

SERVING THE CHURCH This Week	SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week
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"Growing Together in Faith – Loving and Serving in the World"

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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 "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"

Danny Wolfe

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP**

Linda Marshall, Liturgist

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! May all people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: We feast on the abundance of your house, and you give us drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;

People: in your light we see light.

***OPENING HYMN #276 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service. Amen.

NOTE: Please remember to sign up for liturgist, ushers, refreshments and pulpit flowers. Sign up sheets are on the back table. Thank you.

SOUP'S ON!!! With the cold weather we're experiencing, what would taste better than a nice warm bowl of homemade soup? On Sunday, February 2, the Presbyterian Women's Group will host a Soup Luncheon after the Church Service. Scout Troop 700 will be involved in the Church Service that day and they, along with their friends and families, are also invited to share our meal and we hope you'll welcome them for fellowship and various soups to enjoy.

CARDS: Join us for card playing Wednesday, January 22nd, at 11 a.m. at the church. Bring your own lunch.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed items this Christmas Season to the Clinton Presbyterian Community. Bill and I delivered five large boxes to them and they were so grateful for everything. Your generosity was truly appreciated.

COMING NEXT SUNDAY:

Scriptures: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10/1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Sermon: Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes—You Are the Body of Christ

RESPONSE: *“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer
When I call, answer me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer
Come and listen to me.*

Hymn # 142 *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Isaiah 62:1-5/Corinthians 12:1-11

SERMON: *“Concerning Spiritual Things”* 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 "I Thank You, Jesus" African American Hymnal

***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 #343 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE: "Lord, Make Us More Holy"**

***Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy
Until we meet again.
Holy, holy, holy,
Until we meet again.***

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.

THANK YOU to Jimmy Cheeks for sharing his musical talent on the piano and singing this week!

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Sharon Flesch. 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: Eddie Watson, Jeff VandeWeghe

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Gary Klein (01/19)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jan Johnson; Lawrence Welch; Jo Klein; Lena Staschak, Donnett Hanson; Linda Lingner (cousin of Jackie); Alice Grooms; Cory and children (friends of Brenda Stenhouse); Conner Dixon (friend of Jimmy Cheeks); Alysa Berdan (co-worker of Roger Pryor); the Powell family (friends of Jackie Koch); Sue Marshall's mother; Tina Minnich (daughter of Candie & Joe); Beverly Sullivan (friend of Jimmy Cheeks); Everett (sister of Donnett); Debra Datko; Lisa Shelf; 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 January are cereal and canned fruit. 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.

BIBLE STUDY : A 4-week Bible study on honoring the Sabbath is offered on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am beginning this morning and running through Feb. 9. In a quick-moving world filled with routines, the Sabbath can often become just another day of the week. It is so much more than that! Come join us and discover how honoring the Sabbath can lead to peace and joy.