SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse Ushers: Bill Marshall NS

Linda Marshall

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Next Week

Liturgist: Judy Rainey Ushers: Sharon Flesch

Ronnie Storch

Elder of the Month

For September: Barb Daugherty, 864-234-0143

SESSION MEMBERS

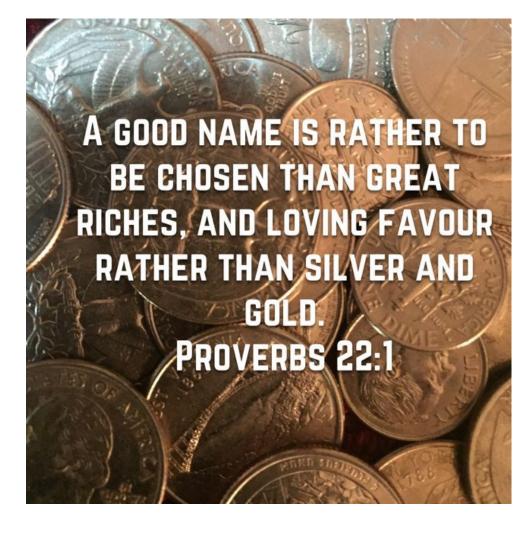
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Sunday, September 8, 2024

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 8, 2024

16th 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

"When We All Get to Heaven"

arr. DeCou

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist

Leader: Trust in the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth;

Leader: trust in the Lord,

People: who loves every part of it.

Leader: Trust in the Lord,

People: who cares for those in need;

Leader: trust in the Lord,

People: who leads us to do the same.

Leader: Let us worship God, All: who shows us the way.

*OPENING HYMN #464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to seek justice, yet we abuse and ignore the poor. You call us to show mercy, yet we turn away from those in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom and courage to abandon our places of privilege and to show our faith in action; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

^{*}PRAYER OF ADORATION

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!

SESSION MEETING: The Session of SPC will meet on Monday, September 9th, at 10:30 a.m. at the Church.

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

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY: Please plan to stay for cake and punch after worship on Sunday, September 22 to celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Sunday. Thank you for generously giving your time, talents, energy, prayers and support in so many ways!

BIBLE STUDY: JOHN - THE GOSPEL OF LIGHT AND LIFE BY ADAM HAMILTON: A 6-week Bible study on the Gospel of John is being held on Sunday mornings through October 13, beginning at 9:15 am. The study is led by Barb Daugherty and Bill Marshall (NS). Everyone is welcome to join us any time.

VACATION: Jackie will be on vacation from Thursday, Sept. 12 through Saturday, Sept. 28th. Office hours will vary during that time.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: Proverbs 1:20-33/Matthew 6:7-10 Sermon: "You Can't Talk About Politics in Church"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us.

People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Amen.

RESPONSE: "Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

HYMN #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23/Matthew 6:7-9

SERMON: "Who and Where is 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

"Living for Jesus"

arr. Thygerson

*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.

*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

"Praise the Lord, the King of Glory"

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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 Jo & Gary Klein. Thank you.

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: Kitty Shealy, Chip & Teresa Shelf

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Ron Lundy (09/09), Darrell Johnson (09/12)

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 September are canned soups and canned vegetables. 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.

^{*}PRAYER OF DEDICATION

^{*}CLOSING HYMN #439 "In Christ There is No East or West"

^{*}BENEDICTION