

<b>SERVING THE CHURCH</b> <b>This Week</b>	<b>SERVING THE CHURCH</b> <b>Next Week</b>
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<b>Elder of the Month</b> For September: Barb Daugherty, 864-234-0143	
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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



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**Sunday, September 15, 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

September 15, 2024

17th 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 "Jesus Loves Me" arr. Cook

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Judy Rainey, Liturgist

Leader: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

**People: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.**

Leader: Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

**People: our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #302 "I Danced in the Morning"**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We protect what is dear to us and neglect what is dear to you. We preserve our own way of life and profit at the expense of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us the error of our ways, and guide us back to your path of righteousness, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.

**People: We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will meet on Thursday, September 19th, at 11 a.m. at the Church.

**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.

**OFFICE HOURS CHANGE:** Rev. Dr. Mary Anne will be in the office on Monday, September 16th instead of Tuesday, September 17th.

**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 31:10-31/Matthew 6:7-10

Sermon: "Not My Will But Thine"

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**All: Alleluia! 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 #388 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Proverbs 1:20-33/Matthew 6:7-10a

SERMON: "You Can't Talk About Politics in Church" 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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Whitworth

**\*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 #391 "Take My Life"

\*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 Praise Thee with Our Minds, O Lord" Tune CLONMEL

**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 Ronnie Storch. 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:** Jim & Linda Stenhouse, Sharon Stone

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Gail West (09/20)

**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 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](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!