

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Ushers: Bill Marshall NS
Linda Marshall

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Next Week

Liturgist: Sue Seidel
Ushers: Sharon Flesch
Linda Marshall

Elder of the Month

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Class of 2025

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Sunday, June 16, 2024

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 16, 2024

4th Sunday after Pentecost/Fathers 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

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist

Leader: God takes a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar, and plants it on a high mountain

People: in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit and become a noble cedar.

Leader: Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

People: God welcomes. God loves. God provides.

*OPENING HYMN #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Holy God, you are a blessing to all people, yet we choose sides and pit "us" against "them." Forgive our divisiveness. Forgive our exclusion. Forgive the ways we fail to seek and share your abundance. Help us build the Beloved Community you desire for us, where all your children may live in peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ has set us free.

People: Claim your forgiveness.

Leader: Rejoice in God's grace.

All: Respond with love. Amen.

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In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) F (Em) Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) C7 (D) F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
 F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
 Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning." Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

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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!

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT OUT: An evening congregational get-together is 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.

COMMUNITY HOT DOG DINNER: The next community dinner is Thursday, June 27th. This dinner is for the congregation as well as our guests. Please join us for a free dinner and interact with those in our community. There is no need to sign up to attend; however, several volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve, and clean-up. A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the back table.

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.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 17:31-50/Mark 4:35-41

Sermon: "With God's Help"

RESPONSE: "My Prayer"

*Help me live the way I should,
Guided daily by your Word,
Make my whole life a Christ controlled life,
This is my prayer today.*

HYMN "Hymn of Promise" (In the Bulb There is a Flower) (bulletin pg. 7)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Mark 4:26-34/1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

SERMON: "Attentiveness to God's Kingdom" 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 on a back table in the sanctuary just inside the back double doors.)

OFFERTORY

***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 #441 "I Love Thy Kingdom, 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

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 Linda Stenhouse. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Judy Rainey. 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: Rev. Dr. Mary Ann & Lawrence Welch, Gail West

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Susan Medina (06/22)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jan Johnson, Sam Orr (friend of Linda Marshall); Donnett Hanson; Joe Vaitkevicius; Kim Daugherty (daughter-in-law of Barb & Roger); the family of Jean Kirkland; Alice Grooms; Susan Medina; & family; 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; Dixie Suit (sister-in-law of Kitty Shealy); 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 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. We will be collecting through the end of June. If you would like to donate to this outreach mission, please put donations in the container in the Narthex. Thank you!