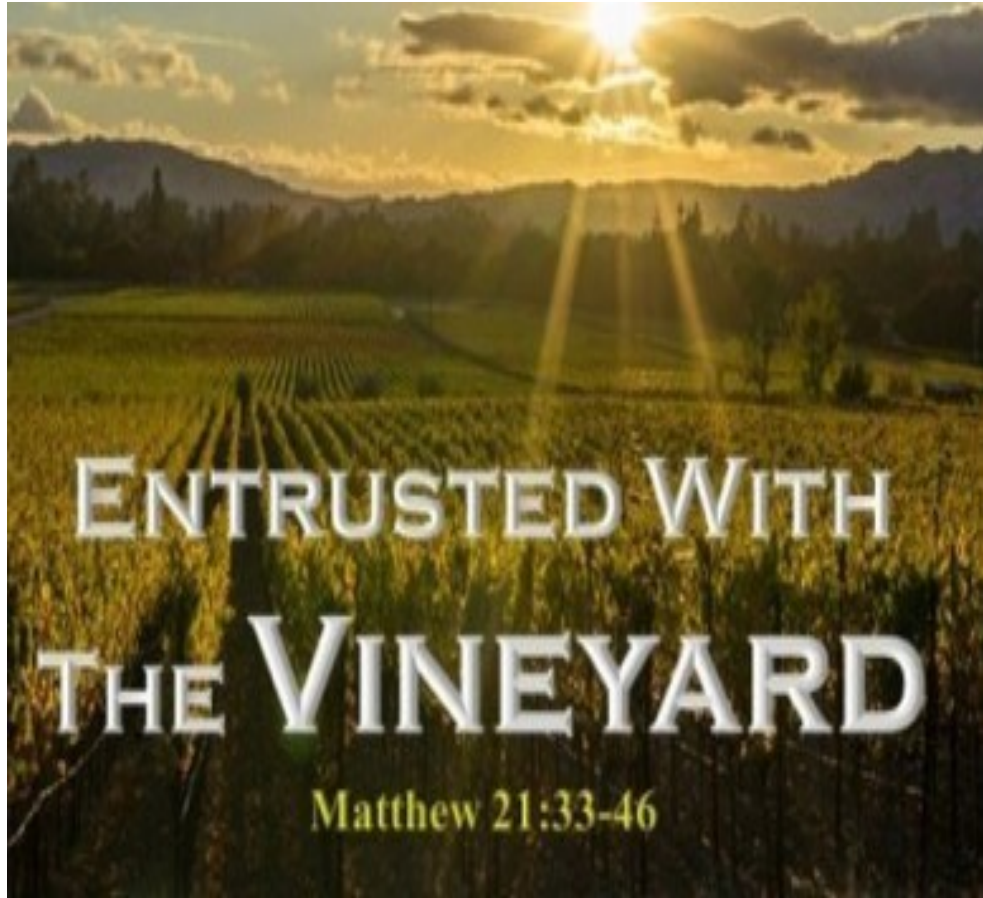


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**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Oct. 8, 2023

19th 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 "Medley: His Love" arr. Smith

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Marshall, Liturgist

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God

**People: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words,

**People: but their voice is not heard.**

Leader: It goes out through all the earth

**All: and to the end of the world.**

**OPENING HYMN: #426 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"**

Hymn: "I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian"

*I'll tell the world, that I'm a Christian,* Chorus  
*I'm not ashamed, His name to bear;*  
*I'll tell the world, that I'm a Christian,*  
*I'll take Him with me anywhere.*

*I'll tell the world, how Jesus saved me,*  
*and how He gave me a life brand new;*  
*And I know that if you trust Him,*  
*that all He gave me, He'll give to you.* Repeat Chorus

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION



# GREENVILLE CHORALE

## AN EVENING OF BIG BAND JAZZ

Greenville Chorale  
Greenville Jazz Collective  
Bingham Vick, Jr., Conducting

**Saturday October 21, 2023 7:30pm**  
First Presbyterian Church  
Worship and Arts Center

**Purchase Tickets: [greenvillechorale.org](https://greenvillechorale.org)**



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**“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.

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

**OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP DINNER** will be hosted by Ron & Judy Lundy this 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: Exodus 32:1-14/Philippians 4:4-7

Sermon: “Rejoice Always”

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

**God of the law and the prophets, we do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken. We worship idols of money, success, and power. We use your name to justify whatever we do. We do not honor each other; we covet, we lie, we wish evil upon others. Our sins are too many to name. Forgive us. Speak to us and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom and deliverer. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing.

**All: Righteousness comes from God, by faith.**

Leader: Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**RESPONSE: “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”**

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

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

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

*Hallelujah, Halle-lu-jah!*

**HYMNS #467 “How Great Thou Art”**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SERMON: “God Speaks to Us” 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 "Dedication"

\*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 #423 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: "Go Now In Peace"

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love**

POSTLUDE "Praise the Lord, the King of Glory" Tune CHARLES

**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 Jackie Koch. Thank you.

**REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Gail West. 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:** Sharon Stone, Ronnie Storch

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** None

### 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); Marilyn Hastings and Raymond Anderson (friends of Jimmy Cheeks); 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 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](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."