

*The Church Gathers***Chiming of the Hour****Welcome and Concerns of the Church**

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Invitation to Christian Discipleship**Preparation for Worship**

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

God of every blessing, we rejoice that you have chosen us from long ago, adopted us as your beloved children, and gathered us into your presence. Now make known in our hearts and lives your eternal purpose for heaven and earth so that we may live, this day and always, for the glory of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude "Welcome to Earth, O Noble Guest" *arr. J. G. Walther*
Congregational Introit #485 (vs. 1 and refrain) "To God Be the Glory"

***Call to Worship** *Isaiah 60*

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come; and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: Lift up your eyes and look around; sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

People: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

***Hymn of Praise #66** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

***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:**

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You made us in your own image, but we tarnish your good name. You call us your beloved children, but we take your favor for granted. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your mercy upon us so that we may live in a way that is

pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(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)*

Sharing of the Peace of Christ*The Church Proclaims God's Word***Message for Children**

Liz Stokes

Prayer of Illumination

Martha Brooks

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 1 – 12 *(NT page 1 in your pew Bible)*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Follow Me to Jordan"
Adult Choir

J. Althouse

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1: 4 – 11 *(NT page 32 in your pew Bible)*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "God's Epiphany"
 Reverend Nath Briley

The Church Responds in Faith

***Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed** *(ecumenical, p. 15)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering of Life and Two Cents-a-Meal Offering

Offertory "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" arr. L. Larson
Ashley Dodgens – Vocals, Joyce Thompson – Vocals and Piano

***Doxology** (Hymn # 592)

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One:The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One:Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One:Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise. (*The prayer continues...*)

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn #470** "O Day of Radiant Gladness"

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response #525 (refrain)** "Here I Am, Lord"

***Postlude** "O God of God, O Light of Light" arr. C. Schalk

Worship Has Ended - Service Begins

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 7, 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.

CIRCLE NEWS: The **Eve Circle will meet today after worship in the Church Parlor.** They will be studying lesson 5, "In Community with the Tradition of the Past".

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Youth will meet this evening at the church at 5:30pm for dinner and activities. **Kay and Norm Rentz will provide the meal.**

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday morning Bible study will meet on January 10th, and will be discussing Mark Chapter 6 and 7.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY EVENT: Come join with your faith community on **Monday, January 15th** to celebrate our **12th Annual Unity Celebration marking Martin Luther King Day.** We will be meeting here at **PPC at 10:00am for coffee and donuts.** To help with refreshments and setup, please arrive around 9:30 that morning. **For questions or to volunteer in any way, contact Robin Giddings at 915-5805 or robin.giddings@ yahoo.com.**

2nd ANNUAL JOINT WORSHIP WITH GEBC: On **Sunday, January 21st,** we will celebrate unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ from Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church with a joint worship service at PPC and covered dish dinner following the service, **with Rev. Carlton Holley preaching. And, please bring a dish to share in a common meal following worship with our GEBC friends.**

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICES: If any services or church events require cancellation or reschedule because of inclement weather, notices will be put **on WYFF Channel 4 and WSPA Channel 7's** station information. Also check the church's **Facebook page.**

FOOD PANTRY: In January, we are asking for **cereal and other breakfast foods,** 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: \$4,010.

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.

<u>Serving:</u>	<u>January 7, 2018</u>	<u>January 14, 2018</u>
Flowers:	Liz Stokes	Debbie Teeple
Beadle:	Debbie Hendricks	Liza Holder
Toddler & Preschool Church:	Carole Thomas	Dianna Morris
Refreshments:	Liza Holder	Barbara Christopher
Pulpit Elder:	Martha Brooks	Butch Morris
Children's Moment:	Liz Stokes	Rev. Nath
Youth Meal:	Norm and Kay Rentz	<i>No Youth Meeting</i>
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Townsend	Cindy Townsend
Sanctuary Guild:	Carol Marsh	Carol Marsh
Crisis/Celebration Coordinator:	Barbara Caruthers	Barbara Caruthers
Ushers:	Norm and Kay Rentz Butch and Dianna Morris	Norm and Kay Rentz Butch and Dianna Morris
Greeter:	Bob Allison	Bob Allison
Communion Setup:	Liz Stokes	
Communion Servers:	1 – Martha, 2 – Liza, 3 – Liz 4 – Butch, 5 – Jo Ann T, 6 – Kay	

Lectionary readings for today:

Genesis 1: 1 – 5
Psalm 29
Acts 19: 1 – 7
Mark 1: 4 – 11

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

1 Samuel 3: 1 – 10 (11–20)
Psalm 139: 1 – 6, 13 – 18
1 Corinthians 6: 12 – 20
John 1: 43 – 51

Church Activities and Events This Week:

Sunday, January 7	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship in All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship
	12:00pm	Eve Circle – Church Parlor
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship
Monday, January 8	11:00am	Centering Prayer
	1:30pm	Ministry for Caregivers
	5:30pm	Evangelism & Membership Committee Meeting
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts – Education Building
Tuesday, January 9	9:00am	Jane B. Morris Service Fund
	12:30pm	Wise & Wonderful Lunch & Program
	5:00pm	CDV Class – McJunkin Room

Wednesday, January 10	9:45am	CDC Children's Chapel
	10:30am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Rotary Club
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 11	10:00am	Book Club
	6:30pm	Pickens Co Beekeepers Assoc. – ASH
	6:30pm	Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
Friday, January 12		<i>Office Closed</i>
Sunday, January 14	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship
	11:00am	Worship

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

Concerns and Celebrations:

Mary Gaillard's mother, Connie Chastain Gaillard passed away last Sunday, December 31st, at Manna Healthcare. Connie's service was Thursday at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Please continue to keep the Gaillard family in your prayers.

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
Director of Child Development Center – Chasity Lesley
Nursery Caregivers – Ashley Riley, Kristin Garrett

SESSION & COMMITTEES

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
David Chamlee	Bob Allison	Martha Brooks
Jay Pence	Debbie Carmical	Liza Holder
Aubrey Righetti	Doc Giddings	Butch Morris
Dennis Schwab	Kay Rentz	Liz Stokes
Robert Simms	Marvin Short	Jo Ann Taylor
Trustee: Roy Stoddard	Trustee: Karen Roper	Trustee: Norm Rentz

Moderator: The Reverend Nath Briley
Clerk of Session: Robert Simms

Deacons: Betsy Chalmers and Norm Rentz
Building and Grounds: Robert Simms and David Chamlee
Child Development Center: Dennis Schwab
Christian Education: Kay Rentz
Church Office and Administration: Debbie Carmical
Congregational Care: Aubrey Righetti and Martha Brooks
Evangelism and Membership: Bob Allison and Liza Holder
Financial Oversight and Stewardship: Marvin Short and Butch Morris
Mission and Outreach: Jay Pence 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

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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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