

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Linda Marshall
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse
Gail West

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Next Week

Liturgist: Jackie Koch
Ushers: Jackie Koch

Elder of the Month

For May: Linda Marshall, 864-967-9855 (H), 864-350-9375 (cell)

SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse
Jackie Koch
Candie Vaitkevicius

Class of 2025

Barb Daugherty
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Linda Marshall



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Sunday, May 19, 2024

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

May 19, 2024

Day of Pentecost

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 "Holy Ghost, With Light Divine" arr. DeCou

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Marshall, Liturgist

Leader: Come! Let us speak plainly and boldly of our faith.

People: The Spirit of God descends upon us, and Christ's promise to us is fulfilled.

Leader: The expression of the Spirit's power in our community is a wonder to behold.

All: We each have a different voice, yet we witness God's joy together! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

HYMN #322 "Spirit of the Living God"

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly, but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kin-dom to come. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.**

PW SALAD LUNCH: The Presbyterian Women will host their annual Salad Luncheon today 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.

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!

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.

CARDS: Join us for card playing on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

COMMUNITY DINNER: The second free community hot dog dinner will be held this 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 still 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: Isaiah 6:1-8/John 3:1-17

Sermon: "For God So Loved ..."

RESPONSE: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

HYMN "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining" (bulletin insert)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

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

SERMON: "Suddenly"

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 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” arr. Whitworth

***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 #379 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”**

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

*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 “Pentecostal Power” Gabriel

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS today are given by Jo & Gary Klein. 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: Linda Marshall (04/20),

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; Hector & Susan Medina; Harriette Allen (friend of Kitty); 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) 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. 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.

BIBLE STUDY ON FORGIVENESS will end on 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!