

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius
Candie Vaitkevicius

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Next Week

Liturgist: Linda Marshall
Ushers: Bill Marshall NS
Linda Marshall

Elder of the Month

For October: Jackie Koch, 443-985-6646

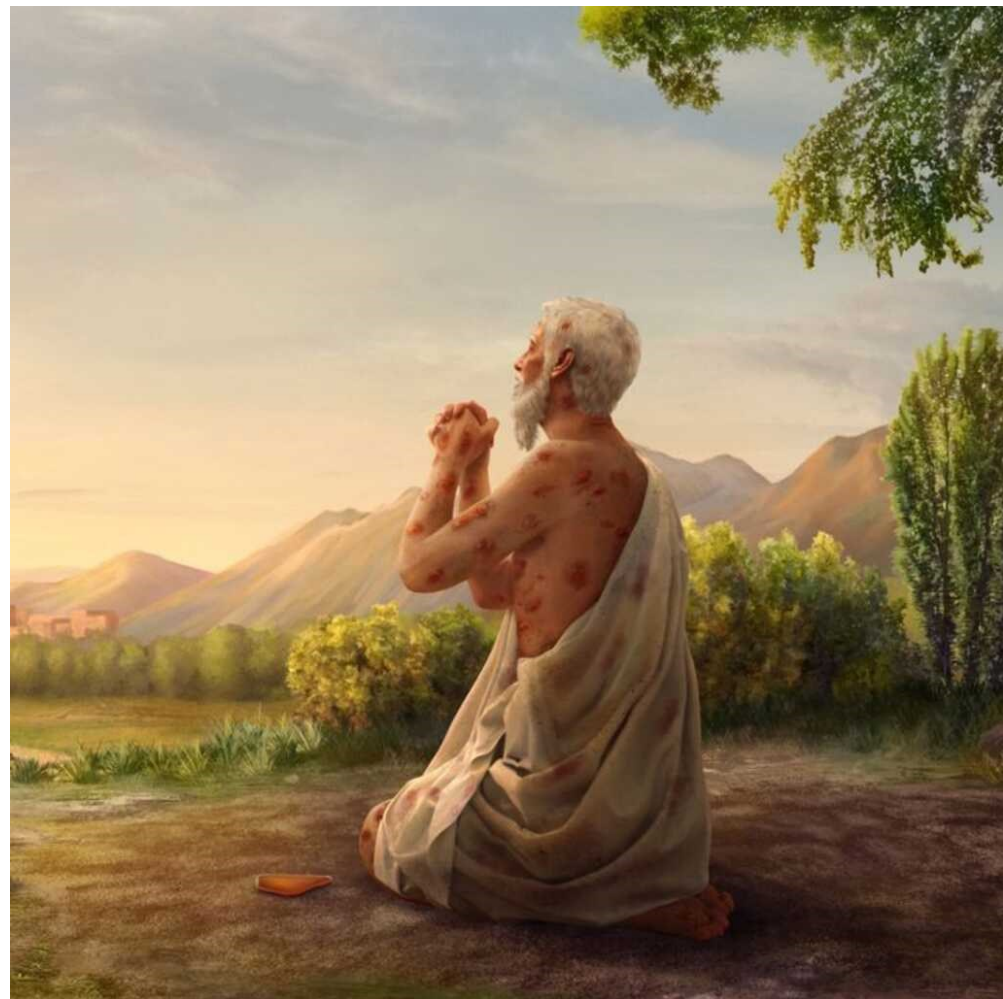
SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2024

Linda Stenhouse
Jackie Koch
Candie Vaitkevicius

Class of 2025

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall NS
Linda Marshall



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Sunday, October 13, 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

October 13, 2024

21st 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 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" arr. Smith

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: We gather before God together, imperfect but present.

People: Let us worship God together earnestly, with our whole selves.

Leader: We gather before God together, desiring deeper faith.

People: Let us learn from God together as we seek harmony between our words and our actions.

***OPENING HYMN #356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, "Come, follow me." Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus' call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

People: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

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Love Lifted Me

JAMES ROWE

HOWARD E. SMITH

1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, Ver - y deep-ly
2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev - er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed
3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je - sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you

stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas - ter of the sea
pres - ence live, Ev - er His prais - es sing. Love so might-y and so true
by His love Out of the an - gry waves. He's the Mas - ter of the sea,

Heard my despairing cry, From the wa - ters lift - ed me, Now safe am I.
Mer - its my soul's best songs; Faith - ful, lov - ing serv - ice, too, To Him be - longs.
Bil - lows His will o - bey; He your Sav - ior wants to be - Be saved to - day.

CHORUS
Love lift - ed me! Love lift - ed me! When noth - ing
e - ven me! e - ven me!

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else could help, Love lift - ed me. Love lift - ed me.

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CONGREGATIONAL HOT DOG ROAST: We will be having a congregational hot dog roast on Friday, November 1st, at 5:30 p.m. at the Church picnic area. Hot dogs, buns, condiments, and beverages will be supplied. Attendees are asked to bring a dessert, side dish, or salad. Join us for good food and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Friends and family are welcome.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: Since many were not prepared to give last Sunday due to Church being cancelled the week before, we are able to take donations again today. Envelopes are on the back table and may be placed in the offering plate. A list of selected gifts is included in today's bulletin. The Church will match what is collected from our Mission budget.

SESSION MEETING: The Session of SPC will meet on Monday, Oct. 14th, at 10:30 a.m. at the Church.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OCTOBER MEETING: The Presbyterian Women's Group will meet for a brief business meeting on Thursday morning, October 17th at 11:00 in Classroom 1 of the Church. After this meeting, we will be gathering at the Cracker Barrel on Grandview Drive in Simpsonville for lunch. All of the women of the Church and any guests are invited to join us for friendship and social gathering. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you'd like to attend; it will give us a general count to give to Cracker Barrel. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Sue Marshall or Candi Vaitkevicius.

Leader: Children of God, hear and believe the good news:
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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: Job 1:1, 2:1-10/Matthew 6:7-12

SERMON: "Is It Debts or Trespasses?" 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 "Heaven Medley": We Shall See the King Someday/On Jordan's Stormy Banks/When We All Get to Heaven" arr. Manuel

***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 "Love Lifted Me" (bulletin pg. 7)

*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 "He Keeps Me Singing" TUNE SWEETEST NAME

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 Rev. Dr. Mary Anne. 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: Boy Scout Troop 700, AA

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Sam Orr (friend of Linda Marshall); Donnett Hanson; Izzy Marshall (mother of Bill PA); the family of Jean Kirkland; Alice Grooms; Harriette Allen (friend of Kitty); Cory and children (friends of Brenda Stenhouse); family of Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother; 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 October are peanut butter and jelly. 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.

SING UNTO THE LORD WITH THANKSGIVING (Psalm 147:7): Our worship on October 20 will be a hymn sing. Rev. Dr. Mary Anne will be on vacation from October 20th through October 26th.

WELCOME: Please extend a warm welcome to Carolyn Dalton, a new member of our Simpsonville Presbyterian Church family.