

SERVING THE CHURCH**This Week**

Liturgist: Sue Seidel
 Ushers: Jackie Koch

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Elder of the Month

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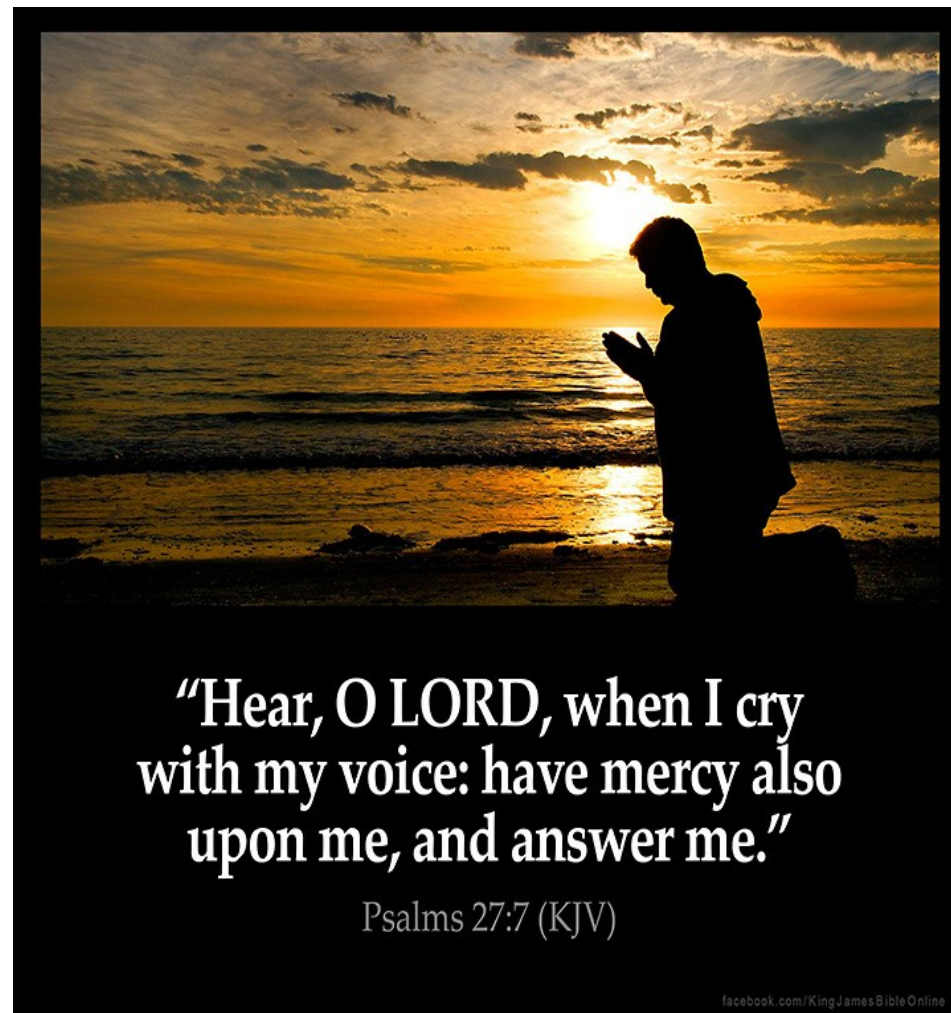
SESSION MEMBERSClass of 2025

Barb Daugherty
 Bill Marshall NS
 Linda Marshall

Linda Stenhouse—Clerk of Session

Class of 2026

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Sunday, March 16, 2025

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday in Lent

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 "The Old Rugged Cross" arr. Page

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Sue Seidel, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

People: Whom shall I fear?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

People: Of whom shall I be afraid? Come, seek God in this time of worship.

***OPENING HYMN #488 "The God of Abraham Praise"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large, the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed. Forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God does not forsake us in times of trial.

People: Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Know that in Jesus Christ you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, March 30th immediately following worship. Annual Report 2024 booklets will be given out on March 23rd to give the congregation the opportunity to read it before the meeting to discuss the report on March 30th.

THE WORSHIP TEAM will meet on Tuesday, March 18th, at 10:30 a.m. at the Church.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet on Thursday, March 20th at 11 a.m. at the Church.

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: Isaiah 55:1-9/1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Sermon: Tested Beyond Your Strength

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 #101 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Luke 13:31-35/Psalm 27:7-14

SERMON: "Seeking the Lord's Face" 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 “Abide With Me” 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

***CLOSING HYMN #438 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE: “May the Grace of Christ Our Savior”**

*May the grace of Christ our Savior, and the Father’s boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit’s favor, rest upon us from above.
Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord.
And possess, in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford.*

POSTLUDE “Forty Days and Forty Nights” Herbst

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 Steve & Cindy Brawley. 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, Donnett Hanson

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 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

Bible study will continue 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). If you did not sign up and would like to attend all or some of the sessions, please feel free to join us.

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.

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 located on the back table and place it in the wooden church. Today is the last day to request a hymn.