

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

Liturgist: Jerry Kross  
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse  
Sue Marshall

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**Next Week**

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius  
Ushers: Bill Marshall NS  
Linda Marshall

**Elder of the Month**

For October: Jackie Koch, 443-985-6646

For November: Ronnie Storch, 864-627-8585 (H); 864-254-8861  
(cell)

**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, October 29, 2023**

*Simpsonville Presbyterian Church*

Simpsonville, SC

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

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Oct. 29, 2023                      22nd Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday

**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

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP**    Jerry Kross, Liturgist

Leader: Happy are those who do not take the path that sinners tread.

**People: Our delight is in the law of the Lord.**

Leader: May we be like trees planted by streams of God's living water.

**People: May our lives bear good fruit, loving God and loving neighbor.**

**OPENING HYMN: #466              "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**God of love, your commandments are so simple: love God, love neighbor, love self. Yet we cannot always muster that love. Love for you seems too abstract and distant. Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining. Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant. But you are truly the God of love; if there is anyone who can help us love, it is you. Shower us with your love so we might have the greatest example, and help us learn from you. 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: Halleluia! Amen.**

**SAVE THE DATES:**

- Dec. 2: Gap Creek Singers Christmas Concert: 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. concerts
- Dec. 8: Congregation Christmas Gathering
- Dec. 17: Lessons & Carols
- Dec. 24: Morning worship @ 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 7 p.m.

**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 ). We hope to start rehearsals for Christmas program in November 30 mins after service on Nov 12th, 26th & Dec 10th.

**TIME CHANGE:** Please remember to set your clocks back one hour at mid-night on November 4th.

Coming Next Sunday—Communion:

Scripture: Joshua 3:7-17/Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon: “Easy as 1-2-3”

**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 # 457 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”**

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Matthew 22:34-46/Isaiah 40:25-31

**SERMON:** “God is in Charge” 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

\*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 #260 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

\*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

**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 Roger Pryor and Darrell Johnson. 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:** Gail West, Lisa Shelf

**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 November are cereals. 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** began this morning. It begins at 9:15 a.m. through Nov. 19th.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, November 12th. The Budget for 2024 will be presented and the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2025 will be presented.

**FELLOWSHIP HALL MOVING DAY:** Thank you to all who helped move the stored items back into the completed Fellowship Hall.