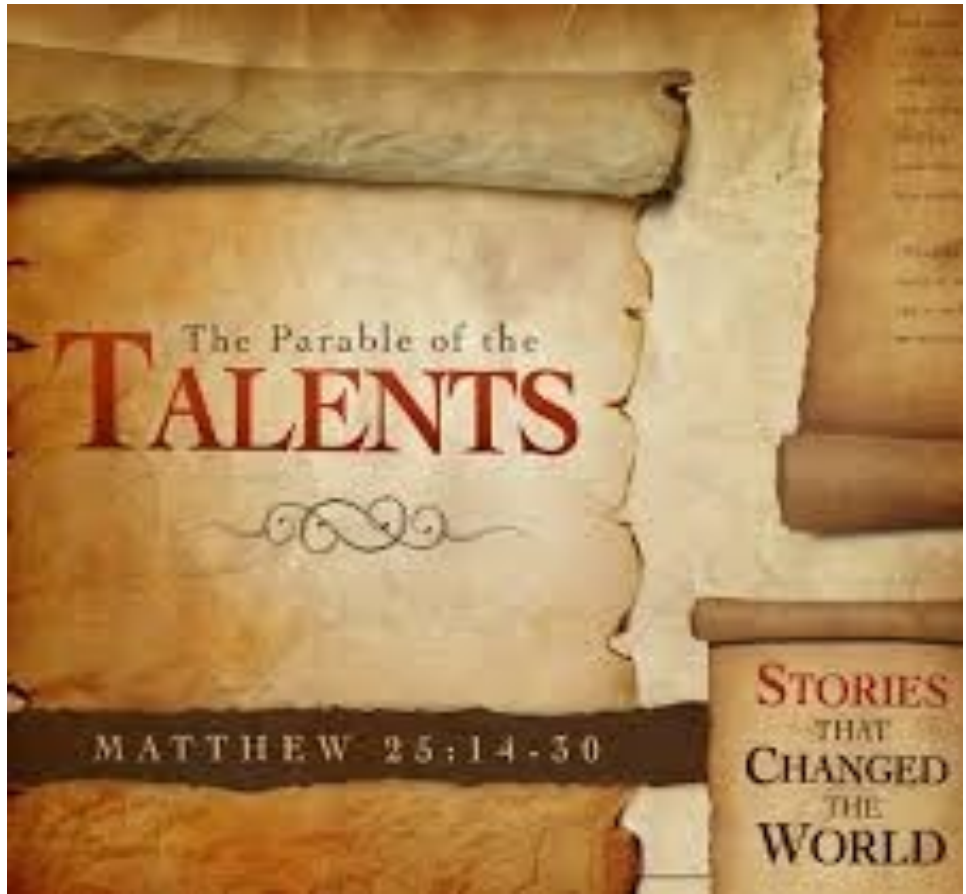


SERVING THE CHURCH This Week	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week
Liturgist: Linda Marshall Ushers: Linda Marshall Bill Marshall NS	Liturgist: Ushers:
Elder of the Month For November: Ronnie Storch, 864-627-8583 (H); 864-254-8861 (cell)	
SESSION MEMBERS	
<u>Class of 2023</u> Barb Daugherty Bill Marshall (NS) Ronnie Storch	<u>Class of 2024</u> Linda Stenhouse Jackie Koch Candie Vaitkevicius



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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nov. 12, 2023

24th 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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. DeCou

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Marshall, Liturgist
Leader: Together, we choose to serve God, which means: We choose love.

People: We choose hope.

Leader: We choose peace.

People: We choose kindness.

Leader: We choose welcome.

People: We choose justice.

Leader: We choose to serve God.

All: Let us worship.

OPENING HYMN: #434 "Today We All Are Called to be Disciples"

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your kingdom on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us, so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays. Forgive

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A Congregational Meeting will be held after worship today. The Budget for 2024 will be presented and the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2025 will be presented: Bill Marshall NS, Barb Daugherty, Linda Marshall.

THANK YOU to everyone who gave toward gifts from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog on World Communion Sunday. With Session matching the congregation's offering, we were able to send \$713 to purchase 1 Mzuzu Drill, 2 Sewing machines, 1 pair of goats, 2 families of chickens, 1 pack of Moringa tree seeds, 2 sets of jerry cans, 1 set of farming tools, and 2 teacher training kits.

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: Judges 4:1-7/Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: "Good and Trustworthy Servants"

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.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Volunteers are needed to help decorate for Christmas after worship on November 26th.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet on Thursday, Nov. 16th at 11 a.m. at the Church.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: If you'd like to purchase a lovely poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the order form in today's bulletin. The cost remains at \$10.00. The poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary throughout the advent season. Please indicate if you would like to take your flower(s) home or if it is a donation only. Deadline to order is November 26th. You may put the forms in the offering plate or give them to Jackie.

FELLOWSHIP HALL REDEDICATION: A short rededication service will be held in the newly renovated Fellowship Hall after regular worship service next Sunday, Nov. 19th. All are encouraged to attend.

us. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news:

All: Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Believe the gospel!

All: 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 #441 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25/Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON: "Our Lamps are Going Out" 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 "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus" arr. Smith

*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

*CLOSING HYMN #379 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

*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.

PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE

"I Am Resolved"

Fillmore

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 AND REFRESHMENTS today are given by Sue Seidel. 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: Jimmy Cheeks, Barb & Roger Daugherty

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 (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.