

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Jackie Koch
Ushers: Jackie Koch
Linda Stenhouse

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Next Week

Liturgist: Judy Rainey
Ushers: Ronnie Storch
Gail West

Elder of the Month

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, April 14, 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

April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

Welcome, announcements

Prayers and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch will be out of the office from April 9th through April 15th.

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 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" arr. Smith

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Jackie Koch, Liturgist

Leader: When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,

People: he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Leader: Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,

People: bursting in with new life and new hope.

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed.

***OPENING HYMN #108 "Christ is Alive!"**

HYMN: "He is Lord"

***1 He is Lord, he is Lord;
he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord;
every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.***

***2 He is love, he is love;
he has shown us by his life that he is love;
all his people sing with one voice of joy
that Jesus Christ is love.***

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

shame and guilt. To forgive is not to forget; it is an active decision to not live in the past and to build toward a future. Forgiveness does not deny the realities of sin: betrayal, violence, anger, jealousy. It ensures that wrongs do not have the last word. The final word in forgiveness is God's grace, available to those who seek to forgive and to move beyond separation and brokenness toward restored relationship with God and one another.

Please sign the sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you are interested in joining in on this study. Books will be provided.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS ANNUAL SPRING "WORK DAY" will be held Saturday, May 4 from 9am till noon.

A list of cleanup actions/activities will be placed in the narthex. Please consider signing up to take care of one (or more). As in the past, if you can work on May 4th, that is great. If you can't be there on the 4th, then any day you choose is fine.

If you would like to help but can't make it, a designated donation to replacing our front shrubs or mulch would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Bill (pa), Joe or Bill (ns).

SAVE THE DATE: PW Salad Luncheon, Sunday, May 19, following worship

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: Zechariah 10:1-12/1 John 3:16-24

Sermon: "The King of Love"

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. Click on “Videos” in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right.

VACATION: Rev. Dr. Mary Ann is on vacation from April 9th through April 15th.

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet on Thursday, April 18th, at 11 a.m. at the Church.

COMMUNITY DINNER: We are planning to serve a free hotdog meal to the community on Thursday, April 25 from 5-7 pm. It is to be the first of 3 hotdog meals we have planned for the 4th Thursdays of April, May, and June. The meal will be outdoors in our new picnic area, weather permitting. Everyone is welcome to come and eat, no need to sign up or bring anything. In addition, we will need a few volunteers to help with the meal. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary for volunteers.

BIBLE STUDY ON FORGIVENESS: Join us for a 4-week Bible study on Sunday mornings on May 5, 12, & 19 and June 2 at 9:15am. It will be led by Barb Daugherty and Bill Marshall (NS).

We forgive because God first forgives us. When we forgive one another, we participate in God’s way of being in the world. We let go of anger over wrong; we let go of a desire for getting even; we let go of the burdens of

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

What love you have given us, O God, that we should be called your children. What love you have given us, O Christ, that we should share a table with you. Forgive when we act as if we were your only children: when we do not recognize your image in the faces of strangers, enemies, or friends; when we do not share our own tables, forgetting that we need each other. Forgive us, O Christ, maker of peace, and teach us to follow in your way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us.

All: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Amen.

RESPONSE: “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

HYMN #306 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

1 John 3:1-7/Luke 24:36b-49

SERMON:

Rev. Dr. Joseph Gaston

***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 "He Hideth My Soul" arr. Manuel

*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 #151 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Go with God"

*May God's grace go before you.
May His love enfold you.
May His mighty arms up hold you, protect you
Til we meet again, go with God.*

POSTLUDE "Serve the Lord with Gladness" McKinney

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 Sharon Stone. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Judy Rainey. 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: Jean Kirkland, Jo & Gary Klein

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Chip Shelf (04/19)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jan Johnson, Sam Orr (friend of Linda Marshall); Donnett Hanson; Joe Vaitkevicius; Jean Kirkland; Alice Grooms; family of Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother; the Herd and McCaslin families; 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); the Fire Dept. of Laurens County. Do not hesitate to call or email the Church Office (office@simpsonvillepres.com) about any pastoral concerns.