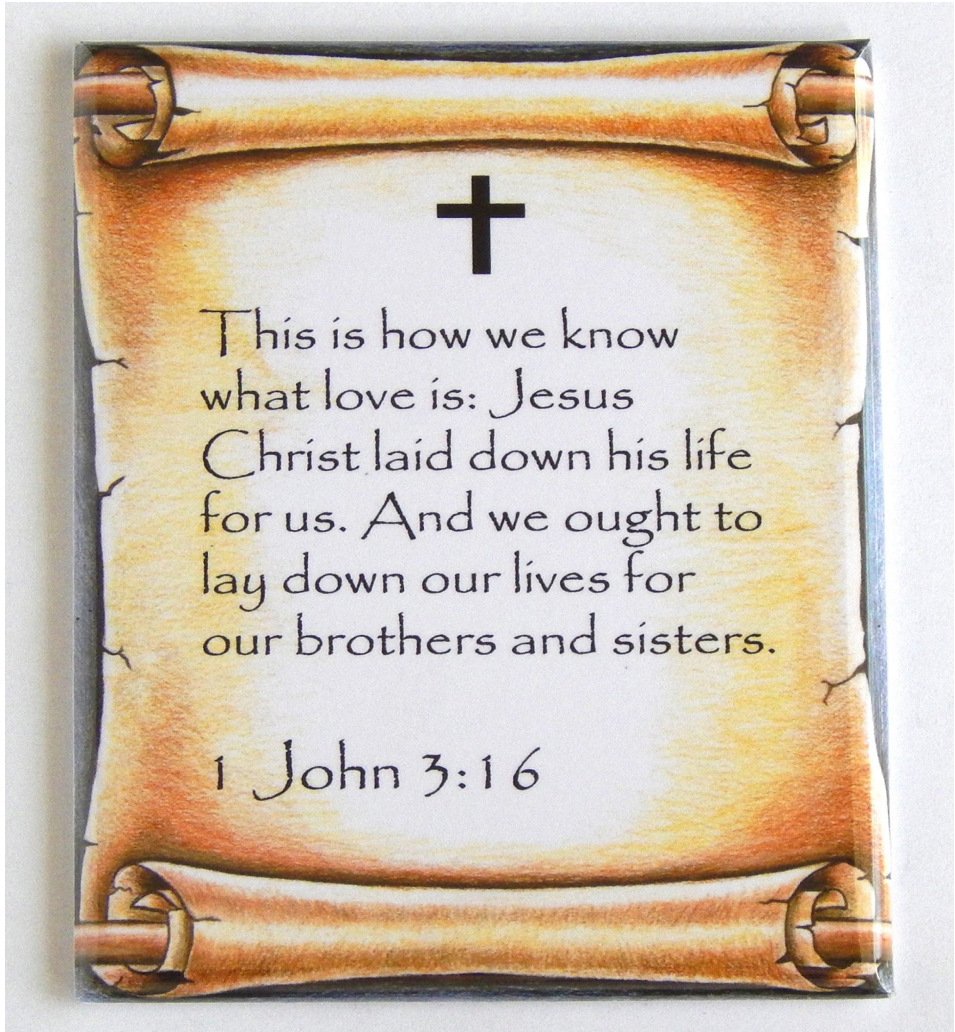


SERVING THE CHURCH This Week	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week
Liturgist: Judy Rainey Ushers: Ronnie Storch Gail West	Liturgist: Ushers:
Elder of the Month For April: Jackie Koch, 443-985-6646	
SESSION MEMBERS	
<u>Class of 2024</u> Linda Stenhouse Jackie Koch Candie Vaitkevicius	<u>Class of 2025</u> Barb Daugherty Bill Marshall NS Linda Marshall



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Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

Welcome, announcements

Prayers and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch has office hours on Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-Noon. Please call 864-963-8854 to make an appointment.

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 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" arr. Whitworth

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

Leader: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

People: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

Leader: Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

People: our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

***OPENING HYMN #417 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation!"**

HYNN: "His Name is Wonderful"

*His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He's the Great Shepherd, The Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He. Bow down before Him,
Love and adore Him, His name is wonderful,
Jesus my Lord.*

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

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).

STUFFED ANIMAL COLLECTION: We are collecting new stuffed animals for the Police to use to comfort children who have been in accidents or trauma situations. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please see a Session member.

CARDS: Join us for card playing on Wednesday, April 24th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER to sign up to bring flowers, refreshments, or to be a liturgist or usher for Sunday worship. Sign-up sheets are on the back table. Thank you!

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: Psalm 22:25-31/1 John 4:7-21

Sermon: "The Source"

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.

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

COMMUNITY DINNER: We will be serving a free hotdog meal to the community this 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 encouraged 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 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.

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.

All: We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

HYMN #310 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Zechariah 10:1-12/1 John 3:16-24

SERMON: "The King of Love" 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 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" arr. Huisman

***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 #387 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*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 "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men" Tune NEUMEISTER

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 Ronnie Storch. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Gail West. 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: Jackie Koch, Jan & Jerry Kross

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jean Kirkland (04/23)

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.

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.**