

April 15th, 2018

3rd Sunday of Easter

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: **The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Preparation for Worship

Let us prepare our hearts for worship first in silence, then as we listen to the prelude.

Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers brings peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.

Prelude *“That Easter Day with Joy was Bright” Praetorius, arr. Smith*
Congregational Introit #115 (vs. 1) “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

***Call to Worship** *Psalm 4*

Leader: O God, be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

People: **Know that God has set us apart and hears us when we call.**

Leader: O God, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

People: **O God, be gracious to us and hear our prayer.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***Hymn of Praise #123** **“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

***Prayer of Adoration and 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Church Confesses

Invitation to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us.
(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.) Amen.

Kyrie

*You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy.
You are the Christ, Giver of Mercy.
You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy.*

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri** (*Hymn# 579*)

The Church Proclaims God’s Word

Message for Children

Doug Berky

Prayer of Illumination

Liza Holder

First Scripture Reading: Luke 24: 36b – 48 (*NT page 85 in your pew Bible*)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*“He Is Risen”
Adult Choir*

K Jennings

Second Scripture Reading: Acts 3: 12 – 19 (*NT page 113 in your pew Bible*)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Becoming a Faithful Part of God’s Work in the World”

Reverend Nath Briley

The Church Responds in Faith

***Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn #347**

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Offering of Life

Offertory "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Handel, arr. Hughes

***Doxology** (Hymn # 592)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #514** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response #115 (vs. 2)"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"**

***Postlude** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" arr. Chesterton

Worship Has Ended - Service Begins

**Those who are able may stand at these times.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 15, 2018

Blessings and greetings to one and all. In the name of Christ, you are welcome today and every day! *If you are visiting with us, we offer a special word of welcome and an invitation to participate in the life of the congregation.* If you are interested in learning more about our ministry, please speak with the pastor after worship. **Copies of The Connection are available in the Narthex and Parlor hallway** for those who do not receive it by email. Please contact the church office to add your email address for correspondence.

Visitors with children: We welcome you to worship and are always glad for your children to be with us! Should you desire, nursery (0 – 17 months) and toddler (18 months – 3 years) rooms are available for our youngest children each Sunday morning on the lower level of our sanctuary building. **Please complete the parental questionnaire and sign-in sheet when you drop off your little one. This information will be on a table in the nursery. We ask that you include your cell phone number in case you may be needed during the church service (please place your phone on vibrate).** Following the Children's Sermon, preschool children (4 to 5 year olds who have not entered kindergarten) are invited to attend Preschool Church in the toddler room of the nursery. Children may be picked up there after worship.

Children's worship bulletins are available from the ushers. Children's worship bags are also available in the narthex. Please return the bags following worship to be used again next week.

Please remember to turn off all electronic devices except for parents with children in the nursery. These parents should make sure their phones are on vibrate.

AUDIO ENHANCEMENTS: Audio devices for the congregation and visitors to use are located in the narthex. If you are in need of one of the devices, please speak to one of our ushers or greeters, and they will gladly assist you.

Please help us in determining how many to expect for the Wonderful Wednesday meal at 5:30pm on April 18th if you have not already signed up for a standing reservation. Also, please check if you would like the vegetarian option for dinner

The _____ family plans to attend the dinner: #of people-_____
I am available to volunteer to help clean up after the meal

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS: Our Wonderful Wednesday programs will continue on April 18th with the dinner line opening at 5:30pm in ASH. Dinner will be a delicious meal from Shortfield's (\$6 per adult, \$4 per child 11 and under). We ask that you sign up using the tear off slip above and place in the offering plate or contact/email the church office by Tuesday at noon. We want to be good stewards of our resources and also make sure we have enough food for everyone to enjoy. **Classes will be from 6:15-7:00pm. Programs will be offered for all ages. The adults will enjoy a special program that evening by John McCall.** He is a PCUSA mission co-worker in Taiwan primarily with Taiwanese Presbyterian pastors, who will be visiting churches in the US through June, and indicated an interest in visiting us at PPC. There is a thriving Presbyterian presence in Taiwan and John regularly meets and ministers with churches and pastors there in support of their ongoing ministry. **The Melody Makers (children's choir) will meet during the program time.**

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Youth will meet this evening at 5:30 for dinner and activities. **Doug and Marian Osborne Berky will provide the meal.**

WISE AND WONDERFUL: Our Wise & Wonderful gathering will be held this Tuesday, April 17th, at 6:15pm in All Saints Hall, with dinner at 6:30pm. The meal will be pizza with soft drinks. Feel free to bring a dessert. After the meal, the local singing group, The Mountain View Quartet, will present the program for the evening.

BLANKET WORKDAY : The blanket work day will be this Tuesday, April 17th, beginning at 1:30pm in All Saints' Hall. We will be making blankets for our friends that stay with us from Family Promise. **Please bring scissors. All are welcome!**

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS: This summer our church will experience "Rolling River Rampage," June 18th through 22nd. Our online registration will be set up shortly. Please see Carole Thomas if you are available to volunteer in any way.

FAMILY PROMISE AT PPC: Beginning Sunday evening, May 6th, through Sunday May 13th, we will again have the privilege of providing overnight

hospitality and meals to homeless families in our community. **If you would like to volunteer during the week, please contact Jo Anne Gessell. Also, see the Thursday Cliffnotes for additional information.** What a blessing the Family Promise ministry has been to our church and community. There are many ways we can support this wonderful ministry in our community.

FOOD PANTRY: In April, we are asking for cereal or grits, and any other food items to fill the boxes for hungry people who come to the church.

GENERAL FUNDS UPDATE: Offering last Sunday: General Fund: \$5,208.

PRAYER REQUESTS: You are encouraged to share prayer concerns on the pink cards in the pew racks.

A list of **CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS** is available in the narthex.

<i>Serving:</i>	<i>April 15, 2018</i>	<i>April 22, 2018</i>
Flowers:		
Beadle:	Carole Thomas	Dianna Morris
Toddler & Preschool Church:	Tina La Foy	Louise Hope
Refreshments:	Kathy & David Chamlee	Roger Gettys
Pulpit Elder:	Liza Holder	Liz Stokes
Children's Moment:	Doug Berky	Carole Thomas
Youth Meal:	Doug & Marian Osborne Berky	Ginger Chastain
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Townsend	Cindy Townsend
Sanctuary Guild:	Carole Thomas	Carole Thomas
Crisis/Celebration Coordinator:	Aubrey Righetti	Aubrey Righetti
Ushers:	Betsey Chalmers, Nevaeh Harden, Carol Marsh and Jan Sparks	Betsey Chalmers, Nevaeh Harden, Carol Marsh and Jan Sparks
Greeter:	Bob Allison	Bob Allison

Lectionary readings for today:

Acts 3: 12 – 19
Psalm 4
1 John 3: 1 – 7
Luke 24: 36b – 48

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Acts 4: 5 – 12
Psalm 23
1 John 3: 16 – 24
John 10: 11 – 18

Church Activities and Events This Week:

Sunday, April 15	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship in All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship
Monday, April 16	11:00am	Centering Prayer
	1:30pm	Ministry for Caregivers
	6:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 17	9:00am	Jane B. Morris Service Fund
	1:30pm	Blanket Work Day – ASH
	5:00pm	CDV Class – McJunkin Room
	5:45pm	CDC Board Meeting – Session Room
	6:15pm	Wise & Wonderful Dinner and Program
Wednesday, April 18	9:45am	CDC Children's Chapel
	10:30am	Nath's DMin Study Group
	12:00pm	Rotary Club
	5:30pm	Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Program
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 19	10:00am	Book Club
Friday, April 20		<i>Office Closed</i>
	5:00pm	Confirmation Retreat
Sunday, April 22	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship in All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship

Online calendar: <http://73970421.view-events.com>

Concerns and Celebrations:

Sermon Notes:

PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministers – All Members
Pastor – The Reverend Nath Briley
Parish Associate – The Reverend Beverly Kelly
Church Administrator/Treasurer – Cyndi Banks
Choir Director – Ashley Dodgens
Organist – Joyce Thompson
Administrative Assistant – Susan Clark
Director of Children and Youth Ministry – Hannah Smoak
Director of Child Development Center – Chasity Lesley
Nursery Caregivers – Ashley Riley, Kristin Garrett Wilkie

SESSION & COMMITTEES

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Bob Allison	Martha Brooks	Doug Berky
Debbie Carmical	Liza Holder	Jo Anne Gessell
David Chamlee	Butch Morris	Bill Ranson
Doc Giddings	Liz Stokes	Carole Thomas
Kay Rentz	Jo Ann Taylor	Trustee: Leslie Flynn
Marvin Short	Trustee: Norm Rentz	

Trustee: Karen Roper

Moderator: The Reverend Nath Briley
Co-Clerks of Session: Liz Stokes and Kay Rentz

Deacons: Betsy Chalmers and Norm Rentz
Building and Grounds: David Chamlee and Jo Anne Gessell
Child Development Center: Liza Holder
Christian Education: Kay Rentz and Carole Thomas
Church Office and Administration: Debbie Carmical
Congregational Care: Martha Brooks and Bill Ranson
Evangelism and Membership: Bob Allison
Financial Oversight and Stewardship: Marvin Short and Butch Morris
Mission and Outreach: Doug Berky and Jo Ann Taylor
Worship: Doc Giddings and Liz Stokes

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION

Presbyterian Women Moderator – Nancy Goldsmith
Sarah/Emily Circle Co- Moderators – Christa Schwab and Barbara Caruthers
Eve Circle Moderators – Sherry Schell and Debbie Carmical

THE GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH

(Book of Order) G-1.0200

The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind
The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
The maintenance of divine worship
The preservation of the truth
The promotion of social righteousness
The exhibition of the Kingdom to the world

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