

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

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

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**Next Week**

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse  
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse

**Elder of the Month**

For September: Barb Daugherty, 864-234-0143  
For October: Jackie Koch, 443-985-6646

**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, September 24, 2023**

**Simpsonville Presbyterian Church**

**Simpsonville, SC**

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



**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."

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** is Sunday, October 1st. Our World Communion offering will go toward purchasing items from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog as we did last year. Session has elected to match what is collected using our Mission budget. Today's bulletin has an insert with more information and a list of possible gifts.

**VOLUNTEER SUNDAY:** Please join us today for cake and punch to honor our volunteers for the many hours they donate to our Church.

**CARDS:** Join us for card playing Wednesday, Sept. 27th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

**OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP DINNER** will be hosted by Ron & Judy Lundy on Thursday, October 12th at 5:30 p.m.. The main entrée will be chicken. Guests are asked to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Ron & Judy's address is 404 Heather Falls Lane. Simpsonville 29681.

Coming Next Sunday:

World Communion Sunday

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7/Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon: "To God Be the Glory"

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

**God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace. We believe ourselves more deserving than others. We nurse our anger and resentment at those you forgive, instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show. Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce. Forgive the double standards we hold. Help us to know that we are all in need of your grace, and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive your mercy. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;

**All: it is the gift of God—not the result of works—so that no one may boast.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

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

**RESPONSE: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"**

*Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!*

*Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!*

*Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!*

*Hallelujah, Halle-lu-jah!*

**HYMNS #400 "When We are Living"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 16:2-15/Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON: "Justice and Grace in the Neighborhood"

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** <sup>3</sup>

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 "His Eye is on the Sparrow" arr. Smith

\*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 #447 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

*Lord, make us more faithful;  
Lord, make us more faithful;*

*Lord, make us more faithful;  
Until we meet again.  
Faithful, faithful, faithful;  
Until we meet again.*

POSTLUDE "Let the Whole Creation Cry" Hintze

**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 Darrell Johnson & Roger Pryor. Thank you.

**REFRESHMENTS** today are cake and punch in honor of our volunteers.

**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:** Sue Seidel, Kyle Ward, Kitty Shealy

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Jo Klein (09/29)

#### LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jean Kirkland, Linda Marshall's mother; Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother, Jessica Marshall (daughter-in-law of Bill & Linda); Cassie Wolfe; 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); 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.

#### 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.