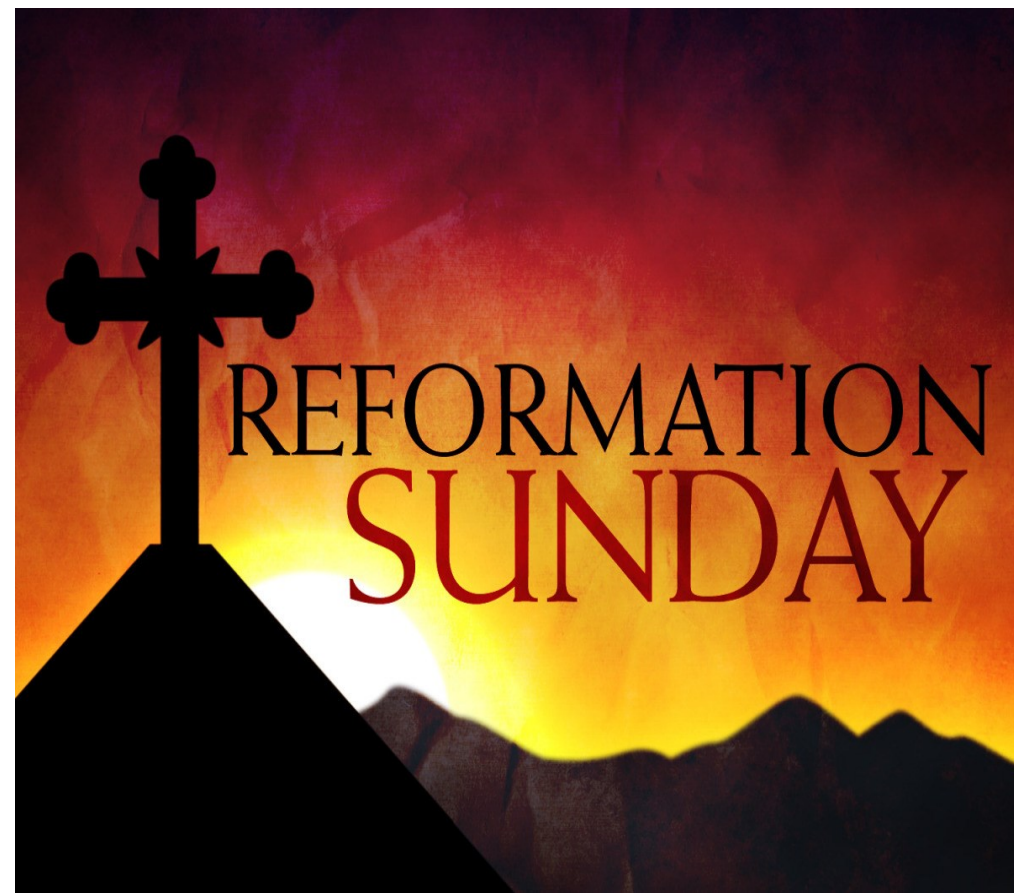


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Sunday, October 27, 2024

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Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 27, 2024 23rd Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday

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

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP**

Judy Rainey, Liturgist

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

All: The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge. Let us worship the living God.

***OPENING HYMN #377 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer) (a prayer by Martin Luther)

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich

COMING NEXT SUNDAY: Communion

Scriptures: Ruth 1:1-18/Matthew 6:7-13, plus a footnote

Sermon: Kingdom, Power, Glory, Amen!

Personal prayer of preparation (a prayer by John Calvin) My God, my Father and my Savior, you have been pleased to preserve me by your grace through the night and you have brought me to this new day. Grant that I may use it entirely in your service, that I may think, say, and do nothing but to please you and to obey your holy will. May all my actions be to the glory of your name and to the service of others. And just as you cause the sun to shine on the world to give physical light, let your Holy Spirit illumine my mind to guide me in the way of righteousness. In everything I do, let my goal and intention always be to walk reverently and to honor and serve you, relying only on your blessing for my well-being, and undertaking only what is pleasing to you. Amen.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a congregational meeting after worship on November 10th to present the Class of 2026 Session Members: Jackie Koch, Candie Vaitkevicius, and Bill Marshall (PA). The budget for 2025 will also be presented. A pot luck lunch fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall will follow with donations supporting the "Love Fund." This fund is used to help support members of our congregation in emergency situations. A sign-up sheet for the lunch is on the back table.

NOTE: Protestant churches celebrate the Reformation annually on October 31, the anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. In honor of the celebration, this week's liturgy draws on prayers and liturgy from Protestant Reformers.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OFFERING: Many thanks to everyone who gave toward gifts from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog on World Communion Sunday. With Session matching the congregation's offering, we were able to send \$743 to purchase 2 Mzuzu Drills, 2 Sewing machines, 1 pair of goats, 2 families of chickens, 1 pack of Moringa tree seeds, 2 sets of jerry cans, 1 set of farming tools, and 1 teacher training kit.

PHOTOS: Anyone wishing an updated photo for our Church Family board, please see Jackie after worship service.

VETERAN'S DAY CONCERTS: The Upstate Senior Band will host the following two concerts in honor of Veteran's Day:

- Fountain Inn Senior Center: Friday, Nov. 8, 11 a.m.-Noon
- Senior Action: Monday, Nov. 11, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (a prayer by John Calvin)

Leader: Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.

People: Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

RESPONSE: "Rain Down"

*Rain down; rain down;
Rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down;
Rain down your love, God of life.*

HYMN #457 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (a prayer by Ulrich Zwingli)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Job 42:1-6, 16-17/Matthew 6:7-13

SERMON: "Time of Temptation" 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 (adapted from prayers by John Knox)

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 in the sanctuary just inside the back double doors.)

OFFERTORY

***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 (a prayer by Martin Luther)

***CLOSING HYMN #379 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**

*BENEDICTION

Bill Marshall NS

***RESPONSE: "Share His Love"**

Share his love by telling what the Lord has done for you,
Share his love by sharing of your faith,
And show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you,
Ev-'ry moment, ev-'ry day.

POSTLUDE

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 Lena Staschak. 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: Jimmy Cheeks, Barb & Roger Daugherty

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jan Johnson; Donnett Hanson; 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 November are dried beans, canned soups and canned stews. 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.