

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

Liturgist: Bill Marshall PA  
 Ushers: Bill Marshall PA  
 Sue Marshall

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

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius  
 Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius

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For April: Bill Marshall NS, 864-230-5268

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# FINDING JOY IN CHRIST!

Letter to the Philippians

## Real Riches

Philippians 3:4-14

**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

*Simpsonville Presbyterian Church*

Simpsonville, SC

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

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 6, 2025

5th 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 "At the Cross" arr. Waller

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Bill Marshall PA, Liturgist

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

**People: we were like those who dreamed.**

Leader: Our mouths were filled with laughter,

**People: our tongues with songs of joy.**

Leader: It was said among the nations,

**People: The Lord has done great things for them.**

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us,

**People: and we are filled with joy.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #361 "How Firm a Foundation"**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Ever-present God, you offer us restoration and wholeness, yet we resist you. We reduce the purpose of this life to the amount of stuff we can retain, and we disregard the damage done to our planet, our neighbors, and to ourselves in the process. We confess that we would rather remain as we are than risk the change that results from your presence in our lives. In this season of Lent, help us to realize just how much we depend on one another. Guide us to reorient our lives towards your goodness and your joy. And as you do, we ask that you renew us, restore us, and remain with us, as you always have. Amen.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** This special offering will be collected on Easter Sunday. Donations will be used to provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Envelopes will be inserted in the Easter bulletin.

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

**A CONGREGATIONAL NIGHT OUT** is planned for this Friday, April 11th. We will have dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Farehouse Restaurant in Fountain Inn 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; Jackie has purchased the tickets for the show. Make checks payable to Simpsonville Presbyterian Church.

**THANK YOU** to all those who donated to the meals for the Firefighters meals. It was greatly appreciated. Sharon Flesch

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MEETING AND LUNCH FOR APRIL.** The Presbyterian Women's Group will meet on April 17th at the Olympian Grill Greek Restaurant, located at 7 Five Forks Plaza Ct Simpsonville. All of the women of the Church are invited to attend. The meeting will start at 11:30, with lunch directly afterwards (approx. 12:00). If you can't make the meeting, you are invited to attend the lunch for social time together. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the Church where you can sign up so we have a head count. Don't worry if it's a last minute decision to come and you didn't have a chance to sign up; you're still more than welcome! Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact either Sue Marshall or Candie V.

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

**COMING NEXT SUNDAY:**

Scriptures: None

Sermon: Holy Week Meditations and Hymns

## **LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jan Johnson; Kris Lewis (daughter of Marnie Logan); 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 April are varieties of canned fruit. 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**

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.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** As is our tradition, Easter lilies will decorate our sanctuary on Easter. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one or special person, the cost is \$10 per lily. You may elect to make a donation only or to take your flower(s) home on Easter Sunday. Order forms are on the back table. Place your form and payment either in the offering plate or give to Jackie. Today is the last day to order. A list of honorees will be in the Easter bulletin.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us.

**People: Through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, we are renewed, and we are made whole.**

Leader: Beloved children of God, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**All: Amen.**

**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 #505 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"**

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:** Isaiah 43:16-21/Philippians 3:4b-14

**SERMON:** "Rubbish" 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 "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" arr. Dengler

### \*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 #310 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

### \*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 pos-sess, in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford.*

POSTLUDE "Kind Maker of the World" Fleurs de noels

**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 Lena Staschak Thank you.

**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:** Marnie Logan, Jo & Gary Klein

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Jim Stenhouse (04/08), Jan Kross (04/10)