

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Jackie Koch
Ushers: Jackie Koch
Sharon Flesch

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Next Week

Liturgist: Sue Seidel
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse
Gail West

Elder of the Month

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Jackie Koch
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Class of 2025

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Sunday, August 4, 2024

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 4, 2024

11th 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 "I Love Thee" arr. Manuel

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP Jackie Koch, Liturgist

Leader: All you with grumbling stomachs, hungry for bread, nourishment, and flourishing:

People: draw near to God.

Leader: All you with dry throats, thirsting for water, wisdom, and justice:

People: draw near to God.

Leader: All you with empty arms, searching for a warm embrace, a meaningful life, and a loving community:

People: draw near to God.

*OPENING HYMN #446 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You show us the wrong we have done, yet we point fingers at others. You offer us the bread of heaven, yet we hunger for the things of earth. Forgive us, God of grace. Speak your truth to us in love, so that we may return to you in peace, and grow more and more in grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The bread of life God sends is the offering of the only begotten Son.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: Psalm 34:1-8/Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Sermon: "Imitators of God"

LORD'S SUPPER

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

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 August are Individually packaged snack items. 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.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT OUT: Today is the last day to sign up for the congregational get-together this Friday, August 9th. Dinner at Coach House Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. (individual cost) followed by Younts Center show "Motown: Music of the Motor City" at 7:30 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS CHANGE: Please note a date change to Rev. Dr. Mary Anne's office hours: Tuesday, August 13 to Monday, August 12.

BIBLE STUDY: John - The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton

The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. It includes some of the loftiest and most loved verses in all the Bible: "And the Word became flesh...", "For God so loved the world...", "You who are without sin cast the first stone...", "I am the resurrection and the life...", "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." The writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that his readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they "may have life in his name." Join us and experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal while exploring the major themes of John while reading the entire Gospel of John.

This 6-week Bible study will be held on Sunday mornings from September 8 through October 13. We will begin promptly at 9:15am and will end by 10:10. The study will be led by Barb Daugherty and Bill Marshall (NS). A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

The suggested donation for this hard-back book is \$10, but payment is optional. If you order a book by August 18, you will receive it on September 1 in time to read the first chapter before the study begins. Checks should be made out to the church.

People: Whoever comes in Jesus Christ shall never be hungry; whoever believes in him shall never thirst.

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia. Amen.

RESPONSE: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,

singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

HYMN "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" (bulletin pg. 7)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: John 6:24-35/2 Samuel 11:27-12:13

SERMON: "I Have Sinned" Rev. Dr. Mary Anne 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 "Worthy of Worship" arr. Bozzard

*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 #536 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE "Christian Hearts, in Love United" Tune CASSELL

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 Gail West. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Kitty Shealy. 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: Donnett Hanson, Darrell Johnson

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jan Johnson, Sharon Stone, Sam Orr (friend of Linda Marshall); Kim Daugherty (daughter-in-law of Barb & Roger); Alice Grooms; Kay Barron (friend of Kitty); Cory and children (friends of Brenda Stenhouse); family of Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother; Tina Minnich (daughter of Candie & Joe); 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)