



*God Eternal –
Three In One*

Pickens Presbyterian Church
West Main Street
Pickens, SC 29671

“To the Glory of God and the Service of People”

*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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord—we praise the majesty and mystery of your threefold name. Show your glorious presence, speak your word of life, and guide us into your truth, so that all the world will know that we are your people and you are our God. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Prelude

“Ach Gott, vom Himmel seih darein”

Pachelbel

Congregational Introit - #322**“Spirit of the Living God”**

*Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me; Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me;
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall a fresh on me.*

***Call to Worship**

Psalms 8

Leader: O God, your name is majestic in all the earth; your glory is chanted above the heavens.

People: **You have crowned your people with glory and honor; we give you all praise in response to your grace.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

Hymn of Praise #139*“Come, Thou Almighty King”*****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 of justice and love, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We call you God of creation, yet we serve idols of our own making.

We confess Christ as our Savior, yet we rely on elaborate security systems for our protection. We claim the indwelling Spirit, yet we abide by our own counsel. Forgive our double-mindedness, and through Christ make us whole. *(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**

Jo Anne Gessell

Prayer of Illumination

Robert Simms

First Scripture Reading: John 16: 12 - 15 *(NT page 104 in your pew Bible)*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

arr. Lojeski

The Adult Choir

Second Scripture Reading: Romans 5: 1 - 5 *(NT page 145 in your pew Bible)*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Striving For Peace”

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.

Hymn #368*“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”****Senior Recognition and Presentation of Gifts to Graduates****Prayers of the People**

Leader: God, of new life,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Offering of Life**Offertory**

“If With All Your Hearts from ‘Elijah’”

Mendelssohn

***Doxology**

(Hymn # 592)

Prayer of Dedication**Hymn #138****“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”*****Charge and Benediction*****Congregational Response****“Behold, I Make all Things New”**

Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, behold, I make all things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

***Postlude**

“Pomp and Circumstance”

Elgar

Carla Padgett – Organ, Dr. Marianne Holland - Piano

*Worship Has Ended - Service Begins
Those who are able may stand at these times.



Congratulations to our Graduates!

Carson Brian Roper

*Graduating from Pickens High School
Carson will be attending the University of
South Carolina in the fall.*

April Melissa Simms

*Graduating from Pickens High School
April will be attending Clemson University in
the fall.*

Kaitlyn Nicole Stokes

*Graduating from Liberty High School
Kaity will be attending Anderson University in
the fall.*

Carole Connie Thomas

*Graduating from Pickens High School
Carole will be attending Clemson University in
the fall.*

*Please join us for a reception in honor of these graduates following worship.
We also celebrate the following academic achievements:*

Thomas Rucker Holland, Director of Baseball Operations at Erskine College, received the Master's degree in College Athletic Administration from Coker College on May 14th. Thomas, a member of PPC, is the son of Mary H. Holland, and the late James B. Holland, III.

Whitney Ranson graduated Saturday, May 7th with a Master of Architecture degree from Clemson University.

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.

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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER & VARIETY SHOW: This evening at 5:30pm the Youth are hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and variety show! The spaghetti dinner will be \$6 per adult and \$4 per child and the proceeds will support the Youth as they attend the Montreat conferences this summer. Come enjoy an evening of food, fellowship, and fun! Youth should meet at the church at 4:00pm to set up for dinner.

PENTECOST OFFERING: We will be collecting the **Pentecost Offering today.** Envelopes are located in the pew racks and the insert is provided for more information. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

QUILTS OF VALOR: There will be a special program on **Sunday, May 29th**, at 12:30pm, to honor four of our members who are veterans of World War II: George Boney, Zig Boroughs, Raymond Dawkins and Al Henderson. This "Quilts of Valor" event is a program of Quilts of Valor of SC. A quilt will be presented to each veteran during the ceremony. The event will be held in All Saints' Hall following our morning service. A reception will follow.

DREAM GROUP OPPORTUNITY: As part of a 2-year program to become a Dream Leader, Leslie Flynn will be conducting 6 dream sessions over 12 weeks that will meet on Thursday evenings in the Parlor from 6:30-8:30pm on June 2, 16 & 30, July 14 & 28, and August 11. No experience is necessary; just a willingness to explore what dreams have to teach us. This is one of the ways God communicates, as many scriptures passages references dreams. During the sessions dreams will be shared and "worked" as a group. This will happen in a safe and confidential environment. If you have an interest or questions, contact Leslie at (864)868-6566, (858)449-0395 or lakflynn@yahoo.com.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 5th**, at the end of the worship service. The meeting is to receive the 2015 Annual Report that was emailed on March 30th. There are also copies available in the Narthex and Parlor Hall. We will elect the 2016 Elder Nominating Committee during that meeting, as well.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Beginning on **June 5th**, we will return to our Summer Worship Schedule. Summer Sunday School will be from **9:00am-9:45am**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 22, 2016

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.

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.

Worship will begin at **10:00am** with a time of fellowship to follow in All Saints' Hall. An intergenerational class will be offered in ASH. We will have lessons on connecting children's books with scripture. Please join us. (The Seekers and Ashers adult Sunday School classes will continue meeting this summer.)

PIANO RECITAL: Our own Carla Padgett will be giving a one-hour recital on **Sunday, June 12th, at 7:00pm** to showcase our new piano. Please come and hear some wonderful music on this new addition to our sanctuary and our music ministry. Join us afterward for an ice cream social in ASH.

VBS 2016 - SURF SHACK: Catch the wave of God's amazing love! VBS is coming to PPC **June 20-24, 2016** for children in 4K through rising 6th Grade. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or online: <http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/pickenspresbyterian>.

SUMMER MUSIC SIGN-UPS OPEN: Now is your chance! Please sign up for your favorite service, or services, to share your gift of music with your church family. This summer music schedule will span from **June 5th - September 4th**. If you need music, ideas, accompaniment, or just a little encouragement, Ashley Dodgens and Carla Padgett are here to help you. Complete the form in the Narthex to let us know you're interested. Please sign up by May 29th. You can also contact Ashley Dodgens by phone [864-323-4120](tel:864-323-4120) or by email at ashley13658@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

CDC GOLF TOURNAMENT: The CDC will be holding its 5th Annual Golf Tournament on **Friday, June 10th**, at the Pickens Country Club. 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. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, and a number of cash prizes will be awarded. For more information, please contact Dennis Schwab or Ralph Perkins. Or call the CDC directly at 878-9953.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday morning Bible study meets in the Parlor at 10:30 am. The group is currently discussing The Gospel of John, Chapter 16.

FOOD PANTRY: In May, we are asking for **canned veggies and canned fruit** 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: \$3,803. Building Fund: \$2,040.00.

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.

Serving:

Flowers: Jennifer Harper
 Beadle: Aubrey Righetti
 Toddler & Preschool Church: Amy Briley
 Refreshments: Faye Padgett
 Pulpit Elder: Robert Simms
 Children's Moment: Jo Anne Gessell
 Youth Meals: *Spaghetti Dinner and Variety Show*
 Sanctuary Guild: Mary Sue Day
 Crisis/Celebration Coordinator: Tina LaFoy
 Ushers and Greeters: Larry and Anne Jennings
 Amy and Caleb Briley

May 22, 2016

May 29, 2016

Barbara Caruthers
 Nevaeh Harden
 Ginger Chastain
 Debbie Hendricks
 Bob Allison
 Carole Thomas
Summer Break
 Mary Sue Day
 Tina LaFoy
 Larry and Anne Jennings
 Amy and Caleb Briley

Lectionary readings for today:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
 Psalm 8
 Romans 5:1-5
 John 16:12-15

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

1 Kings 18:20-21 [22-29] 30-39
 Psalm 96
 Galatians 1:1-12
 Luke 7:1-10

Church Activities and Events This Week:

Sunday, May 22	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship in All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship – Senior Sunday
	1:00pm	Mental Health First Aid – Faith Lutheran
	5:30pm	Youth Spaghetti Dinner and Variety Show
Monday, May 16	11:00am	Centering Prayer
	1:30pm	Ministry for Caregivers
Tuesday, May 17	9:00am	Jane B. Morris Service Fund
	5:00pm	CDV Class – McJunkin Room
	6:15pm	Upcountry Quilters Guild - ASH
Wednesday, May 18	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 Rehearsal
Thursday, May 19	10:00am	Book Club in the Parlor
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts – Education Building
Friday, May 20		Office Closed
Sunday, May 29	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship in All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Quilts of Valor Presentation - ASH