

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius
Ronnie Storch

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Next Week

Liturgist: Judy Rainey
Ushers: Linda Stenhouse
Jackie Koch

Elder of the Month

For November: Linda Marshall, 864-967-9855 (H), 864-350-9375
(cell)

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, November 10, 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

November 10, 2024

25th 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 "To God Be the Glory" arr. Whitworth

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

Leader: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

People: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

People: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

***OPENING HYMN #361 "How Firm a Foundation"**

#145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Merciful God, forgive our systemic sins, the way we build and support and collaborate with oppression. Open our eyes to the injustice of wealth inequality. Open our hearts to righting our societal wrongs. Forgive our excuses, our apathy, our votes cast only for our benefit, or

VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT: The Upstate Senior Band will host a concert at Senior Action on Monday, Nov. 11, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Christmas after worship on November 24th.

CARDS: Join us for card playing on Wednesday, November 13th, at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

SAVE THE DATES:

Dec. 11th: Ladies of the Church Cookie Swap

Dec. 13th: Congregational Christmas Gathering

Dec. 15th: Lessons & Carols

Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

More information on the above events will be forthcoming as we get closer to each date.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: A Christmas Concert to benefit Isaiah 117 will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Greenville on Sunday, Dec. 1st at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For additional information, see the poster in the Narthex.

COMING NEXT SUNDAY:

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 1:4-20/Mark 13:1-8

Sermon: What Will Be the Signs?

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a congregational meeting after worship today to present the Class of 2026 Session Members: Jackie Koch, Candie Vaitkevicius, and Bill Marshall (PA). The budget for 2025 may 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.

SESSION MEETING: The Session of SPC will meet Monday, November 11th at 10:30 a.m. at the Church.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: As is our tradition, beautiful poinsettias will adorn the Sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. If you'd like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one or special person, please fill out the order form in today's bulletin. The cost remains at \$10.00 each. Please indicate if you would like to take your flower(s) home or if it is a donation only. Deadline to order is November 24th. You may put the forms in the offering plate or give them to Jackie.

"SANTA'S" SENIOR HELPERS STRIKE AGAIN!!!

As we have in the past few years, the Presbyterian Women are collecting needed items requested by the Clinton Presbyterian Home in Clinton SC for their residents. A red collection "gift box" has been set up in the narthex for you to place any donated items for us to deliver by December 3rd. PLEASE DO NOT wrap the gifts so the "Elves" at The Presbyterian Home can make individual selections specifically for each resident.

A separate list of the requested items is included with the bulletin. For ease of handling by the residents, if you purchase any liquid items, please purchase medium size bottles.

The Holidays can be a hard and lonely time for individuals being separated from family. Please open your hearts and purchase one, a few, or many if possible of the items listed. If you have any questions, please contact either myself or Candie Vaitkevicius.

Blessings to you all,
Sue Marshall (C) 864.305.9355

that of our nation's. Help us follow Christ in prioritizing the poor and vulnerable. Help us build your beloved community where all belong, and all may flourish. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

People: The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.

Leader: Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

All: Thanks be to God!

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 #155 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Mark 12:38-44/Ruth 4:13-17

SERMON: "First Comes Love, Then Comes Marriage" 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 in the sanctuary just inside the back double doors.)

OFFERTORY "Peace Medley (Near to the Heart of God/
I've Got Peace Like a River" 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 #422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*BENEDICTION & BLESSING OF THE MEAL

*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.*

Please be seated for the congregational meeting.

POSTLUDE "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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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 Ronnie Storch. 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: Allan & Teresa Castleberry, Jimmy Cheeks

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.