

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Linda Marshall
Ushers: Bill Marshall NS
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Next Week

Liturgist: Judy Rainey
Ushers: Jackie Koch

Elder of the Month

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

For May: Jackie Koch: 443-985-6646

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2025

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall NS
Linda Marshall

Class of 2026

Bill Marshall PA
Candie Vaitkevicius
Jackie Koch

Linda Stenhouse—Clerk of Session

2 Cents-A-Meal

Next Week!

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Sunday, April 27, 2025

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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



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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

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

"Near the Cross"

arr. Howlett

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP**

Linda Marshall, Liturgist

Leader: God of peace, we enter this holy room knowing the gospel's corner stones of grace and mercy are often rejected in our world.

People: Yet we understand that rejection is not the end of the story.

Leader: We know that those we have come to know as the builders and the rulers of the world do not have the final word.

People: The Gospel of Grace is the Lord's doing.

Leader: Despite powers and principalities, despite the clamoring of meanness and cruelty,

People: this is the day that the Lord has made.

Leader: Grace is the ground upon which we walk.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad.

***OPENING HYMN #121 "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Holy God, we have found ourselves in fear, locked in rooms of inaction and indecision, unclear where we are called or what we could offer. We have lost ourselves in anxiety so loud we have not heard your voice. We have not recognized you on the move in the world, wounds in your side and life in your lungs. We have believed in the finality of your death and assumed all is left to our own meager efforts. We have refused to see, so we might not have to believe the gospel and live our lives accordingly. God of new life, restore hope throughout our bodies.

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

SAVE THE DATE: Presbyterian Women’s Salad Luncheon, Sunday, May 18th, after worship.

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

COMING NEXT SUNDAY: Communion

Scriptures: Psalm 30/John 21:1-10

Sermon: Do You Love Me?

Help us to breathe again. Strengthen us for the joy that is before us. Grant us eyes to see your beloved people all around us and ears to hear your good news through all the noise. Even as we have looked away, come to see us, call us forth from our locked rooms and bring us out to walk with you in the world you so love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God of truth is present to us in the speaking of truth. The Spirit of grace is present to use in the sharing of grace.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE: “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Alleluia, alleluia

Give thanks to the Risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his Name.

Hymn #104 “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 150/John 20:19-31

SERMON

“Believing is Seeing”

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 "Jesus Paid It All" arr. Howlett

*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 #118 "The Day of Resurrection"

*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

"Because He Lives"

Gaither

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 Kitty Shealy. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Susan Medina. 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 & Sue Marshall, Roger Pryor

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Teresa Shelf (05/03), Steve Brawley (05/03)

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) 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. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right.