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| <b>SERVING THE CHURCH</b><br><b>This Week</b>                          | <b>SERVING THE CHURCH</b><br><b>Next Week</b>    |
| Liturgist: Judy Rainey<br>Ushers: Bill Marshall (NS)<br>Linda Marshall | Liturgist: Linda Marshall<br>Ushers: Jackie Koch |

**Elder of the Month**  
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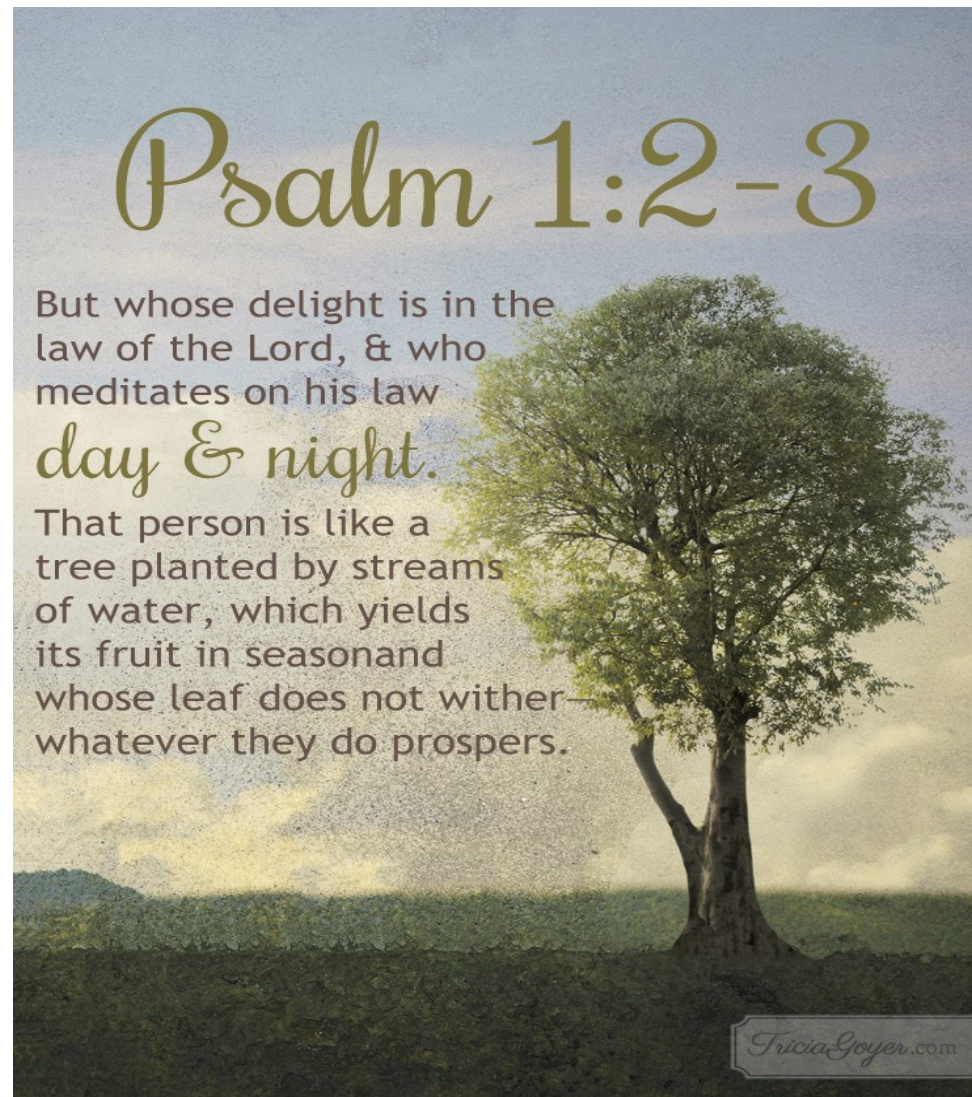
| <b>SESSION MEMBERS</b> |                      |
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| <u>Class of 2024</u>   | <u>Class of 2025</u> |
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**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

*Simpsonville Presbyterian Church*  
Simpsonville, SC

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

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 12, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

**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 "Jesus Is All the World to Me" arr. Danielsen

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

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

**People: We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God day and night.**

Leader: Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water.

**All: God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #466 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.

**People: We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.**

**COMMUNITY DINNER:** The second free community hot dog dinner will be held on Thursday, May 23rd, from 5-7 p.m. This is not just for the community; it is also a congregational gathering, and we hope our congregation will come, eat, and interact with our guests. The dinner will be outdoors in the new picnic area (weather permitting). There is no need to sign up or to bring anything.

We do need several volunteers to help with the meal. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary for volunteers.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: Psalm 104:24-34/Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: "Suddenly"

**SESSION MEETING:** The Session of SPC will meet tomorrow, Monday, May 13th, at 10:30 a.m. at the Church.

**BIBLE STUDY ON FORGIVENESS** continues on May 19th and June 2nd at 9:15 a.m. If you didn't sign up and would like to attend, please feel free to do so.

**STUFFED ANIMAL COLLECTION:** Our Church is collecting new stuffed animals for the Police to use to comfort children who have been in accidents or trauma situations. If you would like to donate to this outreach mission, please put donations in the container in the Narthex. Thank you!

**PW SALAD LUNCH:** The Presbyterian Women will host their annual Salad Luncheon next Sunday, May 19th 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.

**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 are in today's bulletin.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to sign up to bring flowers, refreshments, or to be a liturgist or usher for Sunday worship. Sign-up sheets are on the back table. Thank you!

**INVITATION:** Fountain Inn Presbyterian Church has invited us to an event in their Fellowship Hall on May 16th at 11:30 a.m. Featured speaker will be Michael Cogdill, formerly with WYFF, who is now an author. He will be bringing some of his books. The meal will be a covered-dish lunch with drinks provided. RSVP by May 14th to Kitty at 864-862-3341.

**FACEBOOK:** We are trying to keep the Church's facebook page current by posting at least 3 times per week. If you have any spiritual or religious thoughts or scriptures, please give them to Jackie. **ALSO** please visit and "like" our Facebook page often. This keeps our page more visible.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

**RESPONSE:** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

**HYMN #426 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 1/John 17:6-19

SERMON: "Prayer is Love: Asking on Their Behalf" Rev. Dr. Mary Ann 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 on a back table in the sanctuary just inside the back double doors.)

OFFERTORY "Day by Day" 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 #341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE: "Go with God"**

*May God's grace go before you.  
May His love enfold you.  
May His mighty arms up hold you, protect you  
Til we meet again, go with God.*

POSTLUDE "New Life for You" Reynolds

**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.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** today are given by Lena Staschak. 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:** Hector & Susan Medina, Roger Pryor

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Teresa Castleberry (05/17)

**LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jan Johnson, Sam Orr (friend of Linda Marshall); Donnett Hanson; Peter VandeWeghe (brother of Jeff); Joe Vaitkevicius; Jean Kirkland; Alice Grooms; family of Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother; the Herd and McCaslin families; Tina Minnich (daughter of Candie & Joe); Linda Moseley (granddaughter of Jean Kirkland); Beverly Sullivan (friend of Jimmy Cheeks); Everett (sister of Donnett); Debra Datko; Sue Aeillo (friend of Jackie); Lisa Shelf; Hazel Cain (aunt of Linda Marshall); Dixie Suit (sister-in-law of Kitty Shealy); Roger Edney (relative of Barb & Roger Daugherty); the Fire Dept. of Laurens County. 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 May are hearty soups and broth (chicken, beef and vegetable). 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.

**If you would like to host a fellowship dinner in your home in 2024, please sign up on the sheet on the back table.**