

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Sue Seidel
Ushers: Linda Marshall
Bill Marshall NS

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Next Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Ushers: Ronnie Storch
Linda Stenhouse

Elder of the Month

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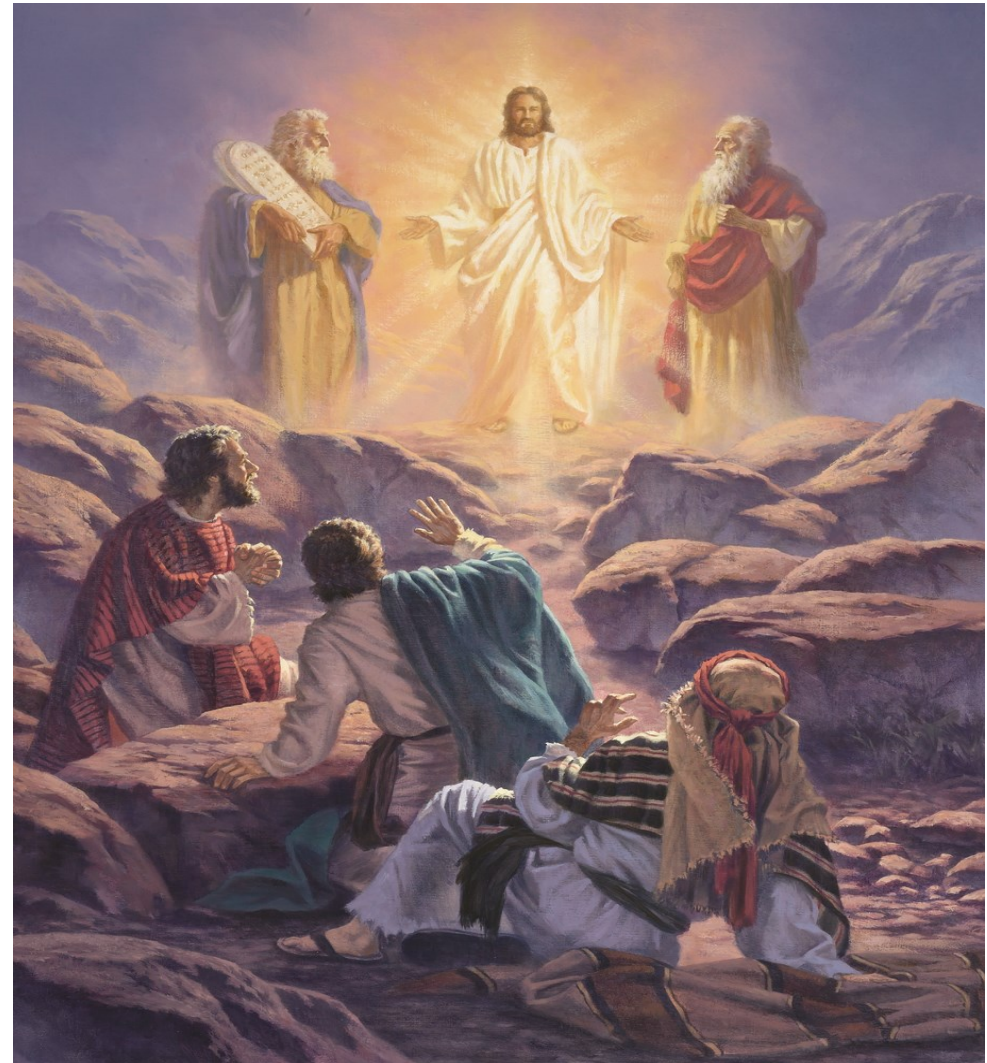
SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse
Jackie Koch
Candie Vaitkevicius

Class of 2025

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall NS
Linda Marshall



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Sunday, February 11, 2024

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration of the Lord

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 "To God Be the Glory" arr. Whitworth

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Sue Seidel, Liturgist

Leader: God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfections shine forth, calling to us.

Leader: God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

People: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer, the judge.

***OPENING HYMN: #73 "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"**

***HYMN #306 "Fairest Lord Jesus" (verses 1 & 3)**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Almighty God, when we encounter the beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "Stand up, take your mat and walk," Jesus says to the crippled man he has healed.

All: We, too, are healed.

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.

SESSION MEETING: The Session of SPC will meet on Monday, Feb. 12th at 10:30 a.m. at the Church.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Bill & Linda Marshall will host the next fellowship dinner at their home on Friday, March 8th, at 5:30 p.m. The main course will be pulled pork. Those attending are asked to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Bill & Linda's address is 303 Pioneer Court, Simpsonville, in the Wagon Creek community.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: 1 Peter 3:18-22/Psalm 25:1-10

Sermon: "Why We Sing Sad Songs"

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jean Kirkland, Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother, Linda Moseley (granddaughter of Jean Kirkland); the Vaitkevicius family; family of Linda Russell (friend of Jimmy Cheeks); Everett (sister of Donnett); the Medina Family; Debra Datko; 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); 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.

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!

Leader: Transformed by Christ's redemption, let us get up and walk together.

All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE: "We Are Forgiven"

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

HYMN #514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Kings 2:1-12/Mark 9:2-13

SERMON: "Transfiguration" Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Welch

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Nicene Creed
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 "Something for Thee/I Gave My Life for 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**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the LORD!
Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE SHARING OF THE MEAL

As the trays are passed please serve your neighbor with the words, "The Body and blood of Christ, given for you."
The Communion wafer is not gluten free. It is our tradition to take the bread individually and to hold the wine to drink together.

***CLOSING HYMN "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining" (Shine, Jesus, Shine) (bulletin insert)**

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE: "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"**

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.
Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

POSTLUDE "The Cattle on a Thousand Hills" O'Brien

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 Ronnie Storch Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Sharon Flesch. 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: Ronnie Storch, Joe & Candie Vaitkevicius

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None