

<b>SERVING THE CHURCH</b> <b>This Week</b> Liturgist: Jackie Koch Ushers: Jackie Koch Linda Stenhouse	<b>SERVING THE CHURCH</b> <b>Next Week</b> Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius Candie Vaitkevicius
<b>Elder of the Month</b> For August: Linda Stenhouse, 864-967-7218 (H), 864-979-2863 (cell)	
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<u>Class of 2024</u> Linda Stenhouse Jackie Koch Candie Vaitkevicius	<u>Class of 2025</u> Barb Daugherty Bill Marshall NS Linda Marshall

**2 Cents-A-Meal**

Next Week!

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**Sunday, August 25, 2024**

**Simpsonville Presbyterian Church**

Simpsonville, SC

*"Growing Together in Faith – Loving and Serving in the World"*

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 25, 2024

14th 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 "My Song Will Wake the Dawn" arr. Englert

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Jackie Koch, Liturgist

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Jesus has the words of eternal life; he is the Holy One of God.

**People: Let us worship God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #417 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**CONFESSION OF OUR SIN** (unison prayer)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to love you and serve you, yet we choose false and empty idols. You call us to new life in Christ, yet we turn aside and fall back in fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us, by your Word and Spirit, the wisdom and strength to love and serve you faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The Living God hears our cry and forgives our sin!

**People: The Lord God is a sun and shield, bestowing favor and honor on us.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

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

A 6-week Bible study on the Gospel of John 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). Even if you haven't ordered a book, you can gain a lot from the discussion and are still most welcome to join us.

**CARDS:** Join us for card playing on Wednesday, August 28th at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

**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.

**THANK YOU** to the women of the church for helping prepare for Tana's memorial service. Jeff VandeWeghe.

Coming Next Sunday: Communion

Scriptures: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9/Matthew 6:5-9a

Sermon: "Whenever You Pray"

**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 #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 34:15-22/John 6:56-59

SERMON: "The Flesh That God Has Married" 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 "Hiding in Thee" arr. Loree

**\*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 #403 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

\*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 "Heavenly Sunlight" Cook

**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](http://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 Ronnie Storch. 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:** Bill & Sue Marshall, Susan Medina

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Joe Vaitkevicius (08/30)

**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](mailto: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](http://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!

**CANDY COLLECTION:** We are seeking monetary donations 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.