

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

Liturgist: Linda Marshall  
Ushers: Ronnie Storch  
Gail West

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**Next Week**

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius  
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius  
Kitty Shealy

**Elder of the Month**

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Class of 2024

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Jackie Koch  
Candie Vaitkevicius

Class of 2025

Barb Daugherty  
Bill Marshall NS  
Linda Marshall



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**Sunday, January 14, 2024**



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**Simpsonville, SC**

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

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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

Welcome, announcements

Prayers 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 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" arr. Hughes

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

Leader: Where can we go from God's spirit?

**People: If we ascend to heaven, God is there; if we make our bed in Sheol, God is there.**

Leader: If we take the wings of morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**People: Even there God's hand shall lead us, and God's right hand will hold us fast.**

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

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our sins even before we confess. Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challenging. We'd much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in wrongdoing. Help us face our failings so we can move forward in truth. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.

**All: God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free.**

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

## 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

### The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?"
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?"
- 3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?"
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?"
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F



- Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)  
Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C



- Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F



- will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

Please pray for the success of this new outreach mission to be a benefit to our community.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will meet on Thursday, Jan. 18th, at 11 a.m. at the church.

**BIBLE STUDY:** A new Bible Study will be offered during Lent entitled "Love God, Neighbor, Enemy." It will begin on Feb. 18th and run through Mar. 24th at 9:15 a.m. at the Church. Information concerning study materials and a sign-up sheet will be coming soon.

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** Rev. Dr. Mary Ann and Lawrence Welch will host the next Fellowship Dinner in their home on Friday, January 26th at 5:30 p.m. Brushetta Chicken will be the main course. Those attending are asked to bring a salad, side, or dessert. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Also, anyone wishing to host a dinner in their home in 2024, please sign-up on the back table.

**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR 2024** are located on the back table. Liturgists, Ushers, and Flower and Refreshments providers are needed. If you are able, please sign up to help. Thank you.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: Jonah 3:1-5, 10/Mark 1:14-20

Sermon: "Becoming Fishermen"

Leader: Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

**All: Thanks be to God. Hallelujah! Amen.**

**RESPONSE: "God is So Good"**

*God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, He's so good to me..*

**HYMN #356 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Samuel 3:1-10/John 1:43-51

SERMON: "Can Anything Good Come Out of Nazareth?" 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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" arr. Mier

**\*The Doxology**

*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 "Will You Come and Follow Me?" (bulletin pg. 7)**

\*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE: "Surely it is God Who Saves Me"**

*Surely it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,  
and He will be my Savior.*

POSTLUDE "Tell the Good News" Bartlett

**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 Joe & Candie Vaitkevicius. 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:** Hector & Susan Medina, Rpgger Pryor

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Gary Klein (01/19)

**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); Everett (sister of Donnett); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father); Scott Hatfield (son-in-law of Candie & Joe); Hazel Cain (aunt of Linda Marshall); 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 January 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.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPAGHETTI DINNER.** The dinner will be held on Thursday, January 25th in the Fellowship Hall. We are inviting our Food Pantry clients and residents of the Village Park apartments. Food will be served from 5:00-6:30 p.m.. Volunteers from our congregation are needed to help in several areas, including preparing food, serving food, greeting attendees, etc. A sign-up sheet is on the back table. Please lend your support for this worthy mission. **DOORKNOB INVITATIONS** will be distributed to the Village Park residents on Saturday, Jan. 20th. If you would like to help with this, meet at the Church at 1:00 p.m.