

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

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

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Next Week

Liturgist: Sue Seidel
Ushers: Linda Marshall
Bill Marshall NS

Elder of the Month

For February: Bill Marshall (NS), 864-967-9855 (H),
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Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse
Jackie Koch
Candie Vaitkevicius

Class of 2025

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall NS
Linda Marshall



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Sunday, February 4, 2024

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 4, 2024

5th 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.

SCOUTS OPENING CEREMONY Troop 700

WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS Lee Ledford

PRELUDE "Who is On the Lord's Side?" arr. Smith

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP Elijah Legg, ASLP

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!

People: How good it is to sing praises to our God.

Leader: For God is gracious, healing the brokenhearted, binding up their
wounds.

People: God's understanding is beyond measure. Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN: #482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

HYMN # 368 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION Holden Margeson, Eagle Scout Candidate

CALL TO CONFESSION Ryan Roberge, Quartermaster

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer) Ryan Roberge

Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in, to hide from the in-
justices of the world, to protect ourselves and our own, to turn off the
evening news full of bad news. Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring,
of turning our backs on those in need. Forgive our sins of apathy when
you call us to action. Renew us, Holy God, by your grace. Strengthen
us to follow Christ's call. Amen.

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.

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.

DEVOTIONALS FOR LENT are available on the table by the front door. Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) through Easter Sunday (March 31). Please take one if you wish.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE this year.

Coming Next Sunday: Communion
Scriptures: 2 Kings 2:1-12/Mark 9:2-13
Sermon: "Transfiguration"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ryan Roberge

Leader: Hear the good news. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

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 #487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

MINUTE FOR MISSION (Information about the troop and plans for the future)
Don Margeson

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Welch

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 40:21-31 Walker Bernard, SPL
Mark 1:29-39 Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Welch

SERMON: "Let Us Go" 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 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me/Just a Closer
Walk with Thee" arr. Whitworth

***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 #404 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

*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 "We Praise Thee with Our Minds, O Lord" Irish Melody

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for the Presbyterian Women's Soup Luncheon.

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 Sue Marshall. 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: Boy Scout Troop 700, Sharon Stone

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Donnett Hanson (02/08)

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; family of Linda Russell (friend of Jimmy Cheeks); Everett (sister of Donnett); the Medina Family; 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 February are canned fruits and fruit cups. As always, we are grateful for all donations.