

SERVING THE CHURCH

This Week

Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius
Ushers: Joe Vaitkevicius
Candie Vaitkevicius

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Next Week

Liturgist: Sue Seidel
Ushers: Jackie Koch

Elder of the Month

For March: Candie Vaitkevicius: 864-631-1010 (Home)
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SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2025

Barb Daugherty
Bill Marshall NS
Linda Marshall
Linda Stenhouse—Clerk of Session

Class of 2026

Bill Marshall PA
Candie Vaitkevicius
Jackie Koch



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Sunday, March 9, 2025

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

March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

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 "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Pethel

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

Leader: Where is our home?

People: Our home is in the shelter and shadow of God.

Leader: How can this be our refuge?

People: Because God's angels will guard your house and those in it from evil and threat.

Leader: How can we flourish?

All: Staying close to God's ways will bring our lives to abundance. Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #397 "O for a Closer Walk with God"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

God of wide circles, we too often revert to our fear-filled instinct to cut off those unfamiliar and distant. May we evaluate others based on your heart. In Romans, you remind us when we lean into your kin-dom agenda, our worldview is expanded to focus on our common humanity. May we embrace your created diversity and include all in our cherished life's work. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Paul tells the church in Rome and the church today.

People: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

TOP GOLF FUNDRAISER: A fundraising event for Isaiah 117 is planned for April 23rd at Top Golf on Pelham Rd. More information will be provided as it is released.

HYMN SING: Our worship on March 30th will be in the form of a hymn sing. Do you have a favorite hymn? If so, please submit it on the form located on the back table and place it in the wooden church. Requests must be turned in by March 16th.

CARD PLAYING: Join us for card playing on Wednesday, March 12th at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

SESSION MEETING: The Session of SPC will meet on Thursday, March 13th at 10:30 a.m.

A CONGREGATIONAL NIGHT OUT is being planned for Friday, April 11th. We will have dinner in a local restaurant (restaurant TBD) and then attend a show at the Younts Center: "His Life" a musical dramatization of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Dinner will be pay as you go; tickets for the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m., are \$22.00. Jackie will purchase the tickets; make checks payable to Simpsonville Presbyterian Church. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Friends and family are welcome. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 23rd.

PLEASE remember to sign up for pulpit flowers, refreshments, liturgist, and usher. Thank you.

COMING NEXT SUNDAY:

Scriptures: Luke 13:31-35/Psalm 27:7-14

Sermon: Seeking the Lord's Face

Leader: Having called upon the wide arms of our gracious God, know that you are forgiven.

All: With joy, may we amplify God's grace into the whole world. Amen.

RESPONSE: "We Are Forgiven"

*We are forgiven, We are forgiven,
Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven, We are forgiven,
Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God.*

Hymn #81 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Deuteronomy 26:1-11/Romans 10:8b-13

SERMON: "Everyone Who Calls" 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 "Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart" arr. Phillips

***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 #84 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

*May the grace of Christ our Savior, and the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.
Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord.
And possess, in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford.*

POSTLUDE "The Glory of these Forty Days" Bach

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.

FLOWERS and **REFRESHMENTS** today are given by Steve and Cindy Brawley. 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: Paula Ely, Sharon Flesch

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jan Johnson; Lawrence Welch; Jo Klein; Dixon Caldwell (friend of Jimmy Cheeks); Bill Marshall NS; 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; the Shelf family; 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 March are varieties of dried beans. 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 : The Final Days by Matt Rawle
Bible study began today and will continue on Sunday mornings during Lent (March 9 – April 13). We will begin promptly at 9:15am and will end by 10:10. The study will be led by Barb Daugherty and Bill Marshall (NS). If you did not sign up and would like to attend all or some of the sessions, please feel free to join us.