SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse Ushers: Linda Stenhouse

Linda Marshall

SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week

Liturgist: Susan Medina Ushers: Linda Stenhouse

Gail West

Elder of the Month

For September: Barb Daugherty, 864-234-0143

SESSION MEMBERS

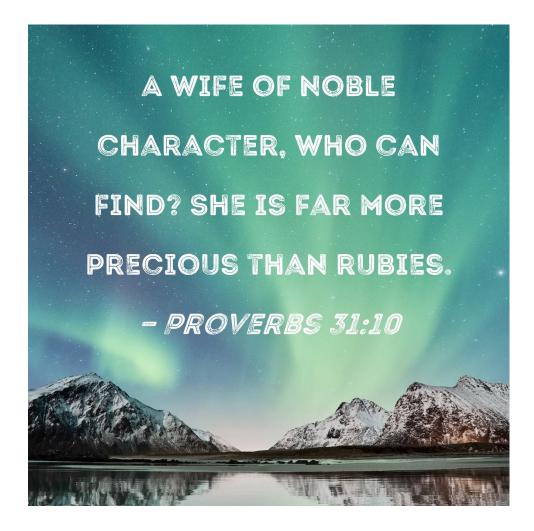
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Sunday, September 22, 2024

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 22, 2024

18th 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

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

arr. Hughes

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist

Leader: We come to worship with joy, trusting God's holy word will inspire us.

People: We lean into God for understanding, anticipating the Spirit's blessing.

Leader: May God hear our praise! May we be counted among the great congregation.

People: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.

*OPENING HYMN #341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus in Mine"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We sow the seeds of conflict while you seek the harvest of peace. We argue about who is greatest while you welcome the last and least. Forgive us, God of grace. Draw near to us this day with the wisdom of your word, and teach us how to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations. The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun. Know you are forgiven and be at peace. $\begin{tabular}{ll} 2 \end{tabular}$

CARDS: Join us for card playing Wednesday, September 25th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

SING UNTO THE LORD WITH THANKSGIVING (Psalm 147:7): Our worship on October 20 will be a hymn sing. If you have a favorite hymn you would like to have included, please submit your suggestion by October 6. Forms can be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary and may be placed in the offering plate or the little wooden church also on the back table.

VOLUNTEER SUNDAY is today. Please join us for cake and punch after worship to celebrate our volunteers for giving their 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: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22/Matthew 6:7-11

Sermon: "Enough for Today"

People: Thanks be to God! 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 #298 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Proverbs 31:10-31/Matthew 6:7-10

SERMON: "Not My Will, But Thine" 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 Will Praise Him"

arr. Koerts

*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.

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

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

Hintze

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 Linda Stenhouse. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are provided by the Worship Team. 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.

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PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Ronnie Storch, Candie & Joe Vait-kevicius

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 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.

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!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is Sunday, October 6th. Our World Communion offering will go toward purchasing items from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog as we did the past two years. Session has elected to match what is collected using our Mission budget. Next week the bulletin will have an insert with more information and a list of possible gifts. 5

^{*}PRAYER OF DEDICATION

^{*}CLOSING HYMN #357 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

^{*}BENEDICTION

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