

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

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

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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)
For September: Barb Daugherty, 864-234-0143

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, August 27, 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 27, 2023

13th 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 Loves Me" arr. Cook

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Jackie Koch, Liturgist

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made the heavens and the earth.

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

People: then the flood would have swept us away.

Leader: The God who saved Israel is still at work in the world,

All: hearing the cries of the afflicted and setting God's people free.

Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN: #379 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

Hymn "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And all that is within me

Bless His holy name. Repeat.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Almighty God, when faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming, we crumble. We fear this world. We fear losing our status, our stability, our station more than we fear you. Forgive our shortcomings and teach us to trust in you when we take a risk for what we know is right. Amen.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENOVATION: As we move forward on the Fellowship Hall Renovation project, you will see preparations beginning. We will be clearing out everything from the building, throwing away or donating unwanted items and storing ones we want to keep. Volunteers are needed to help with this. If you can donate some time and energy, please contact Bill Marshall NS, Joe or Candie Vaitkevicius, Linda Stenhouse, Barb Daugherty, Bill Marshall PA, or Linda Stenhouse. You will see storage units and dumpsters delivered to the grounds in the near future.

PARKING LOT: Due to construction traffic while we are renovating the Fellowship Hall and replacing the roof, we will delay the parking lot seal-coating until after this heavy traffic period.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: In addition to the Fellowship Hall renovation project, upon inspection of the Fellowship Hall roof, it was found to be in need of replacement. This unexpected extra expense was not planned for when funding was approved for the renovation. Therefore, we are initiating a Capital Campaign to raise money to help with this expense. If you are able to help by donating, please Indicate on any check or cash donation that it is specifically for the Fellowship Hall roof repair. Thank you."

Coming Next Sunday:

Scripture: Matthew 16:21-28/Exodus 3:1-12

Sermon: "Where's My Burning Bush?"

Communion

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If God was not on our side, we could not stand in the judgment.

All: But God is with us, steadfast and faithful, as we seek to live in peace.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: 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 #446 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

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

SERMON:

"Living Sacrifices"

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 "Worthy of Worship" 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 #356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

*Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving;
Until we meet again.
Loving, loving, loving;
Until we meet again.*

POSTLUDE "Heavenly Sunlight" Tune SUNLIGHT

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 Roger Pryor and Darrell Johnson. 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: Jackie Koch, Ron & Judy Lundy

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Joe Vaitkevicius (08/30)

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."

LEGACY MEETING: The Legacy team will meet on Monday, August 28th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Church. Everyone is welcome.

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.