

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse
Sharon Flesch

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Next Week

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

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 20, 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 20, 2023

12th 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 “To God Be the Glory” arr. Whitworth

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

Leader: Thus says the Lord: “Maintain justice, and do what is right, for
soon my salvation will come.”

**People: God will bring us to the holy mountain, a house of prayer for
all people.**

Leader: God gathers all the outcasts together and makes us joyful!

People: Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN: #276 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymn #138 “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

**God of all goodness, we do not want to face all that is in our own
hearts. We want to focus on the good — on the love, the compassion,
the care — and ignore the bad — the greed, the envy, the cruelty. But
before you, God, we must face it. Forgive all the ways we have let evil
take hold in our hearts. Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons, and
empower us to live a Christ-like life. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We have been disobedient to God, but we have received mercy.

**All: Let us live our lives as those transformed by the abundant mercy
of God!**

Coming Next Sunday:

Scripture: Exodus 1:8-2:10/Romans 12:1-2

Sermon: "Living Sacrifices"

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 #525 "Here I Am, Lord"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 45:1-15/Matthew 15:10-28

SERMON: "The Faith of a Dog" 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,
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 "I Surrender All" arr. Bozard

***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 #304** "Jesus Loves Me!"

*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 "Love Lifted Me" Smith"

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 Kitty Shealy. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Sharon Flesch. 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: [Jean Kirkland, Jo & Gary Klein](#)

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."

SESSION MEETING: The Session of SPC will meet on Monday, August 21st, at 1:30 p.m. at the Church.

CARDS: Join us for card playing Wednesday, August 23rd, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP DINNER: The September Fellowship Dinner will be held at Jackie Koch's home on Friday, September 15th, at 5:30 p.m. Italian food will be served. Anyone wishing to bring something is asked to bring a salad or dessert. A sign-up sheet is on the back table. Jackie's address is 201 Odie Drive, Simpsonville.