

**SERVING THE CHURCH****This Week**

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse  
 Ushers: Linda Stenhouse  
 Gail West

**SERVING THE CHURCH****Next Week**

Liturgist:  
 Ushers: Linda Marshall  
 Bill Marshall NS

**Elder of the Month**

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

**SESSION MEMBERS**Class of 2025

Barb Daugherty  
 Bill Marshall NS  
 Linda Marshall

Linda Stenhouse—Clerk of Session

Class of 2026

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**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

**Simpsonville Presbyterian Church**

**Simpsonville, SC**

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

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 9, 2025

5th Sunday After Epiphany

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 "Rejoice, the Lord is King" arr. Larson

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist

Leader: Jesus promises that when we gather, God is present.

**People: God is with us here. God is with us today.**

Leader: Let us praise our Creator, the Alpha and Omega, the Almighty, saying "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

**People: The Lord of hosts is here. Let us ground ourselves in worship.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #355 "Hear the Good News of Salvation"**

**HYMN #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Lord of hosts, Jesus of Galilee, Holy Spirit, forgive us for the ways we have fallen short. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of violence, from the macro to the micro. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Beloved, God hears us when we cry out.

**People: God knows our hearts, despite our failures, and treasures the beings that we are.**

**TOP GOLF FUNDRAISER:** A fundraising event for Isaiah 117 is planned for April 23rd at Top Golf on Pelham Rd. More information will be provided as it is released.

**PLEASE** remember to sign up for pulpit flowers, refreshments, liturgist, and usher. Thank you.

**COMING NEXT SUNDAY:**

Scriptures: Luke 6:17-26/Psalm 1

Sermon: Guide to a Blessed Life

## **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.

## **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](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.

**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.

**SESSION MEETING:** The Session of SPC will meet on Thursday, Feb. 13th at 10:30 a.m. at the Church.

Leader: You are forgiven. You are loved.

**People: We are forgiven. We are loved.**

Leader: Let us live in this peace and find the courage to try again to bring God's kingdom into being, knowing that we will fail again

**All: but we are transformed by our small acts of trying.**

**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 # 377      **"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:      Luke 5:1-11/Isaiah 6:1-8

SERMON:      "Holy, Holy, Holy"      Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me/Just a Closer Walk with Thee"  
arr. Whitworth

### \*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

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the LORD!**

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## THE SHARING OF THE MEAL

As the trays are passed please serve your neighbor with the words, "The Body and blood of Christ, given for you."

The Communion wafer is not gluten free. It is our tradition to take the bread individually and to hold the wine to drink together.

### \*CLOSING HYMN #280

**"Amazing Grace"**

### \*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

*"The Cattle on a Thousand Hills"*

O'Brien

**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.

**FLOWERS** today are given by Susan Medina. Thank you.

**REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Joe & Candie Vaitkevicius. 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:** The Shelf family, Kelby Wendt

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** None