

SERVING THE CHURCH**This Week**

Liturgist: Linda Marshall
 Ushers: Linda Marshall
 Bill Marshall NS

SERVING THE CHURCH**Next Week**

Liturgist: Jackie Koch
 Ushers: Jackie Koch

Elder of the Month

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

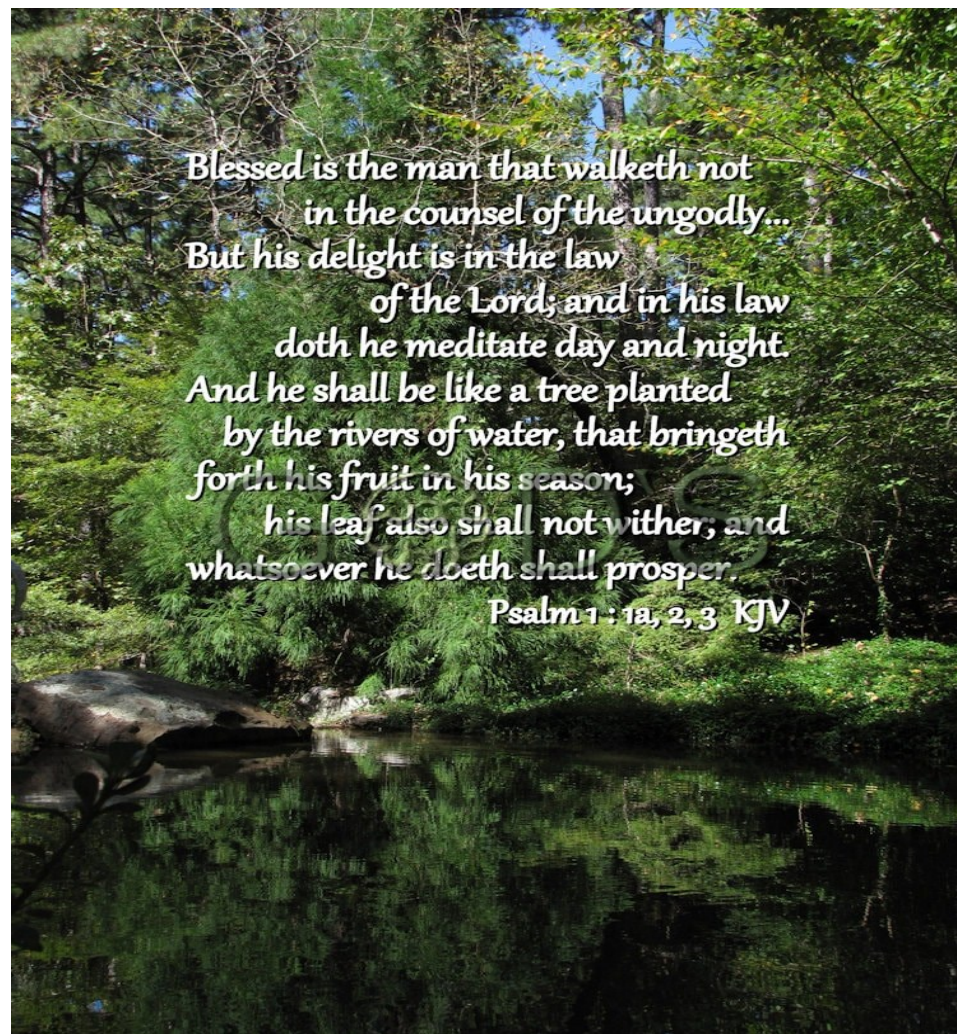
SESSION MEMBERSClass of 2025

Barb Daugherty
 Bill Marshall NS
 Linda Marshall

Class of 2026

Bill Marshall PA
 Candie Vaitkevicius
 Jackie Koch

Linda Stenhouse—Clerk of Session



*Blessed is the man that walketh not
 in the counsel of the ungodly...
 But his delight is in the law
 of the Lord; and in his law
 doth he meditate day and night.
 And he shall be like a tree planted
 by the rivers of water, that bringeth
 forth his fruit in his season;
 his leaf also shall not wither; and
 whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

Psalms 1 : 1a, 2, 3 KJV

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Sunday, February 16, 2025

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 16, 2025

6th 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 "Who Is On the Lord's Side?" arr. Smith

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Marshall, Liturgist

Leader: Like trees planted by streams of water

People: Let us trust in the Lord

Leader: and meditate on God's Word

People: so we can yield good and bountiful fruit.

***OPENING HYMN** "Be Still for the Presence" (bulletin pg. 7)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Sustaining God, you lead us through parched wilderness to streams of living water, but we do not root ourselves in health and wholeness. We ignore your rich provisions, choosing the world's latest fad and shallow self-help. We sentimentalize the spiritual and ignore the deeper needs of our souls. Merciful God, forgive our arrogance and our ignorance. Remind us of our spiritual needs and the many ways you are here to provide. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Blessed are those who trust the Lord.

People: When heat comes, our leaves will stay green.

Leader: In a year of drought, we will not cease to bear fruit. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Amen.

OPENING OF WORSHIP

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Be Still, for the Presence

1 Be still, for the pres-ence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
2 Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.
3 Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.

Come, bow be - fore him now, with rev - er - ence and fear.
He burns with ho - ly fire; with splen-dor he is crowned.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter his grace.

In him no sin is found; we stand on ho - ly ground.
How awe-some is the sight, our rad-iant King of light!
No work too hard for him; in faith re - ceive from him.

Be still, for the pres-ence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.
Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.

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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.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S February Meeting will be held this Thursday, February 20th at 11:30 at the Olympian Grill Greek Restaurant, located at 7 Five Forks Plaza Ct Simpsonville. This month, we will have a short business meeting and social gathering with lunch enjoyed afterwards. All of the women of the Church are invited and encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there!

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.

NOTE: Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch will not have office hours on Tuesday, February 18th. She will attend the Presbytery Meeting.

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

COMING NEXT SUNDAY:

Scriptures: Genesis 45:3-11/Luke 6:27-38

Sermon: But I Say to You

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 # 304 *“Jesus Loves Me”*

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Luke 6:17-26/Psalm 1

SERMON: *“Guide to a Blessed Life”* 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 “I Will Praise Him” arr. Koerts

***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 #379 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”**

*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 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” Showalter

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 Cindy & Steve Brawley. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Ronnie Storch. 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: Victoria Fowler, Alice Grooms

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

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. 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.