

SERVING THE CHURCH This Week Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse Ushers: Ronnie Storch Linda Stenhouse	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week Liturgist: Linda Marshall Ushers: Jackie Koch Linda Stenhouse
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<u>Class of 2024</u> Linda Stenhouse Jackie Koch Candie Vaitkevicius	<u>Class of 2025</u> Barb Daugherty Bill Marshall NS Linda Marshall



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Simpsonville Presbyterian Church
 Simpsonville, SC

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

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 18, 2024

1st Sunday in Lent

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 "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Pethel

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist

Leader: O God, in you we trust.

People: Lead us in your truth and teach us,

Leader: for you are the God of our salvation;

People: for you we wait, for you we worship.

***OPENING HYMN: #272 "God of the Sparrow"**

***HYMN "Nothing But the Blood"**

1 What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

O precious is the flow

that makes me white as snow;

no other fount I know;

nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2 Nothing can for sin atone:

nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Naught of good that I have done:

nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: Mark 8:31-38/Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Sermon: "El Shaddai"

Joe); Lisa Shelf; 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. The Bible Study began today in the back classroom. If you wish to attend one or more sessions and have not signed up, please just come. We welcome all.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church office will be closed on Tuesday, Feb. 20th. Both Rev. Dr. Mary Anne and Jackie will attend the Presbytery Meeting in Fountain Inn.

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.

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.

VOTING: The Church will be used as a voting station on Saturday, Feb. 24th.

***3 This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]***

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten wilderness journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of nation, money, and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our faith so we can leave this wilderness season in right relationship with you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Remember and receive these hopeful words from John 8:31-32,

All: "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Leader: Receive God's truth. Receive God's grace. Accept the freedom God provides.

All: Amen.

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 #357 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Peter 3:18-22/Psalm 25:1-10

SERMON: "Why We Sing Sad Songs" 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 "Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart" arr. Phillips

***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 #210 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

***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 Glory of These Forty Days" Trans. Bell

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 Linda Stenhouse. 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: Judy Rainey, Lena Staschak

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Donnett Hanson; 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 &