

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

Liturgist: Linda Marshall  
Ushers: Bill Marshall NS  
Linda Marshall

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**Next Week**

Liturgist: Jackie Koch  
Ushers: Jackie Koch

**Elder of the Month**

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

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Class of 2023

Barb Daugherty  
Bill Marshall (NS)  
Ronnie Storch

Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse  
Jackie Koch  
Candie Vaitkevicius

Class of 2025

Barb Daugherty  
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Linda Marshall

**2 Cents-A-Meal**

Next Week!

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**Sunday, November 26, 2023**

*Simpsonville Presbyterian Church*

Simpsonville, SC

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

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nov. 26, 2023

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Welcome, announcements

Brief Memorial for Helen Guthrie

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 "Rejoice, The Lord is King" arr. Larson

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Marshall, Liturgist

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with  
singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.

**People: We are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

**People: Give thanks to God; bless his name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

**All: God's faithfulness is from generation to generation. Let us wor-  
ship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN: #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something  
different. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have given you  
food. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in.  
If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by.  
But we did. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each oth-  
er. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. We do not  
deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, and ask you to help us  
change our ways. Amen.

This year we will again have a **MITTEN AND SCARF TREE** which will be up  
in the Narthex on December 3 and 10. The donations will be sent to the  
Robert E. Cashion Elementary School.

Coming Next Sunday (First Sunday of Advent):

Scripture: Isaiah 64:109/Mark 13:24-37

Sermon: "The End of the World As We Know It"

Communion

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** Volunteers are needed to help decorate for Christmas today after worship .

**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 (located on the back table). 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. **TO-DAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER.** You may put the forms in the offering plate or give them to Jackie.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** are available on the table in the Narthex.

**CHRISTMAS GATHERING:** Join us for our annual Christmas gathering on Friday, Dec. 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Christmas trivia competition and a Chinese gift swap in addition to great food and fellowship. The main course meats (turkey and ham) will be provided; attendees are asked to bring side dishes, salads, or desserts. Friends and family are welcome. A sign-up sheet is located on the back table. Please bring a wrapped, unsigned gift for each attendee.

#### **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.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Thus says the Lord our God: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down.

**All: I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak."**

Leader: The relentless grace of Jesus Christ always finds and forgives us.

**All: Thanks be to our ever-seeking God!**

**RESPONSE: "Thank You, Lord"**

*Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul*

*Thank you, Lord, for making me whole*

*Thank you, Lord, for giving to me*

*Thy great salvation so rich and free*

**HYMN # 455 "All Creatures of Our God and King" (verses 1-4)**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24/Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON: "Goats" 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 King of Love My Shepherd Is" Transcribed Peery

\***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 #151** "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

\*BENEDICTION

\***RESPONSE:** "Share His Love"

*Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you  
Share His love by sharing of your faith  
and show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you  
every moment, every day!*

POSTLUDE "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Teschner

**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 Ronnie Storch. Thank you.

**REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Gail West. 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:** Tori Fowler, Alice Grooms

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Barb Daugherty (12/03)

### LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jean Kirkland, Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother, Linda Moseley (granddaughter of Jean Kirkland); Kitty Shealy, 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); the family of 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.

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

Dec. 2: Gap Creek Singers Christmas Concert: 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Dec. 8: Congregation Christmas Gathering (see write-up for details)

Dec. 9: Greenville Chorale Christmas Concert—see poster in Narthex

Dec. 17: Lessons & Carols—joint service

Dec. 24: Morning worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 7 p.m.