

<p><b>SERVING THE CHURCH</b> <b>This Week</b></p> <p>Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius</p>	<p><b>SERVING THE CHURCH</b> <b>Next Week</b></p> <p>Liturgist: Judy Rainey Ushers: Gail West Jackie Koch</p>										
<p><b>Elder of the Month</b> For April: Bill Marshall NS, 864-230-5268</p>											
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**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 13, 2025

6th 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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Larson

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected

**People: has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

**People: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.

PRESBYTERIAN 101: Have you ever wondered what it means to say, "I am a Presbyterian"? Then Presbyterian 101 is for you! Led by Rev. Dr. Mary Anne, we will look at a brief (VERY brief) history of the denomination, some of our basic beliefs, the Presbyterian Constitution, and different kinds of councils. We will conclude with a time for Q&A—not that I can answer every question, but we can discuss and share. All in one itty, bitty hour! There is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

When: Immediately following worship May 4

Where: In the Fellowship Hall

Lunch will be provided

NOTE: Lamb of God will use the Fellowship Hall for Holy Week services on Thursday, April 17th and Friday, April 18th, at 7 p.m.

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

COMING NEXT SUNDAY: Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

Scriptures: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24/Luke 24:1-12

Sermon: Remember

## 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.

**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:** Easter lilies will decorate our sanctuary on Easter. Lilies were purchased in honor of or in memory of a special person. A list of honorees will be in next week's bulletin.

**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.

THE CONGREGATIONAL NIGHT OUT was enjoyed by all who attended. We had a delicious dinner at Farehouse Restaurant, followed by the show "His Life" at the Younts Center.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MEETING AND LUNCH FOR APRIL.** The Presbyterian Women's Group will meet this Thursday, 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.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

**People: Out of distress I call on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.**

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

**All: I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

Leader: In Christ, God answers us and sets us free.

**All: In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"**

*Was it for sins that I have done  
he suffered on the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!*

**Hymn #91 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## **HOLY WEEK MEDITATIONS AND HYMNS**

Hymn: An Upper Room did our Lord Prepare #94 vs 1 & 2

Meditation on Matthew 26:20-29

Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane #97 vs 1 & 2

Meditation on Luke 22:31-34, 39-53

Hymn: He Never Said a Mumbling Word #95 vs 1 & 2

Meditation on Mark 14:53-72

Hymn: What Wondrous Love is This? #85 vs 1 & 2

Meditation on Luke 23:2-25, 33-38

Hymn: Were You There? #102 vs 1 & 2

Meditation on John 19:28-30, 33-37

Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus #92 vs 1 & 2

## **\*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 "The Holy City" Transcribed—Peery

#### \*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 #89 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE "Surely it is God Who Saves Me"

*Surely it is God who saves me,  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
And he will be my Savior.*

POSTLUDE "Glorious is Thy Name" McKinney

**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 Ronnie Storch. Thank you.

**REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Judy Rainey. 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:** Jackie Koch, Jan & Jerry Kross

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Chip Shelf (04/19)

#### 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](mailto:office@simpsonvillepres.com)) about any pastoral concerns.