

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Linda Stenhouse
Ushers: Linda Marshall
Bill Marshall NS

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Next Week

Liturgist: Jackie Koch
Ushers: 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

Class of 2026

Bill Marshall PA
Candie Vaitkevicius
Jackie Koch

Linda Stenhouse—Clerk of Session

2 Cents-A-Meal

Next Week!



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JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING



Sunday, November 24, 2024

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 24, 2024

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

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 "With Quiet Thanksgiving" arr. Barrett

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist
Leader: Through the power of God, Christ our Lord sits on the throne of truth.

People: As we worship, may this truth guide our thoughts.

Leader: Christ our Lord sits on the throne of love. May this love guide our hearts.

People: Let us worship our Lord who leads the way.

***OPENING HYMN #551 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You come to us in glory, yet we hide our faces from you. You speak to us in truth, yet we close our hearts to your word. Forgive us, God of grace. Release us from sin, restore our lives, and rule in our hearts, this day and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

People: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

Leader: I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Amen.

schools and colleges equipping communities of color. This offering will be collected on Sunday, December 8th. Envelopes will be inserted in the bulletin on that date. There are brochures on the table in the Narthex with additional information on this collection.

SAVE THE DATES:

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Anyone wishing to join our teams, please see Ronnie Storch.

COMING NEXT SUNDAY: Communion, First Sunday of Advent

Scriptures: Matthew 1:1-17/Joshua 6:22-25

Sermon: Mothers of Faith

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Christmas after worship today.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SWAP: Ladies, bake your favorite Christmas cookie recipe to share at our Cookie Swap on Monday, Dec. 9th at Noon. The number of participants will determine the number of cookies to bake and bring, along with copies of the recipe. Today is the last day to sign up; the sign-up sheet is on the back table.. Then we can determine how many each person will need to bake. We will not ask anyone to bake more than 4 dozen, so we may have two or more teams. The location of the swap will also be determined by the number of participants. All are welcome. A light lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, see Jackie.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS GATHERING: Celebrate the Christmas season at our annual Christmas Gathering on Friday, December 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Meats and drinks will be provided; attendees are asked to bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. We will have Christmas activities and our gift swap. Gifts should be no more than \$15, wrapped but no name tags. Each person attending should bring one wrapped gift. Friends and family are welcome. Please sign up on the sheet on the back table if you will attend. Deadline to sign up is Dec. 8.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related

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 #447 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: 2 Samuel 23:1-7/John 18:33-37

SERMON: "Not From This World" 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 "Because I Have Been Given Much" arr. Smith

***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 #559 "We Gather Together"

*BENEDICTION

*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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" Kocher

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 given by Bill & Linda Marshall. 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: Donnett Hanson, Darrell Johnson

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jan Johnson; Lena Staschak, Donnett Hanson; Alice Grooms; Cory and children (friends of Brenda Stenhouse); Conner Dixon (friend of Jimmy Cheeks); 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.

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 (forms on back table). 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. Today is the deadline to order. 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.