

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

Liturgist: Judy Rainey  
Ushers: Candie Vaitkevicius  
Joe Vaitkevicius

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Ushers: Bill Marshall (PA)  
Sue Marshall

**Elder of the Month**

For March: Barb Daugherty, 864-234-0143

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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, March 3, 2024**

**Simpsonville Presbyterian Church**

**Simpsonville, SC**

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

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 3, 2024

3rd 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 "Man of Sorrows" arr. Page

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

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**People: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.**

Leader: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**All: They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey. Let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN: #84 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**God of righteousness, we confess that we have not kept your commandments. We bow down before idols, declaring our allegiance to other powers and principalities. We take your name in vain, using it to justify our own prejudices and opinions. We do not make adequate time to rest and remember your goodness, nor to revel in the delight of family and friends. We look the other way in the face of violence and oppression, misogyny and sexual assault, land grabs and unjust economic practices. Our dishonesty and greed get the better of us. Yet you gave us commandments not for condemnation, but so that we might live in justice and joy. Purify us by your righteousness and enfold us in your grace. Sanctify our intentions and actions, that our lives may begin to reflect your Beloved Community. Amen.**

worship. The Annual Report for 2023 will be presented and we will be seeking two people from the congregation to be on the Nominating Committee to seek Session members for the class of 2026.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** As is our tradition, Easter lilies will decorate our sanctuary during the Easter season. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one or special person, the cost is \$10.00 per lily. You may list more than one honoree or memorial for the bulletin. You may elect to make a donation only or to take your flower home on Easter Sunday. Order forms are on the back table. Place your form and payment either in the offering plate or give to Jackie. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 10th.

**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.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:** Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before bedtime on Saturday, March 9th.

Coming Next Sunday: Annual Corporate Meeting

Scriptures: Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:14-21

Sermon: "Those Who Believe"

**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:** Lawrence & Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch; Gail West.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Jeff VandeWeghe; (03/07); Lena Staschak (03/08)

### LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Donnett Hanson; Jean Kirkland; Alice Grooms; Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother; Linda Moseley (granddaughter of Jean Kirkland); family of Linda Russell (friend of Jimmy Cheeks); Everett (sister of Donnett); Debra Datko; Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father); Sue Aeillo (friend of Jackie); 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 March are personal products, especially body wash and shampoo. 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.

**BIBLE STUDY: Love God, Neighbor, Enemy.** The Bible Study meets in the back classroom at 9:15 a.m. through March 24th. If you wish to attend one or more sessions and have not signed up, please just come. We welcome all.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The annual Congregational Corporate Meeting will be held next Sunday, March 10th, immediately following

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear these words from the Apostle Paul, "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength."

**All: The grace of Christ is sufficient for us.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**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 #505 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 20:1-11/John 2:13-22

SERMON: "Spring Cleaning" Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Welch

RESPONSE: *Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for you. Repeat.*

### **\*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 "Lenten Meditation" arr. Loree

#### \*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 #441 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

\*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 "My Song Forever Shall Record" Bortniansky

**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** today are given by Lena Staschak. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Judy Rainey. Thank you.