

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

Matt Varney

Preparation for Worship*Let us prepare our hearts for worship first in silence, then as we listen to the prelude.**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***Prelude***"Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing"*

Barr

Congregational Introit #371 (sing twice)**"Lift High the Cross"***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.****Call to Worship**

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame.

People: Incline your ear to me, rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me.

People: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**All: Let us worship God!**

Psalm 31

Hymn of Praise #267*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*****Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)***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:****Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You call us to be a holy temple, but we reject the very cornerstone. You call us to be a holy people, but we resist your saving grace. Forgive us; give us new life! Make us new people, a new temple, filled with the Spirit of life-the life that death cannot destroy; 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

First Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10 (NT page 219 in your pew Bible)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.**Anthem***"Forth He Came at Easter"*

Williams

The Adult Choir

Second Scripture Reading: John 14: 1-14 (NT page 102 in your pew Bible)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.**Sermon****"Dwelling Place"**

Reverend Nath Briley

*The Church Responds in Faith****Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed****(traditional, p. 14)***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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.***Senior Recognition****Litany of Thanksgiving for Graduates**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord who guides us to face the challenges and opportunities of life.

People: We thank you, Lord, for your leading, your encouragement, your gifts of educators and teachers, of friends and neighbors who have helped us and encouraged us in the opportunities of life.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord for the families and homes into which these graduating seniors were born and have been nurtured.

People: We are grateful, Lord, for our children and our parents, our homes and families, where we learn to grow and experience all the wonders of this life.

Leader: Lord, this is a time of joy for us as we watch these graduating seniors gather before us to celebrate the completion of this phase of their education and move out from here in new directions for their lives.

People: We ask that you would be with them as they go and strengthen them as they take on new responsibilities in this world. Give them, and us, faith and encouragement as we try to be your servants who live in joy and thankfulness for all we have received.

Presentation of Gifts to Graduates

Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Offering of Life

Offertory

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

Correll

(Hymn # 592)

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Congregational Meeting

***Hymn #356**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response #108 (verse 1)**

"Christ Is Alive"

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

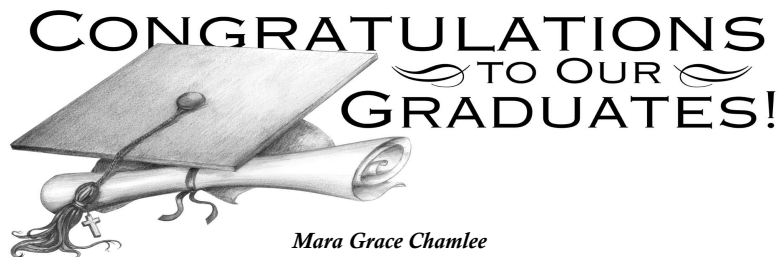
***Postlude**

"Holy God We Praise Thy Name"

Wilson

Worship Has Ended - Service Begins

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Mara Grace Chamlee

*Graduating from South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities
Mara will be attending Furman University and majoring in Music Performance.*

Anna Grace Chastain

*Graduating from Pickens High School
Anna will be attending Clemson University and majoring in Packaging Science.*

Jacob Elias Holder

*Graduating from Pickens High School
Jacob will be attending Tri-County and majoring in Marketing.
He plans to transfer to Clemson University.*

Morgan Brittnae Townsend

*Graduating from Pickens High School
Morgan will be attending Charleston Southern University and majoring in Nursing.
Please join us for a reception in honor of these graduates following worship.*

We also celebrate the following academic achievements:

Anna Ranson, daughter of Bill and Allison Ranson, graduated from Rhodes College.

Jesse Wood, daughter of Robert and Cindy Wood, graduated from Furman University.

Rebecca Harper, daughter of Richard and Jennie Harper, graduated from the Medical University of SC with a degree in dentistry. She was commissioned after graduation as a captain in the US Army and will serve her first year at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs.

Jonathan Haines graduated from North Greenville University with a Masters of Business Administration in December of 2013.

Butch Morris graduated from Arkansas State University with a Master of Science in Educational Leadership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 18, 2014

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. You are invited to sign the Friendship Pads.

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.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Today we will have a congregational meeting for the receiving of the annual report.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Today the Youth will celebrate the end of the school year with their Year-End Activities. Senior High Youth will meet at the church at 5:00pm to go to a pool party at the Blackwood's house. Please bring finger foods and drinks to share with the

group. The Junior High Youth will meet at the church at 5:00pm to travel together to Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park in Greenville. Parents **must** fill out the online waiver for youth to jump. The waiver can be found at the following link: <https://greenvillestore.skyzone.com/waiver/>. Sky Zone Tickets are \$13. Junior High Youth should also bring money to buy food at a fast food restaurant after leaving SkyZone.

NO SEW FLEECE BLANKET WORK DAY: On **Thursday, May 22, 2014**, we will have a work day to make no sew fleece blankets. This will take place in All Saints' Hall from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Everyone is invited to come and help. Please bring your scissors.

CHURCH-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY: The Building and Grounds Committee is holding a Church-wide Clean-up Day on **Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 8:00am**. Please contact Bill Caruthers or Roger Gettys for questions and to let them know of your interest in helping. Look for more details in the weeks to come. Come one, come all and help us clean up the church grounds!

CDC GOLF TOURNAMENT: The PPC Child Development Center's golf tournament will be held on Friday morning **June 6th; 9:00am** registration and **9:30am** tee time. We need golfers, hole sponsors and volunteers. The tournament will be followed by a bar-b-cue lunch prepared by Larry Looper. Please see Dennis Schwab, Leo Tilly, Joe Padgett, Larry Jennings, Ralph Perkins or call Karen Durham at the CDC for more information. Thank you for your continuing support of the Child Development Center.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Beginning on **June 15th**, we will return to our Summer Worship Schedule. Summer Sunday School will be from **9:00am-9:45am**. Worship will begin at **10:00am** with a time of fellowship to follow in All Saints' Hall.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: Our mid-week Bible study group, led by Rev. Nath and Jessica Varney, meets at 10:30am on Wednesday in the church Parlor. The group is currently studying 1 Corinthians. This week we will study chapter 14.

WORKSHOP OF WONDERS: "Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God!" Vacation Bible School will be **June 23-27, 2014!** VBS is for children in 4K through sixth grade. Online registration is available for children and volunteers! Go to <http://2014.cokesburyvbs.com/pickenspresbyterian>. The VBS 2014 Co-Chairs are Jennifer Roper and Amanda Stokes.

FOOD PANTRY: In May, we are asking for **beef stew** and any other food items to fill the boxes for hungry people who come to the door of the church.

GENERAL FUNDS UPDATE: Church Operating Needs for Program and Mission each week: \$6,205.00. Offering last Sunday: General Fund: \$7,446.00. Building Fund Needs for each week: \$968.00. Building Fund last Sunday: \$700.00.

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>May 18, 2014</i>	<i>May 25, 2014</i>
Flowers:	Bonnie Henderson	Anna Simmons
Beadle:	Jonathan Haines	Kristen Blackwood
Toddler & Preschool Church:	Jessica Haines	Holly Harden
Refreshments:	Bess Swaynham	Joe and Barbara Christopher
Pulpit Elder:	Matt Varney	Nancy Goldsmith/Allison Ranson
Children's Moment:	Jessica Varney	Rev. Beverly Kelly
Youth Meal:	End of the Year Celebrations	
Sanctuary Guild:	Marianne Holland	Marianne Holland
Crisis/Celebration Coordinator:	Carol Marsh	Carol Marsh
Ushers and Greeters:	Norm and Kay Rentz	Norm and Kay Rentz
	Raymond and Margaret Dawkins	Raymond and Margaret Dawkins
Sunday School Superintendent:	Kay Rentz	Kay Rentz

Lectionary readings for today:

Acts 7:55-601
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
 1 Peter 2:2-10
 John 14:1-14

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Acts 17:22-31
 Psalm 66:8-20
 1 Peter 3:13-22
 John 14:15-21

Church Activities and Events This Week:

Sunday, May 18	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship in All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship/Congregational Meeting
	12:00pm	Reception for Graduating Seniors in ASH
	12:30pm	Session Meeting
	5:00pm	Youth End-of-the-Year Celebrations
Monday, May 19	11:00am	Centering Prayer
	1:30pm	Ministry for Caregivers
Tuesday, May 20	9:00am	Jane B. Morris Service Fund
Wednesday, May 21	9:45am	CDC Children's Chapel in Sanctuary
	10:30am	Bible Study in the Parlor
	12:00pm	Rotary in All Saints' Hall
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, May 22	10:00am	Book Club in the Parlor
Friday, May 23		Office Closed
Sunday, May 25	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship in All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship