

SERVING THE CHURCH**This Week**

Liturgist: Jackie Koch

Ushers: Jackie Koch

Linda Stenhouse

SERVING THE CHURCH**Next Week**

Liturgist: Bill Marshall PA

Ushers: Sharon Flesch

Elder of the Month

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

SESSION MEMBERSClass of 2025

Barb Daugherty

Bill Marshall NS

Linda Marshall

Linda Stenhouse—Clerk of Session

Class of 2026

Bill Marshall PA

Candie Vaitkevicius

Jackie Koch

2 Cents-A-Meal

Next Week!

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**Sunday, February 23, 2025****Simpsonville Presbyterian Church****Simpsonville, SC***"Growing Together in Faith – Loving and Serving in the World"*

Office Hours: Mon.-Thur. 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 23, 2025

7th 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 "Revive Us Again" arr. Bock

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

Leader: Our salvation is from the Lord;

People: God is our refuge in times of trouble.

Leader: The Lord helps us and rescues us;

People: God saves us because we take refuge in our Lord.

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

HYMN "Bind Us Together"

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together In Love.

There is only one God, There is only one King, There is only one Body,

That is why we sing. (Repeat beginning)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other "gods" — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, racial and ethnic privileging, gender exclusivity, and nationalistic imperialism.

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.

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.

CARDS: Join us for card playing on Wednesday, February 26th at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

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

Scriptures: Exodus 34:29-35/Luke 9:28-36

Sermon: He Did Not Know What to Say

Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit so that we might learn to love as you love and live as people baptized as your own children. Amen.

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel —

People: God's radical forgiving, transforming and justice-seeking love will not let us go and is ever bringing resurrection and new life.

Leader: Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own.

All: Thanks be to God!

***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 **“Be Still, My Soul”** (bulletin insert)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Genesis 45:3-11, 15/Luke 6:27-38

SERMON: "But I Say to You"

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch

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 "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus/O The Blood of Jesus/
You Are Washed in the Blood" arr. Callaway

*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 #358 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

*Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving
Until we meet again.
Loving, loving, loving,,
Until we meet again.*

POSTLUDE

"Faith Is the Victory"

Sankey

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 AND REFRESHMENTS today are given by Linda Stenhouse. 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: Donna Aycock, Allan & Teresa Castleberry

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jan Johnson; Lawrence Welch; Jo Klein; Dixon Caldwell (friend of Jimmy Cheeks); Bill Marshall NS; 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.