

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Sue Seidel
Ushers: Sharon Flesch
Linda Marshall

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Next Week

Liturgist: Judy Rainey
Ushers: Gail West
Jackie Koch

Elder of the Month

For June: Candie Vaitkevicius, 864-631-1010 (H), 630-247-9507
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Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse
Jackie Koch
Candie Vaitkevicius

Class of 2025

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Linda Marshall



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Sunday, June 23, 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

June 23, 2024

5th 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 "Revive Us Again" arr. Bock

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Sue Seidel, Liturgist

Leader: The God who first heard the morning stars sing never forgets the cry of the afflicted.

People: You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Leader: The God who set the limits of the seas remains a stronghold for the oppressed.

People: You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Leader: Come, let us thank God for steadfast love, for all God's mighty works.

All: Come, let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #308 "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Holy God, we doubt you and are people of little faith. When the circumstances of our lives overwhelm and the tragedy of the news leaves us lamenting the state of our world, we wonder where you are or if you even exist. Does the universe really bend toward justice? Does this justice include us and those we love? Does this justice include the innocent caught in the crosshairs of war? Forgive us, God, for the evils we perpetuate, the unjust systems from which we cannot see our way clear. Claim us and guide us in working toward the Beloved Community you so desire for us, where all your children live in peace. Amen.

840 When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul;
It is well with my soul;

it is well; it is well with my soul.

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!

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.

CARDS: Join us for card playing Wednesday, June 26th at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: 2 Samuel 1; 1, 17-27/Mark 5:21-43

Sermon: "Desperate for Freedom"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ has set us free.

People: Claim your forgiveness.

Leader: Rejoice in God's grace.

All: Respond with love. Amen.

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 "When Peace Like a River" (bulletin pg. 7)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

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

SERMON:

"With God's Help"

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 "All for Jesus" arr. Bock

***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 #361 "How Firm a Foundation"**

*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 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners" Tune HYFRYDOL

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 Lena Staschak. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Sharon Flesch. 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: Lisa Shelf, Sandi Davis

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Sue Marshall (06/26)

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.