

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

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Ushers: Bill Marshall NS  
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**Elder of the Month**

For November: Ronnie Storch, 864-627-8583 (H); 864-254-8861 (cell)

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Class of 2023

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Bill Marshall (NS)  
Ronnie Storch

Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse  
Jackie Koch  
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**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

*Simpsonville Presbyterian Church*

Simpsonville, SC

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

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nov. 5, 2023

23rd 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. Rev. Mary Anne will not have office hours on Nov. 14th. She will attend the Presbytery Meeting that day.

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 "If Your Heart Keeps Right" arr. Peery

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist  
Leader: When God stops by, everything changes.

**People: Rivers turn to dry land, the deserts turn into springs.**

Leader: The hungry are fed, the lost are guided home.

**People: Come to us, mighty God, and transform our hearts and souls.**

**OPENING HYMN: #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**Christ who kneels to wash our feet, despite your clear example, we cannot shake our usual ways of life. We admit we are tempted by honor and status. We admit we like to seem holier than we are. We admit we like to be respected more than others. We admit we would rather be "great" than a servant. But you who are the greatest became the servant of all. Help us to imitate you. Humble us that we might be not just the image of your disciple, but that we actually embody your teachings. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God has made a way where there was no way.

**All: In Christ Jesus evil and death have been vanquished, and we live in a state of grace.**

**THANKSGIVING DECORATING** is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18th.

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

**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS** will begin on Sunday, Nov. 26th after worship. Please stay and help make our Church festive for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE CLINTON PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY

The Holidays are approaching fast and the Presbyterian Women's Group will be collecting articles for the residents at the Clinton Presbyterian Community (CPC) once again this year. The Chaplain of the CPC, Rev. Debby Plumstead Marshall, has requested that the gifts should be unwrapped so that their "elves" on staff can make individual selections specifically for each resident. They will be delivered to the CPC on November 29th.

The donated items can be left in the decorated Christmas box located in the lobby. I've seen the faces of some of the residents at the Community when Bill and I took the gifts to them last year and it was of pure joy; some even "peeking" to see what was being given. It was like kids at Christmas snooping to see what "Santa" brought and it brought such joy to our hearts.

A recommended list is included in the bulletin, so please review it and any items you feel you can purchase would be very much appreciated.

### Coming Next Sunday:

Scripture: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25/Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: "Our Lamps are Going Out"

## LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jean Kirkland, Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother, Linda Moseley (granddaughter of Jean Kirkland); Jan Johnson; the Vaitkevicius family; Marilyn Hastings (friend 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) 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.

### **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 LOG 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 for 30 mins after service on Nov 12th, 26th & Dec 10th.

**CARDS:** Join us for card playing Wednesday, Nov. 8th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

Leader: Believe in the gospel:

**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.*

**HYMN #505 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Joshua 3:7-17/Matthew 23:1-12

SERMON: "Easy as 1-2-3" Rev. Dr. Mary Anne 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 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" arr. Huisman

### \*The Doxology (Note: original words)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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 #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 "Praise the Lord, the King of Glory" Sims

**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 Lisa Shelf. Thank you.

**REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Sharon Flesch. 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:** Scout Troop 700, AA

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Lisa Shelf (11/009)