

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Sue Seidel
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse
Gail West

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Next Week

Liturgist: Judy Rainey
Ushers: Gail West
Kitty Shealy

Elder of the Month

For August: Linda Stenhouse, 864-967-7218 (H), 864-979-2863
(cell)

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Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse
Jackie Koch
Candie Vaitkevicius

Class of 2025

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall NS
Linda Marshall



I will praise the Lord at all times.
I will constantly speak his praises.
I will boast only in the Lord;
let all who are helpless take heart...

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Oh, the joys of those
who take refuge in him!
Psalm 34:1-8

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Sunday, August 11, 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

August 11, 2024

12th 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 "Processional on "St. Denio" arr. Thygeron

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

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you, O God.

People: Hear our voices.

Leader: We wait for you; in your word we hope.

People: O magnify our God with me.

Leader: Let us lift God's name together, for we sought the Holy One and they answered us; God delivered us from all fear.

People: Look to God, beloved, and be radiant.

***OPENING HYMN #455 "All Creatures of Our God and King"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You offer the joy of your Spirit, yet we waste away in sin and grief. You offer the life of your Word, yet we turn away in doubt and despair. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Spirit make us more tender and kind, living as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hope in the Lord!

People: God has redeemed us from all our iniquities through Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us as living bread for the life of the world.

Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

TEXT and MUSIC: Mary Haugen, 1979
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CANDY COLLECTION: We will be seeking monetary donations in the coming weeks to purchase candy and drinks for the Department of Social Services staff as a thank you for all they do to place children in loving foster homes. This effort is part of our Isaiah 117 mission.

CARDS: Join us for card playing on Wednesday, August 14th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT OUT: An evening of fun, fellowship, food and great music was enjoyed by all who attended.

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.

UPSTATE SENIOR BAND will perform at the Five Forks Library on Thursday, September 5th, from 2-3 p.m. The library is located on Woodruff Rd.

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

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: 1 Kings 1:10-12, 3:3-14/Ephesians 5:15-20

Sermon: “Wise Living”

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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 “Here in This Place” (bulletin pg. 7)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SERMON: “Imitators of God” 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 "I Surrender All" arr. Bozard

***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 #485 "To God Be the Glory"**

*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 "We've a Story to Tell" Nichol

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 and **REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Linda Stenhouse. 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: Jo & Gary Klein, Jackie Koch

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jan Johnson, Sharon Stone, Sam Orr (friend of Linda Marshall); Donnett Hanson; Izzy Marshall (mother of Bill PA); 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); 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 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. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right.

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!