

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Judy Rainey
Ushers: Jackie Koch

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Next Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius
Candie Vaitkevicius

Elder of the Month

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

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Sunday, May 4, 2025

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 4, 2025

3rd 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**

Judy Rainey, Liturgist

Leader: You have turned our mourning into dancing;

People: You have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy,

Leader: Our souls may praise you and not be silent;

People: O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

***OPENING HYMN "Be Still in the Presence of the Lord" (bulletin insert)**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

O Lord our God, we know that your throne is surrounded by the voices of many angels and that you are worshiped by the multitudes of the heavenly host, but we so often fail to join in their "amen." We do not fall down and worship you as we know we should. We are distracted by our daily struggles, by our high priests, by our mourning, and our doubts. Show yourself to us anew and give us the faith to cast our nets in other waters. Strengthen us to worship you alone as the one on the throne and the Lamb slaughtered for all, even when we are in the depths of the pit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord's anger is but for a moment. God's favor is for a lifetime.

People: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING: This annual offering is the primary way generous congregations assist the PCSC Foundation in providing charitable care to residents who, through no fault of their own, have exhausted their assets for continuing care in Presbyterian communities. Envelopes for this offering will be in next week's bulletin.

LEGACY MEETING: The Legacy Team will meet on Wednesday, May 7th, at 10:30 a.m. at the Church. All are invited to attend.

SESSION MEETING: The Session of SPC will meet on Thursday, May 8th, at 10:30 a.m. at the Church. This meeting is open to the congregation.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The first meeting of the SPC men will be Wednesday May 7 at 2pm at the church. We will take some time to determine the format/structure we want to follow and frequency. If there is time remaining, Jerry Kross will lead us in starting to discuss the book of Job.

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

COMING NEXT SUNDAY:

Scriptures: Psalm 23/Revelation 7:9-17

Sermon: Out of the Great Ordeal

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jan Johnson; the Stenhouse family, 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 May are canned pastas (spaghetti & meatballs, ravioli, etc). 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.

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 **today**

Where: In the Fellowship Hall

Lunch will be provided

PW SALAD LUNCH: The Presbyterian Women will host their annual Salad Luncheon on Sunday, May 18th after worship service. Delicious food and a wonderful time of fellowship will be shared by all. Please plan to attend and support this fund-raising event.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: 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 #525 "Here I Am, Lord"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 30/John 21:1-19

SERMON

"Do You Love Me?"

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 "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

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 #371 "Lift High the Cross"

*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" Fillmore

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 Gail West. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Ronnie Storch. 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: Sue Seidel, Kitty Shealy

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None