

**SERVING THE CHURCH**

**This Week**

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius  
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius  
Candie Vaitkevicius

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**Next Week**

Liturgist: Jerry Kross  
Ushers: Linda Marshall  
Bill Marshall (NS)

**Elder of the Month**

For March: Barb Daugherty, 864-234-0143  
For April: Jackie Koch, 443-985-6646

**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 31, 2024**

**Simpsonville Presbyterian Church**

**Simpsonville, SC**

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

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

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                    “Rejoice, The Lord is King”                    arr. Larson

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP**                    Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

**People: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Leader: Celebrate this day of days!

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Leader: Let all creation be amazed!

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #113                    “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: “Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured.”

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.**

**THANK YOU:** Bill and I would like to thank the many people who have given their time, thoughts and prayers with the passing of Bill's father, Bob Marshall. The food provided by the Presbyterian women was enjoyed by all 41 relatives and very much appreciated! Going forward, please keep Bill's mother, Issabelle (Izzy) in your prayers. Sue Marshall.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU:** I would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts for my bid to direct a special selection for the Greenville Chorale's Christmas Program. I have received gifts totalling \$1,300 for my bid. Last year's winning bid was \$700. Jimmy Cheeks.

**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: Communion  
Scriptures: Psalm 133/1 John 1:1-2:2  
Sermon: "After Easter, Then What?"

**RESPONSE: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.*

**HYMN #104 "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24/Mark 16:1-8

SERMON: "Getting Jesus Out of the Tomb" 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 "Crown Him With Many Crowns" arr. Renfrow

**\*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 #108 "Christ is Alive!"

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: "He Lives"

*He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.*

POSTLUDE "Because He Lives" Tune RESURRECTION

**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 lovely Easter lilies in memory of or in honor of loved ones.

**REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Jackie Koch. 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:** Alice Grooms, Donnett Hanson

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Jackie Koch (04/05)

**LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jan Johnson, Sam Orr (friend of Linda Marshall); Donnett Hanson; Jean Kirkland; Alice Grooms; family of Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother; Robbie Herd; Tina Minnich (daughter of Candie & Joe); Linda Moseley (granddaughter of Jean Kirkland); Beverly Sullivan (friend of Jimmy Cheeks); Everett (sister of Donnett); Debra Datko; 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](mailto: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 April are canned and jarred spaghetti sauce. As always, we are grateful for all donations. **The Pantry is seeking volunteers to be "shoppers" for necessary items. If you would like to help, please see Candie.**

**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.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Lovely Easter lilies are decorating our Sanctuary today. If you purchased a lily for someone special, and indicated that you wanted to take your flower(s) home, please do so after the service. A list of honorees is inserted in today's bulletin.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** Envelopes for this special offering are in today's bulletin. One Great Hour of Sharing is the largest way Presbyterians work together to move in solidarity with our neighbors in need around the globe in over 100 countries and right here at home. Your gift will make an impact as we continually learn to follow Christ.