

*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 wonder, you appeared to Abraham as three persons; you reveal your fullness in your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit fills your people with hope through the peacemaking cross of Jesus. Gather us as Christ's faithful disciples and empower us with his good news, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prelude

"In the Garden"
Third Sunday Strings

Miles

Congregational Introit**"Come Before His Presence"**

Come into His presence singing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory to God singing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the Lord together singing Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.

Praise to His name singing Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 116

Leader: What shall we return to you, O God, for all of your beauty to us?

People: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: O Lord, I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

People: **I will give you thanksgiving and call on your name in the presence of all the people.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

Hymn of Praise (insert)*"Shall We Gather at the River"*****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:**

Triune God, Holy Three, Holy One, we confess that we do not know how to look for you. We do not sense your nearness, and if there are angels among us, we are unaware. We do not show the hospitality to strangers that Abraham showed to you. We do not trust that our hardships can be transformed by your Spirit. O Covenant-keeper, forgive us. Let us laugh with joy because your grace has made peace among us. Send us out with this good news so that others will also receive your blessing; 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)

The Church Proclaims God's Word

Message for Children

Jessica Varney

Prayer of Illumination

Butch Morris

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 18: 1 – 15 (OT page 13 in your pew Bible)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Watts

Jayden Harden, June Harden, Donna Simms, June Simms - Vocals

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8 (NT page 9 in your pew Bible)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Cure the Sick, Raise the Dead and Cast Out Demons?"

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 God, who Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families

of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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** **“Wayfaring Stranger”**

*I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger traveling through this world of woe;
But there's no sickness, toil nor danger in that bright world to which I go.*

*I'm going there to see my Father, I'm going there no more to roam;
I'm just going over Jordan, I'm just going over home.*

*I know dark clouds will gather round me, I know my way is rough and steep;
And beautiful fields lie just before me, Where God's redeemed there vigils keep.*

*I'm going there to see my Father, I'm going there no more to roam;
I'm just going over Jordan, I'm just going over home.*

Prayers of the People

Offering of Life

Offertory

“Though I May Speak”

Hobson

Third Sunday Strings

***Doxology**

(Hymn # 592)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn (insert)**

“Standing on the Promises”

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

“An Irish Blessing”

*May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face, And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again, And until we meet again,
May the God who loves us all, May the God who loves us all,
May the God who loves us all, Hold you in the palm of His hand.*

***Postlude**

Worship Has Ended - Service Begins

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 18, 2017

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.* Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, “The Connection,” which tells of our current

activities. 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 to receive 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.

We wish a Happy Father’s Day to all of the men of our congregation!

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory to God in memory of Jack Black and in honor of all fathers by Della Black.

THIRD SUNDAY STRINGS: We would like to thank our instrumentalists who are playing this morning with **The “Third Sunday Strings”:** Doc Giddings, OD Hendricks, Joe Padgett, and Robert Wood. They will play on the hymns, etc. every third Sunday of the month from May through August. **All are welcome to participate!** If you play a stringed instrument and would like to join this group please email Ashley Dodgens at ashley13658@gmail.com.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE: The church office has printed updated church directories. They are in the Narthex and Parlor Hallway.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: This coming week our church will become “Hero Central,” where kids “discover their strength in God.” **VBS will be held**

from Monday, June 19th, through Friday, June 23rd. Thank you to all of the volunteers who will be teaching and leading the children. **You are all invited to our closing program at 6:00pm on Friday!**

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday morning Bible study will meet this coming week on June 21st. The group will begin studying Chapter 16 in the Gospel of Matthew.

CDC GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Child Development Center will be holding its 6th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 23rd, at the Pickens Country Club, tee time 9:30am. The proceeds will help the CDC better serve all of our children, including those with special needs. You can either enjoy a round of golf or simply sponsor a hole for a minimum donation of \$100. Team cost will be \$400. Fees and sponsorships are tax deductible. **Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact Dennis Schwab, or call the CDC directly at 878-9953.**

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: From June 4th – Sept. 3rd, there is a combined children and youth Sunday school class in All Saints' Hall from 9:30am-10:30am, taught by Jessica Varney. The theme is Bible Heroes! Children and Youth will have the opportunity to use puppets to tell the tales of heroic men and women in the Bible. Adult Sunday school classes will continue to meet as usual.

FOOD PANTRY: In June, we are asking for beef stew or other canned meats 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: \$4,817.00 Building Fund: \$290.00.

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>June 18, 2017</i>	<i>June 25, 2017</i>
Flowers:	Della Black	Mary Sue Day
Beadle:	Louise Hope	Carole Thomas
Toddler & Preschool Church:	Cindy Townsend	Holly Harden
Refreshments:	Debbie Hendricks	Barbara Caruthers
Pulpit Elder:	Butch Morris	Liz Stokes
Children's Moment:	Jessica Varney	<i>VBS Storytime Team</i>
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Teeple	Debbie Teeple
Crisis/Celebration Coordinator:	Sue Cole	Sue Cole
Ushers:	Bill & Barbara Caruthers	Bill & Barbara Caruthers
	Liz Stokes & Tom Smith	The Townsend Family
Greeter:	Liza Holder & Bob Allison	Liza Holder & Bob Allison

Lectionary readings for today:

Genesis 18: 1 – 15 (21:1–7)
 Psalm 116: 1 – 2, 12 – 19
 Romans 5: 1 – 8
 Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8 (9–23)

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Genesis 21: 8 – 21
 Psalm 86: 1 – 10, 16 – 17
 Romans 6: 1b – 11
 Matthew 10: 24 – 39

Church Activities and Events This Week:

Sunday, June 18	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship
	11:00am	Worship
Monday, June 19	8:50am	Vacation Bible School
	1:30pm	Ministry for Caregivers
	6:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 20	8:50am	VBS
	9:00am	Jane B. Morris Service Fund
	5:00pm	CDV Class – McJunkin Room
Wednesday, June 21	8:50am	VBS
	4:00pm	CDC Board Meeting
Thursday, June 22	8:50am	VBS
Friday, June 23		<i>Office Closed</i>
	8:50am	VBS
	6:00pm	VBS Closing Program
Sunday, June 25	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship
	11:00am	Worship – VBS Sunday

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

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation:

Donna Nabors passed away Wednesday evening, June 14th, at Baptist Easley Hospital surrounded by her family. Please keep Ken, Nathan, Jessica and the Nabors family in your prayers at this time of grieving.

Anna Simmons is recovering at home after a mass was removed from her brain last Friday. It was reported be scar tissue and not a tumor. Thanks be to God. Keep her in your prayers for continued recovery.