

SERVING THE CHURCH**This Week**

Liturgist: Bill Marshall PA
 Ushers: Sharon Flesch

SERVING THE CHURCH**Next Week**

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius
 Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius
 Candie Vaitkevicius

Elder of the Month

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 Bill Marshall NS
 Linda Marshall

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Class of 2026

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Sunday, March 2, 2025

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration of the Lord

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 "Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven" arr. Innes

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bill Marshall PA, Liturgist

Leader: God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake.

People: For the Lord our God is exalted over all people!

Leader: God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake.

People: For the Lord our God loves justice and works for righteousness!

Leader: So come and proclaim at the holy mountain of the Lord:

All: God reigns, let the people tremble! God reigns, let the earth shake!

***OPENING HYMN #263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Almighty God, you see us as we are and know our innermost thoughts. You know the ways we've fallen short. You know the work we've left undone, the mercy we've left ungiven, the love we've left unshared, the peace we've left unmade. You know the arrogance, pride and violence that we've chosen instead of your path of forgiveness and reconciliation. You know who we are. Help us to see who we might be. Forgive us, and transform us, that we might become who you imagine us to become, in your sight, and by your mercy. Amen.

HYMN SING: Our worship on March 30th will be in the form of a hymn sing. Do you have a favorite hymn? If so, please submit it on the form provided in your bulletin and place it in the wooden church on the back table. Requests must be turned in by March 16th.

A CONGREGATIONAL NIGHT OUT is being planned for Friday, April 11th. We will have dinner in a local restaurant (restaurant TBD) and then attend a show at the Younts Center: "His Life" a musical dramatization of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Dinner will be pay as you go; tickets for the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m., are \$22.00. Jackie will purchase the tickets; make checks payable to Simpsonville Presbyterian Church. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Friends and family are welcome. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 23rd.

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

COMING NEXT SUNDAY:

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 26:1-11/Romans 10:8b-13

Sermon: Everyone Who Calls

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 March are varieties of dried beans. 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.

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, the Lord sees you and knows you.

People: The Lord sees you and loves you.

Leader: The Lord sees you and calls you.

All: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

RESPONSE: *""We Are Forgiven"*

*We are forgiven, We are forgiven,
Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God.*

*We are forgiven, We are forgiven,
Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God.*

Hymn #73 *"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"*

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Exodus 34:29-35/Luke 9:28-36

SERMON: *"He Did Not Know What to Say"* 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 "That Beautiful Name" 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

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 "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining" (bulletin insert)

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful;
Until we meet again.
Faithful, faithful, faithful;
Until we meet again.

POSTLUDE "We've a Story to Tell" Nichol

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 Ronnie Storch. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Sharon Flesch. 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: Jimmy Cheeks, Barb & Roger Daugherty

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jeff VandeWeghe (03/07), Lena Staschak (03/08)