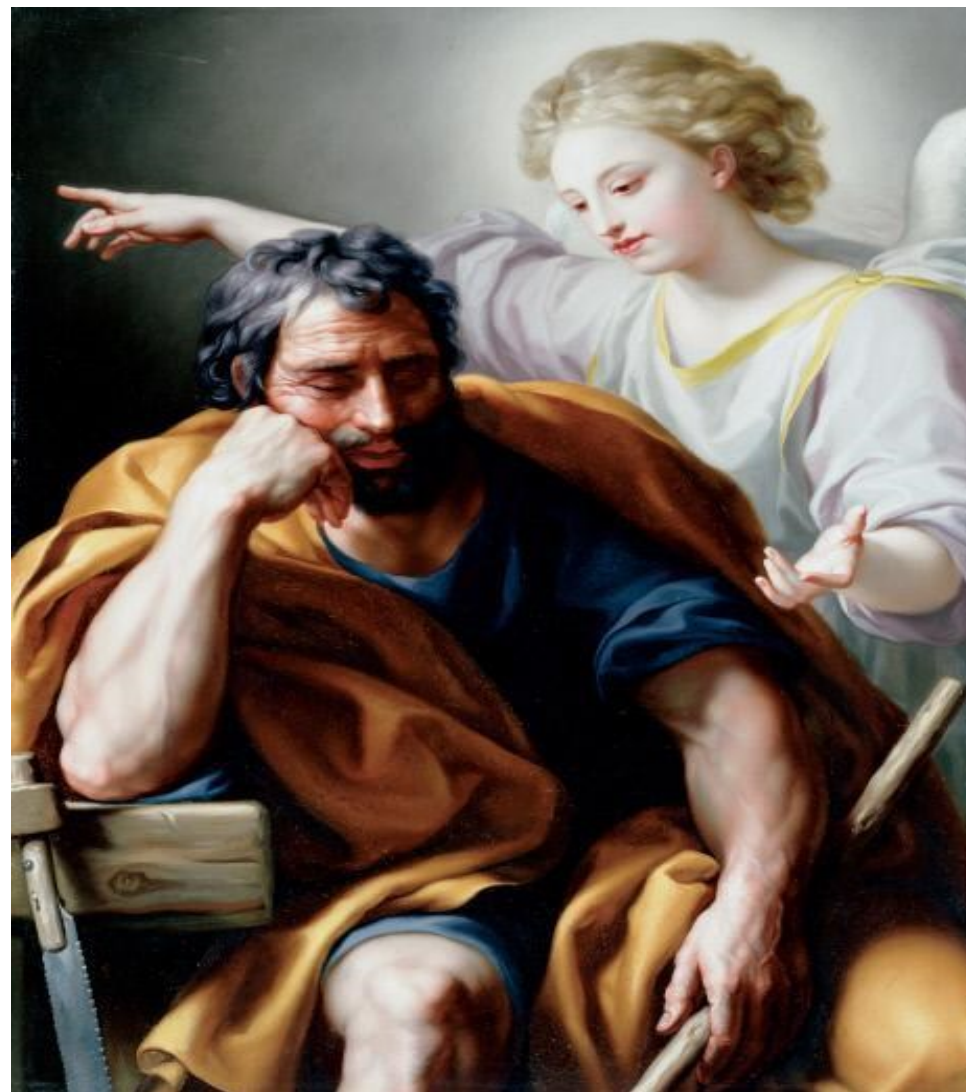
SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2023

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall (NS)
Ronnie Storch

Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse
Jackie Koch
Candie Vaitkevicius



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Sunday, August 13, 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

August 13, 2023

11th 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 "My Song Will Wake the Dawn" arr. Englert

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

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

People: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

Leader: These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

People: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

All: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

OPENING HYMN: #345 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord, but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips we may truly believe in our hearts. Amen.

sin find strength and new - ness of life. Je - sus, Lord, when
thirst find strength and new - ness of life. Je - sus, Lord, when
sigh find strength and new - ness of life. Je - sus, Lord, when

you send your word morn - ing breaks and we walk in light.
you send your love we a - rise and fol - low your way.
you send your peace, we are filled with heav - en - ly love.

The image shows two systems of musical notation. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The treble clef part has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The bass clef part has a key signature of one flat and a 3/4 time signature. The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef. The treble clef part has a key signature of one flat and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The bass clef part has a key signature of one flat and a 3/4 time signature.

AUGUST FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Sharon Fleisch hosted the August fellowship dinner last evening. Good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you, Sharon.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Please plan to join us for a short informational meeting after the worship service this morning. 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 was available in the narthex on Aug 6. and is available today. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Joe Vaitkevicius or either of the Bill Marshalls.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scripture: Matthew 15:10-28/Genesis 45:1-15

Sermon: "The Faith of a Dog"

462 I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, d author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, an composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear these words of assurance: "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,

All: for I will be with you, your troubles to bless and sanctify to you your deepest distress."

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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 #308 "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33/Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

SERMON: "If You Want to Walk on Water" 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 "And Can It Be" arr. Whitworth

*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

*CLOSING HYMN "I Love to Tell the Story" (bulletin pg. 6 & 7)

*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.*

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Please be seated for a short meeting to discuss potential upcoming projects.

POSTLUDE "We've A Story to Tell" Nichol

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 Bill & Linda Marshall. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Linda Stenhouse. 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: Robbie Herd, Darrell Johnson

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) 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 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."