

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius
Kitty Shealy

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Next Week

Liturgist: Judy Rainey
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse
Lisa Shelf

Elder of the Month

For January: Linda Stenhouse, 864-967-7218 (H)
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SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse
Jackie Koch
Candie Vaitkevicius

Class of 2025

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall NS
Linda Marshall



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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 21, 2024

3rd 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 "This Little Light of Mine" arr. Albrecht

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: God is our rock and salvation.

People: We wait to hear from God; our souls wait.

Leader: We depend on God alone;

People: we release what will pass away and rest in God's enduring mercy.

One: Though God calls us down difficult paths, we answer, relying on God's help, for God keeps calling us to the work.

All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN: #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

***Hymn: "O How He Loves You and Me"**

Oh, how He loves you and me,

Oh, how He loves you and me.

He gave His life, what more could He give;

Oh, how He loves you,

Oh, how He loves me,

Oh, how He loves you and me.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

God of mercy, we confess that we have settled down in Nineveh. We have gotten comfortable in our categories: haves and have-nots, makers and takers, bigots and bystanders, self-starters and subordinates,

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPAGHETTI DINNER. The dinner will be held this Thursday, January 25th in the Fellowship Hall. We have invited 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 and pray for the success of this worthy mission.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 18:15-20/Mark 1:21-28

Sermon: "Astounded and Amazed"

BIBLE STUDY: Love God, Neighbor, Enemy

Join us for a 6-week Bible study on Sunday mornings during Lent, Feb. 18 – March 24 at 9:15am. It will be led by Barb Daugherty and Bill Marshall (NS).

Jesus calls us to love God with our whole heart, soul, strength, and mind—and our neighbor as ourselves. This love is not fully expressed if we are only loving when it is convenient or comfortable. And loving those who may be hard to love, just as we love God and our neighbor, is found throughout scripture. We will explore Jesus’ call to love through action by serving a stranger, showing mercy, washing another’s feet, being courageous, and living peaceably.

Please sign the sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you are interested in joining in on this study. We hope you do! Materials will be provided if you sign up by Sunday, Feb. 4.

CARDS: Join us for card playing Wed., Jan. 24th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Rev. Dr. Mary Ann and Lawrence Welch will host the next Fellowship Dinner in their home this 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.

PW SOUP LUNCHEON will be held on Sunday, Feb. 4th, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship service. Everyone is invited to this annual fund-raising event.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY will also be held on Feb. 4th. The Scouts of Trop 700 will participate in the worship service as well as attend the Soup Luncheon.

law-abiders and illegals, the perpetrators and the innocent. We confess that we are comfortable living under systems of injustice and exploitation. We confess our discomfort in speaking truths that unmask idolatries. Make us ready to follow Jesus, ready to repent, and eager to change our hearts and lives. Call to us again, and show us your mercy. Let us hear your good news again. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God desires relationship with us, and reconciliation for all of creation.

All: Jesus comes bearing the good news of forgiveness and transformation.

Leader: Receive the good news of God’s grace.

All: We are forgiven!

RESPONSE: “God is So Good”

*God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, He’s so good to me..
God cares for me, God cares for me,
God cares for me, He’s so good to me.*

HYMN #388 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SERMON: “Becoming Fishermen” 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**

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 #377 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

*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

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Tune ARISE

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 today are given by Gail West. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Lisa Shelf. 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: Sue Seidel, Kitty Shealy

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); 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) 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. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right.