

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse
Jackie Koch

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Next Week

Liturgist: Linda Marshall
Ushers: Linda Marshall
Bill Marshall NS

Elder of the Month

For October: Jackie Koch, 443-985-6646

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Class of 2023

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall (NS)
Ronnie Storch

Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse
Jackie Koch
Candie Vaitkevicius

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Sunday, October 1, 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

Oct. 1, 2023 18th Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion

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 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" arr. Pethel

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

Leader: People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.

People: Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.

OPENING HYMN: #356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Hymn #155 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Holy God, we confess to you: We are not of the same mind. We do not share the same love. We act in selfish ambition and do not regard others as better than ourselves. We have not looked to the interests of others instead of ourselves. We do not embrace the humility of Jesus Christ. Forgive us. Continue to be at work in us, that we might serve each other as you served us, and reflect your glory in this world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

All: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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:

Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46/Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Sermon: "God Speaks to Us"

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 October are canned soup other than tomato and chicken noodle) and canned stew. 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."

Today is WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY. 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. A list of possible gifts was inserted in last week's bulletin. Extras are on the back table. Please use the inserted envelope for your donations.

"PRAY" BIBLE STUDY: Join us for a 4 week Bible study on Sunday mornings Oct. 29 – Nov. 19 at 9:15 am. When we believe that prayer is important, that someone is listening, and that the listener is concerned, we are engaging in supreme acts of trust. Prayer relies on our belief that God cares for us and hears us. This belief shapes us. The 4 weekly topics are: Pray Honestly (Matthew 6:9–13), Pray Persistently and Humbly (Luke 18:1–14), Pray with and for Others (James 5:13–16), and Pray with Your Whole Self (Psalms 63:1–4; 88:13–18; 139:15–16).

Please sign the sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you are interested in joining in on this study. We hope you do! Materials will be provided if you sign up by Sunday Oct. 15.

RESPONSE: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Hallelujah, Halle-lu-jah!

HYMNS #507 "I Come With Joy"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7/Philippians 2:5-11

SERMON: "To God Be the Glory" Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Welch

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Nicene Creed
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us/ arr. Smith
He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought"

***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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the LORD!

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE SHARING OF THE MEAL

As the trays are passed please serve your neighbor with the words, "The Body and blood of Christ, given for you."

The Communion wafer is not gluten free. It is our tradition to take the bread individually and to hold the wine to drink together.

*CLOSING HYMN #485 "To God Be the Glory"

*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 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Tune ARISE

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 Linda Stenhouse. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Ron & Judy Lundy. 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: Chip & Teresa Shelf, Jim & Linda Stenhouse

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Sue Seidel (10/02), Lawrence Welch (10/06)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jean Kirkland, Linda Marshall's mother; Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother, Linda Moseley (granddaughter of Jean Kirkland); 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;