

SERVING THE CHURCH This Week Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse Ushers: Linda Stenhouse Jackie Koch	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week Liturgist: Jerry Kross Ushers: Linda Stenhouse Sue Marshall
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Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

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



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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Oct. 22, 2023

21st 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 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Albrecht

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist
Leader: In this sacred hour of worship when we name things for what they really are,

People: we give to God what is God's.

Leader: Between the demands of this last week and the demands of the one ahead

People: we give to God what is God's.

Leader: With open hearts and hands and minds, every innate gift from our loving Creator,

All: we give to God what is God's.

OPENING HYMN: #138 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Hymn: "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

I stand amazed in the presence Vs.1
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner, condemned, unclean

O how marvelous! O how wonderful! Chorus
And my song shall ever be:
O how marvelous! O how wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!

When with the ransomed in glory Vs. 2
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me (Repeat Chorus)

CARDS: Join us for card playing Wednesday, Oct. 25th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

Coming Next Sunday—Reformation Sunday:

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-46/Isaiah 40:25-31

Sermon: "God is in Charge"

438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



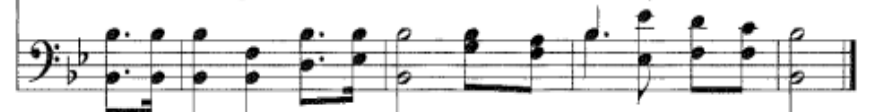
1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



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) 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."

"PRAY" BIBLE STUDY: Join us for a 4 week Bible study on Sunday mornings beginning next Sunday and running through Nov. 19th 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. A sign-up sheet is on the back table.

FELLOWSHIP HALL MOVING DAY: The Fellowship Hall renovation is almost complete. A final walk-through is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th. On Saturday, October 28th, beginning at 9 a.m. we will be moving the items stored in the pod and elsewhere back into the Hall. Volunteers are needed to help with this move. Please see a member of Session or just come that day if you are able to help. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Dec. 2: Gap Creek Singers Christmas Concert
- Dec. 8: Congregation Christmas Gathering

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).

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

God of justice and truth, you ask us to give to you the things that are yours. If we are honest, we know we hold so much back. We have promised you our worship, but we give our attention to idols instead. We have promised to do your work in the world, but we put it last on the list of priorities. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Increase our generosity that we might give freely, grateful for all of the gifts you have given us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Our God, lover of justice, glories not in punishment but in redemption.

All: God has broken the power of sin and rescued us from our shame.

Leader: Be at peace: you are forgiven, and you are free.

All: To God be the glory! Alleluia! Amen.

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.*

HYMN "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (bulletin pg. 7)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 33:12-23/Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON: "Put God First" 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 ³

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 "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed/At Calvary" arr. Poole

***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 #540 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"**

***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 Who Reigns Above" Wesley

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 Kitty Shealy. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Ronnie Storch. 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: Lawrence & Mary Anne Welch, Eddie Watson

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Roger Daugherty (10/22)

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;