

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

Liturgist: Judy Rainey  
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse  
Lisa Shelf

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**Next Week**

Liturgist: Boy Scout Troop 700  
Ushers: Kitty Shealy  
Gail West

**Elder of the Month**

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For February: Bill Marshall (NS), 864-967-9855 (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

**2 Cents-A-Meal**

**Next Week!**

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**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

*Simpsonville Presbyterian Church*

**Simpsonville, SC**

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

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 28, 2024

4th 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 Bible, Book Divine”                      arr. DeCou

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP**    Judy Rainey, Liturgist

Leader: With our whole hearts, we give God thanks.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord!**

Leader: We ascribe honor and majesty to God.

**People: God’s righteousness endures forever.**

One: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN: #455 “All Creatures of Our God and King”**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Relentlessly God seeks us out with abundant grace and boundless mercy.

**All: This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPAGHETTI DINNER.** Thank you to all who came out to help with this outreach mission.

**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: Scout Sunday—no communion

Scriptures: Isaiah 40:21-31/Mark 1:29-39

Sermon: “Let Us Go”

**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.

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** Thank you to Rev. Dr. Mary Anne & Lawrence for hosting the fellowship dinner on Friday at their home. Delicious food and great company was shared by all who attended.

If you would like to host a fellowship dinner in 2024, please sign up on the back table.

**PW SOUP LUNCHEON** will be held next 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 Troop 700 will participate in the worship service as well as attend the Soup Luncheon.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** will be held on Wed., Feb. 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Church.

**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.  
God loves me so, God loves me so,  
God loves me so, He’s so good to me.*

**HYMN #339 “Be Thou My Vision”**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-20/Mark 1:21-28

SERMON: “Astounded and Amazed” 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 "Take Time to be Holy" arr. Larson

**\*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 #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**

\*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 "Glorious Is Thy Name" McKinney

**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 AND REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Roger Pryor and Darrell Johnson. 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:** Jim & Linda Stenhouse, Chip & Teresa Shelf

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Paula Ely (01/29), Jerry Kross (01/29), Linda Stenhouse (01/31), Ronnie Storch (02/03)

**LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jean Kirkland, Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother, Linda Moseley (granddaughter of Jean Kirkland); The Medina family; Kitty Shealy, the Vaitkevicius family; family of Linda Russell (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 February are canned fruits and fruit cups. 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.

**WORSHIP TEAM MEETING:** The Worship Team will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 30th at 10:30 a.m. at the Church.

**LEGACY TEAM MEETING:** The Legacy team will meet on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 10:30 at the Church. All are invited to attend.