

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius

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Next Week

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Elder of the Month

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Sunday, June 2, 2024

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 2, 2024

2nd Sunday after 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 "Shall We Gather at the River?" arr. Wood

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: We come together to observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

Leader: We come together to praise God with festive songs and shouts of joy!

People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

Leader: We come together to hear the voice of our Savior calling us to compassion.

People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

Leader: We come together to experience the abundance of God's grace;

All: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #461 "God is Here!"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Lord of Life, you call us to rest, but we are too busy working. You call us to offer rest to others, but we are too busy demanding. You call us to remember that you are always at work in our lives, but we are too busy worrying. Forgive our constant striving and our obsession with work. Remind us that our value comes from you, not from anything we produce or how productive we appear to others. Teach us the rhythms of your grace and grant us rest for our weary souls. Amen.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT OUT: An evening congregational get-together is tentatively planned for Friday, August 9th. We will have dinner at Coach House Restaurant in Simpsonville at 5:30 p.m. (individual cost) and a show at the Younts Center in Fountain Inn: "Motown: Music of the Motor City" at 7:30 p.m. (tickets are \$20 per person). Jackie will purchase the tickets to we can all sit close to each other. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the back table.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ROBBIE HERD will be held next Saturday, June 15th at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

COMMUNITY HOT DOG DINNER: The next community dinner is Thursday, June 27th.

THE UPSTATE SENIOR CONCERT BAND will have a concert at 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Friday, June 28, in the auditorium at the Simpsonville Arts Center, 110 Academy Street. Sharon Flesch is a member of this group which plays a wide variety of music. The group is sponsored by Senior Action. The Simpsonville Arts Center is the old Simpsonville Elementary School.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JEAN KIRKLAND will take place this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 8:4-11/Mark 3:20-35

Sermon: Who Are My Mother and My Brothers?"

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jan Johnson, Sam Orr (friend of Linda Marshall); Donnett Hanson; Joe Vaitkevicius; the family of Jean Kirkland; Alice Grooms; Hector & Susan Medina; Harriette Allen (friend of Kitty); Cory and children (friends of Brenda Stenhouse); 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; 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 June are toiletries (deodorant, body wash, shampoo, 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.

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

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!

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!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

People: Christ lifts the heavy burdens of sin and frees us for new life in his name.

Leader: Trust that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

HYMN #514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Mark 2:23-3:6/1Samuel 3:1-10

SERMON:

"Rare in Those Days"

Rev. Dr. Mary Ann 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 on a back table in the sanctuary just inside the back double doors.)

OFFERTORY "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" arr. Atwood

***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 #525 "Here I Am, Lord"**

***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 "Look, Ye Saints! The Sight is Glorious" Owen

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 Jackie Koch. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Gail West. 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: Ronnie Storch, Joe & Candie Vaitkevicius

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Sharon Flesch (06/06)