

*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 #291** "O God of Earth and Alter"

**Prayers of the People**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,  
People: hear our prayer.

**Offering of Life**

**Offertory** "Mercy 'La Grace'" *Telemann*

**\*Doxology** *(Hymn # 592)*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn #145** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

**\*Charge and Benediction**

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

**\*Postlude** "Praise Be to God in the Highest" *Zachau*

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

October 15, 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.

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:** Youth will meet this evening at the church at 5:30pm for dinner and activities. **Donna and Robert Simms will provide the meal.**

**WISE AND WONDERFUL:** Our senior adult ministry, Wise and Wonderful, will have a **dinner and program on October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm** in All Saints' Hall. Dan Holtel will prepare meatloaf and mashed potatoes. If you wish, **please bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share. Bingo will be the entertainment for the evening.**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** The Wednesday morning Bible study will meet on **October 18<sup>th</sup>**, and will begin discussing **Mark Chapter 1.**

**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, and Dr. Marianne Holland. All children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to join.

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS:** Our Wonderful Wednesday programs will continue this week on **October 18<sup>th</sup> with dinner beginning at 5:45pm. 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 Bar-B-Que with Bun, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips and French Silk Pie for dessert. **All who plan to come, please sign up using the tear off below or contact the church office by Tuesday at noon.** Classes will be from 6:30-7:00pm. Programs will be offered for all ages. **The adult class will enjoy the final part of the series that Ken Roper is offering on the Protestant Reformation 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

**\*\*Donations of individually wrapped candy are needed for October 25<sup>th</sup> costume party. Collection box located in ASH\*\***

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Please help us in determining how many to expect for the Wonderful Wednesday meal at 5:45pm on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

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**CELEBRATION FOR JESSICA:** Mark your calendars for **Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>!** Immediately following worship we will have a covered dish meal and celebrate with Jessica Varney. Please plan to be here as we thank Jessica for her 7 years of ministry to PPC. **Bring a dish to share.**

**CDC FALL FESTIVAL:** The Pickens Presbyterian Church Child Development Center will be holding the **Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00am until 3:00pm.** There will be Bar-B-Que and Hot Dog plates for sale, bluegrass music and games for kids. Come and support our CDC and enjoy Free Fun for All Ages! The CDC is asking for donations of candy to help out with the festival. **They also need volunteers to help with the activities, please help out if you are able.** For more information on the festival call the CDC at 878-9953.

**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: \$4,224.65 Building Fund: \$390.00.

**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.

<u>Serving:</u>	<u>October 15, 2017</u>	<u>October 22, 2017</u>
Flowers:	Lucy Spearman	Cyndi Banks
Beadle:	Carole Thomas	Aubrey Righetti
Toddler & Preschool Church:	Martha Brooks	Amanda Corwin
Refreshments:	Kay and Leo Tilley	Kathy and David Chamlee
Pulpit Elder:	Liz Stokes	Marvin Short
Children's Moment:	Jessica Varney	Doug Berky
Youth Meal:	Donna and Robert Simms	<i>Bonclarken Youth Retreat</i>
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 32: 1 – 14  
 Psalm 106: 1 – 6, 19 – 23  
 Philippians 4: 1 – 9  
 Matthew 22: 1 – 14

**Lectionary readings for next Sunday:**

Exodus 33: 12 – 23  
 Psalm 99  
 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 – 10  
 Matthew 22: 15 – 22

**Church Activities and Events This Week:**

Sunday, October 15	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship in All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship
Monday, October 16	11:00am	Centering Prayer
	1:30pm	Ministry for Caregivers
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	6:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 17	9:00am	Jane B. Morris Service Fund
	5:00pm	CDV Class – McJunkin Room
	6:00am	Wise & Wonderful Dinner and Program
Wednesday, October 18	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 19	10:00am	Book Club
Friday, October 20		<i>Office Closed</i>
Saturday, October 21	11:00am	<b>CDC Fall Festival</b>
	-3:00pm	<i>Bonclarken Middle School Retreat</i>
Sunday, October 22	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship
	11:00am	Worship
		<i>No Youth Fellowship - Bonclarken Middle School Retreat</i>

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

**Concerns and Celebrations:**

David Allison is still at Greenville Memorial. Continue to keep David in your prayers.

Ann Lang passed away at home on Wednesday surrounded by her family. Pray for the family at this time of grieving.

Lorraine Juul, Chil Francis' sister, passed away Tuesday night in Evansville, MN. Pray for Chil and her family at this time.