

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius
Ushers: Bill Marshall (PA)
Sue Marshall

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Next Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Ushers: Ronnie Storch
Linda Stenhouse

Elder of the Month

For March: Barb Daugherty, 864-234-0143

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, March 10, 2024

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

March 10, 2024

4th 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 "Down At the Cross" arr. Loree

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the land, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

People: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of the Lord's deeds with songs of joy.

***OPENING HYMN: #485 "To God Be the Glory"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us to live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your

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1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



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 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.

SESSION MEETING: The Session of SPC will meet tomorrow, Mar. 11th, at 10:30 at the Church.

CARDS: Join us for card playing Wed., Mar. 13th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

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 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. Today is the last day to order. A list of honorees will be in the Easter bulletin.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Thank you to Bill & Linda Marshall for hosting the Fellowship Dinner at their home on Friday. Delicious food and good company was enjoyed by all who attended.

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

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:31-34/John 12:20-26

Sermon: "We Would See Jesus"

loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

All: 'I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,'

Leader: and he adds,

All: 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

Leader: Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin."

All: Believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (bulletin pg. 7)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Numbers 21:4-9/John 3:14-21

SERMON: "Those Who Believe" 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 "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed/At Calvary" arr. Poole

***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 #555 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*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.

PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE CORPORATE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE "In The Cross of Christ I Glory" Conkey

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 Linda Stenhouse. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Ronnie Storch. 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: Jimmy Cheeks, Barb & Roger Daugherty

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Sam Orr (friend of Linda Marshall); Donnett Han-son; Jean Kirkland; Alice Grooms; Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's moth-er; Linda Moseley (granddaughter of Jean Kirkland); family of Linda Rus-sell (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 hesi-tate 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.