## SERVING THE CHURCH This Week

Liturgist: Jerry Kross Ushers: Jackie Koch

Linda Stenhouse

## SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week

Liturgist: Bill Marshall (PA) Ushers: Sue Marshall

#### **Elder of the Month**

For September: Barb Daugherty, 864-234-0143

#### **SESSION MEMBERS**

Class of 2023

Barb Daugherty

Bill Marshall (NS)

Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse

Jackie Koch

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Sunday, September 10, 2023

# Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sept. 10, 2023

15th 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. NOTE: Rev. Mary Anne will have office hours on Monday, 9/11 from 9 a.m.-Noon instead of Tuesday, 9/12.

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 "When We All Get to Heaven" arr. DeCou

\*Our Call to Worship Jerry Kross, Liturgist

Leader: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new Song!

People: This day is God's gift to us.

Leader: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new Song!

People: God has graciously gathered us together in this place.

Leader: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new Song!

People: God is good and faithful. God is worthy of our praise.

OPENING HYMN: #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

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

Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear: Love. Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love. Do no wrong to a neighbor. But we have not mastered what it is to love. We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will. Amen.

**WORSHIP TEAM MEETING:** The Worship Team will meet tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 11th, at 10:30 a.m. at the Church.

**CARDS**: Join us for card playing on Wednesday, Sept. 13th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

**THANK YOU**: A big "THANK YOU" to all the volunteers who helped with moving the boxes and furniture from the Fellowship Hall to the storage units or dumpster.

#### **BUILDING & GROUNDS CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE:**

Fellowship Hall: Lots of hard work by many folks to get us prepared. The building has been cleaned out and ready for internal demo beginning Monday, Sep 11. We also expect the roof replacement to be scheduled in the coming week or so.

Capital Campaign: we will share status of the Fellowship Hall roof "capital campaign" next week. Remember to mark "Roof" on your check when you give.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scripture: Exodus14:19-31/Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: "Embracing Freedom"

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Relentlessly God seeks us out.

All: With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out.

Leader: This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

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 #416 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14/Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON: "Off the Island?" 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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" 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.

Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient; Until we meet again. Patient, patient, patient; Until we meet again.

POSTLUDE "Praise the Lord, the King of Glory" Sims

**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 Gail West. Thank you.

**REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Bill & Linda Marshall. 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: Jan & Jerry Kross, Marie Lansche

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Darrell Johnson (09/12)

### 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); Sue Aiello (friend of Jackie); the May family; Nicole Plante; 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); Anna Smith; Jimmy Cheeks; 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 September are canned corn, canned green beans, and dried beans other than black beans. 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: <a href="https://www.simpsonvillepres.com">www.simpsonvillepres.com</a>. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

**SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** The September Fellowship Dinner will be held at Jackie Koch's home this 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.

<sup>\*</sup>PRAYER OF DEDICATION

<sup>\*</sup>CLOSING HYMN #467 "How Great Thou Art"

<sup>\*</sup>BENEDICTION

<sup>\*</sup>RESPONSE: "Lord, Make Us More Holy"