

### SERVING THE CHURCH

#### This Week

Liturgist: Judy Rainey  
Ushers: Gail West  
Jackie Koch

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#### Next Week

Liturgist: Linda Marshall  
Ushers: Bill Marshall NS  
Linda Marshall

### Elder of the Month

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

### SESSION MEMBERS

#### Class of 2025

Barb Daugherty  
Bill Marshall NS  
Linda Marshall

#### Class of 2026

Bill Marshall PA  
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**Sunday, April 20, 2025**

**Simpsonville Presbyterian Church**

**Simpsonville, SC**

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

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 20, 2025

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

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 "Rejoice, the Lord is King" arr. Larson

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Judy Rainey, Liturgist

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: Our triumphant and holy day!

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: Praise our God, ye heavenly host!

**People: Alleluia!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #113 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

You call us to hope, Savior God, but we despair. You call us to work for peace, but we doubt its power. You call us to community, but we judge and shun. Transform us, Holy One, by the joy of this Easter. Let us celebrate this day as a new beginning and a new life. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Christ conquered death to restore us to life. Believe this good news.

**All: Live this resurrection.**

Leader: Hope in God's promise because we are forgiven in Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

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

**CARDS:** Join us for card playing on Wednesday, April 23rd, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

**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

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

**COMING NEXT SUNDAY:**

Scriptures: Psalm 150/John 20:19-31

Sermon: Believing is Seeing

**RESPONSE:** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Alleluia, alleluia*

*Give thanks to the Risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Give praise to his Name.*

**Hymn #108** "Christ is Alive!"

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

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

**SERMON** "The Stone Rolled Away" 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      “Crown Him With Many Crowns”      arr. Renfrow

**\*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 #122      “Thine is the Glory”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE:      “HE LIVES”      (CHORUS ONLY)**

***He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.***

POSTLUDE      “I Know that My Redeemer Liveth”      Tune HANNAH

**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 the lovely Easter lilies given in honor of or in memory of loved ones.

**REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Jackie Koch. 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:** Bill & Linda Marshall, Susan Medina

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** None

**LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jan Johnson; Jim Stenhouse, Kris Lewis (daughter of Marnie Logan); Lawrence Welch; Jo Klein; Dixon Caldwell (friend of Jimmy Cheeks); Bill Marshall NS; Alice Grooms; 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; 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.

**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 are decorating our sanctuary today to celebrate Easter. Lilies were purchased in honor of or in memory of a special person. A list of honorees is inserted in today's bulletin.