

*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.

Almighty God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Gather your church in unity, by your Holy Spirit, that it may manifest your power among all peoples to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

"Passacaglia"

Young

Congregational Introit**"Come, All You People"**

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari; Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari;

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari; Uyai mose Zvino.

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker;

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker;

Come now and worship the Lord.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 19

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: **The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: **The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

People: **The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

All: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

Hymn of Praise #262*"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"*****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:**

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You gave us the gift of your law, but we do not keep your commandments. You sent your Son to save us, but we sent him to his death. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. (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**

Carole Thomas

Prayer of Illumination

Aubrey Righetti

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 21: 33 – 46 (NT page 22 in your pew Bible)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem*"Be Thou My Vision"*

arr: Hunter

Adult Choir

Second Scripture Reading: Exodus 20: 1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 – 20 (OT page 63)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon**"God Has a Plan"**

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 #467*"How Great Thou Art"**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Offering of Life

Offertory "This is the Day of New Beginnings" arr: Hayes

*Doxology (Hymn # 592)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #307 "Fight the Good Fight"

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response #322 "Spirit of the Living God"

*Postlude "The Heavens are Telling" Beethoven

Worship Has Ended - Service Begins

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 8, 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.* 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.

ADVENT PLANNING: The Advent Planning Committee will meet **following the worship service this morning in ASH.** If you are interested in helping plan our Advent and Christmas season, please feel free to join in.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Youth will meet this evening at the church at **5:30pm for pizza and chocolate chip cookies. Amanda Stokes will be joining us for youth group and we will be creating melted crayon art!** Please bring a hair dryer with you to use to melt the crayons. (Don't plan to share the hair dryer with a friend. A steady stream of heat needs to be applied to the crayon to melt it, so it doesn't work well to try to take turns with the same hair dryer.) Also, please bring or wear OLD clothes, because this is very, very messy!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday morning Bible study will meet on **October 11th**, and will begin discussing **Chapter 28 in The Gospel of Matthew.**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The Children's Choir will meet in the Choir Room on Wednesdays from **5:30pm – 5:55pm** led by Donna Simms and June Harden. All children ages 4 through 5th Grade are invited to join.

JOIN THE CHOIR: The adult choir **has begun to rehearse for the fall and winter seasons.** New members are always welcome. Come this Wednesday night to the **Choir Room at 7:00pm** and join the excitement. For more information, contact Ashley Dodgens at ashley13658@gmail.com.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS: Our Wonderful Wednesday programs will continue this week **on October 11th with the dinner line opening at 5:45pm in ASH. This session of Wonderful Wednesday will conclude at 7:00pm. Dinner will be a delicious meal from Shortfield's (\$6 per adult, \$4 per child 11 and under).** The menu for this coming Wednesday will be grilled chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and chocolate silk pie for dessert. **We ask that you sign up using the tear off below on Sunday or contact Jessica Varney by Monday 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 6:30-7:00pm. Programs will be offered for all ages.** Nursery-Toddler children will be cared for by Nancy Goldsmith. 4K – 5th grades will be led by Tina La Foy. Youth will be led by Ginger Chastain. **The adult class will enjoy the second part of a three-part series that Ken Roper is offering on the Protestant Reformation's 500th Anniversary.**

Philippians 3: 4b – 14
Matthew 21: 33 – 46

Philippians 4: 1 – 9
Matthew 22: 1 – 14

Church Activities and Events This Week:

Sunday, October 8	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship in All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship
Monday, October 9	11:00am	Centering Prayer
	1:30pm	Ministry for Caregivers
	5:30pm	Evangelism & Membership Committee Meeting
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday, October 10	9:00am	Jane B. Morris Service Fund
	5:00pm	CDV Class – McJunkin Room
Wednesday, October 11	9:45am	CDC Children's Chapel
	10:30am	Bible Study
	12:00pm	Rotary Club
	5:30pm	Children's Choir
	5:45pm	Wonderful Wednesday Meal & Program
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 12	10:00am	Book Club
	6:30pm	Pickens Co Beekeepers Assoc.
	6:30pm	Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
Friday, October 13		<i>Office Closed</i>
Saturday, October 14	5:30pm	Pickens Community Picnic and Music
Sunday, October 15	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship
	11:00am	Worship
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship

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

Concerns and Celebrations:

David Allison had to remain at Greenville Memorial because of a complication from his antibiotics. Continue to keep David in your prayers.

Ann Lang has been released from St. Francis into hospice care at home. Pray for Ann and the family at this time.

Deanna Gossman, Dianna Morris and Carol Owen's mother, suffered a major heart attack last Tuesday, following back surgery. Please continue to keep Deanna and the family in your prayers.

Please help us in determining how many to expect for the Wonderful Wednesday meal at 5:45pm on October 11th.

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

COMMUNITY FALL PICNIC: Pickens United in Prayer, PPC along with other area churches will get together for food and fellowship on Saturday, **October 14th, meet and greet 5:30 – 6:00pm at the Amphitheater in Pickens. Music will begin at 7:00pm.** Fried chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share and a chair or blanket.

ELDER NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Please pray for the Nominating Committee: Kay Rentz, Liza Holder, Bert Allison, Len Josefson, Ann Miner, Butch Morris, Ralph Perkins, and Hampton Roper as they discern God's will for the Elder and Trustee class of 2020. The alternates that will serve next year are Jessica Haines and Bill Ranson.

FOOD PANTRY: In October, we are asking for juice, 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: \$8,493. Building Fund: \$555.

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>October 8, 2017</u>	<u>October 15, 2017</u>
Flowers:	Liza Holder	Lucy Spearman
Beadle:	Emily Harper	Carole Thomas
Toddler & Preschool Church:	Carole Thomas	Martha Brooks
Refreshments:	Debbie Teeple	Kay and Leo Tilley
Pulpit Elder:	Aubrey Righetti	Jo Ann Taylor
Children's Moment:	Carole Thomas	Jessica Varney
Youth Meal:	<i>Pizza Night</i>	Donna and Robert Simms
Sanctuary Guild:	Carole Thomas	Carole Thomas
Crisis/Celebration Coordinator:	Aubrey Righetti	Aubrey Righetti
Ushers:	Aubrey Righetti, Carole Thomas, Carol Marsh, Della Black	Aubrey Righetti, Carole Thomas, Carol Marsh, Della Black
Greeter:	Debbie Carmical	Debbie Carmical

Lectionary readings for today:

Exodus 20: 1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 – 20
Psalm 19

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Exodus 32: 1 – 14
Psalm 106: 1 – 6, 19 – 23