

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius  
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius  
Jackie Koch

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**Next Week**

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse  
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse

**Elder of the Month**

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



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**Sunday, October 15, 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. 15, 2023

20th 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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us/ He Leadeth Me" arr. smith

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

**People: God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.**

Leader: The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

**People: God's goodness and mercy are always close.**

**OPENING HYMN: #155 "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"**

Hymn: "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

*Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let There Be Peace on Earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God as our Father  
Brothers all are we  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment and live  
Each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.*

Coming Next Sunday:

Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23/Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon: "Put God First"



# 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](http://greenvillechorale.org)**



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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."

**"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.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

Dec. 2: Gap Creek Singers Christmas Concert

Dec. 8: Congregation Christmas Gathering

More information will be coming soon.

**CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED:** Jimmy Cheeks is seeking people interested in singing with a new choir made of up our congregation and two others for a special joint Advent service. Please contact Jimmy if you are interested (864-208-5586 ).

**SESSION MEETING:** The Session of SPC will meet tomorrow, Monday, Oct. 16th at 1:30 p.m. at the Church.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will meet on Thursday, Oct. 19th, at 11 a.m. at the Church.

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**True God from True God, we have not built a golden calf, but we have worshiped idols. We have put our trust in what we build with our own hands. We find security in what we can hoard instead of trusting your provision. We listen to lies that spread hatred and division instead of the radical truth of your word. Forgive us. Melt down our idols until we see only you and fix our sight on your way alone. Amen.**

**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!

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

**RESPONSE: "Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me"**

*Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,  
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.  
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,  
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

**HYMNS #272 "God of the Sparrow"**

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 32:1-14/Philippians 4:4-7

SERMON: "Rejoice Always" 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** 3

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 "Be Still My Soul" arr. Howlett

\*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 #280 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

\*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

"We've a Story to Tell"

Nichol

**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 AND REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Linda Stenhouse. 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:** Joe & Candie Vaitkevicius, Jeff VandeWeghe

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** None

#### LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jean Kirkland, Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother, Linda Moseley (granddaughter of Jean Kirkland); the Vaitkevicius family; Marilyn Hastings and Raymond Anderson (friends of Jimmy Cheeks); Jessica Marshall (daughter-in-law of Bill & Linda); Everett (sister of Donnett); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father); ; 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