

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Troop 700
Ushers: Jackie Koch
Troop 700

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Next Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse
Gail West

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For February: Bill Marshall PA: 864-228-6990

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Sunday, February 2, 2025

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 2, 2025

3rd Sunday after Epiphany/Scout Sunday

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.

POSTING OF COLORS

TROOP 700

PRELUDE

"Near to the Heart of God"

arr. Smith

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP**

Walker Bernard-Casey (SPL), Liturgist

Leader: Love is patient.

People: Love is kind.

Leader: Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

People: Love does not insist on its own way.

Leader: Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.

People: Love rejoices in the truth.

Leader: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

All: Love never ends. Let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries.

***OPENING HYMN #426 "Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Walker Bernard-Casey (SPL)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elijah Legg (ASPL)

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Elijah Legg (ASPL)

Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us. We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words, so we stay silent even as your Spirit pulls at our tongues. We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us, so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark places of our lives. We seek refuge in temporary towers and are numb to the grasp of cruelty. Forgive us. Help us

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987
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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 February are sweet and salty snacks. 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. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right.

BIBLE STUDY : The Final Days by Matt Rawle

The four New Testament Gospels aren't the same story, but they offer the same resurrection hope. Each Gospel offers a different lens through which we understand Jesus' Passion. These different perspectives aren't a reason to dismiss the Gospels; rather they reveal an abundant, diverse, and complementary picture of God's work in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Please join us for this 6-week Bible study. It will be held on Sunday mornings during Lent (March 9 – April 13). We will begin promptly at 9:15am and will end by 10:10. The study will be led by Barb Daugherty and Bill Marshall (NS). A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. The suggested donation for the book is \$10, but payment is optional. Checks should be made out to the church.

SOUP'S ON!!! Please join the Presbyterian Women today for their annual Soup Luncheon after the Church Service. Scout Troop 700, along with their friends and families, are also invited to share our meal and we hope you'll welcome them for fellowship and various soups to enjoy.

LEGACY MEETING: The next Legacy meeting to discuss and plan our 2025 missions will be on Wednesday, Feb. 5th at 9:30 a.m. at the Church. All are welcome to attend.

COMING NEXT SUNDAY: Communion
Scriptures: Luke 5:1-11/Isaiah 6:1-8
Sermon: Holy, Holy, Holy

to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world and accept the completeness of your loving claim on our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elijah Legg (ASPL)

Leader: Hear the good news: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. We know this love through Jesus Christ, and by this love, we know that we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace! May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer
Come and listen to me.*

Hymn # 335 "Though I May Speak"

MINUTE FOR MISSION (information about the troop and plans for the future)
Adult Scout Leader

SILENT PRAYER: A few moments of silent communication with God.
Walker Bernard-Casey (SPL)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Walker Bernard-Casey (SPL)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS;
Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10 Walker Bernard-Casey (SPL)
New Testament: Luke 4:16-30 Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch

SERMON: "If Jesus Came to Simpsonville" Rev. Dr. Mary Anne 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 in the sanctuary just inside the back double doors.)

OFFERTORY "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus" arr. Smith

*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 "Will You Come and Follow Me" (bulletin pg. 7)

*BLESSING OF THE MEAL/BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

*Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy
Until we meet again.
Holy, holy, holy,
Until we meet again.*

POSTLUDE "How Gracious Are They Mercies, Lord" Tune KINGSFOLD

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.

FLOWERS today are given by Bill & Linda Marshall. 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: Boy Scout Troop 700, Food Pantry volunteers

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Ronnie Storch (02/03), Donnett Hanson (02/08)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jan Johnson; Lawrence Welch; Jo Klein; Dixon Caldwell (friend of Jimmy Cheeks); Alice Grooms; Cory and children (friends of Brenda Stenhouse); Conner Dixon (friend of Jimmy Cheeks); Sue Marshall's mother; Tina Minnich (daughter of Candie & Joe); Beverly Sullivan (friend of Jimmy Cheeks); Everett (sister of Donnett); Debra Datko; the Shelf family; Roger Edney (relative of Barb & Roger Daugherty). Do not hesitate to call or email the Church Office (office@simpsonvillepres.com) about any pastoral concerns.