

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response #24 (verse 2)**

“Away in a Manger”

***Postlude**

“Noël Angevin”

C. Franck

Worship Has Ended - Service Begins

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 10, 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.

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 invite you to pick up an Advent Devotional from the basket in the narthex. We hope this devotional will be a blessing to you and your family. Thank you to all who submitted a devotional for our church family to enjoy this Advent season.

POINSETTIA FUND: Memorials and honorariums are **being accepted for the Poinsettia Fund through today.** The two poinsettias that decorate our pulpit during Advent represent the Jane B. Morris Service and Fuel Fund that the memorials and honorariums will be used to support. *Please use the offering envelopes provided in the pew*

racks, and list your name and who you are giving in memory or in honor of. These will be listed on a special bulletin insert on Sunday, December 17th and 24th.

ADVENT EVENTS: On each of the four Sunday’s of Advent, we will have a Fellowship-time activity for children and others, Gift-giving opportunities, and special Worship Services. **Today we will enjoy the Adult Choir’s presentation of Lessons & Carols with “A Tapestry of Light” – A Celtic Christmas Celebration. We will also take up an offering of socks for the Gleaning House to distribute to the needy in our community.** Our **Wise & Wonderful** group will have a concert outing this afternoon to see Handel’s Messiah in Seneca by the Foothills Chorale.

YOUTH SHOPPING TRIP: The Youth will meet after worship today for their Christmas Shopping Trip for the needs at the Dream Center and the CDC. They will stop for lunch and finish up the day back at PPC for their Christmas Party with games and gag gift exchange. **Bring a \$5 gag gift to exchange. Pizza and goodies will be provided. Youth will be finished by 7:30. Bring money for lunch!**

FOOD PANTRY: In December, we are asking for **dried beans/rice**, 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: \$7,870. Building Fund: \$160.

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>December 10, 2017</u>	<u>December 17, 2017</u>
Flowers:	<i>Poinsettias</i>	<i>Poinsettias</i>
Beadle:	Kay Rentz	Louise Hope
Toddler & Preschool Church:	Missie Townsend	Louise Hope
Refreshments:	Debbie Hendricks	Barbara Caruthers
Pulpit Elder:	Liz Stokes	Liza Holder
Children’s Moment:	Bill Ranson	Kay Rentz
Youth Meal:	<i>Christmas Shopping & Party</i>	<i>Christmas Break</i>
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Townsend	Cindy Townsend
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Teeple	Debbie Teeple
Crisis/Celebration Coordinator:	Carol Marsh & Martha Brooks	Carol Marsh & Martha Brooks
Ushers:	The Townsend Family	The Townsend Family
Greeter:	Nancy Goldsmith & Liza Holder	Nancy Goldsmith & Liza Holder

Lectionary readings for today:

Isaiah 40: 1 – 11
Psalm 85: 1 – 2, 8 – 13
2 Peter 3: 8 – 15a
Mark 1: 1 – 8

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 61: 1 – 4, 8 – 11
Psalm 126 or Luke 1: 46b – 55
1 Thessalonians 5: 16 – 24
John 1: 6 – 8, 19 – 28

Church Activities and Events This Week:

Sunday, December 10	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship in All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship – 2 nd Sunday of Advent
	12:00pm	Children's Pageant Rehearsal
	12:30pm	Youth Shopping Trip & Party
	1:30pm	Wise & Wonderful Concert Trip
Monday, December 11	11:00am	Centering Prayer
	1:30pm	Ministry for Caregivers
	5:30pm	Evangelism & Membership Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 12	9:00am	Jane B. Morris Service Fund
	6:00pm	CDV Class – McJunkin Room
Wednesday, December 13	9:45am	CDC Children's Chapel
	10:30am	Wednesday Bible Study
	12:00pm	Rotary Club
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 14	10:00am	Book Club in the Parlor
	6:30pm	Pickens Co Beekeepers Assoc. Meeting
	6:30pm	Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting
Friday, December 15		Office Closed
Saturday, December 16	9:00am	Black Family Reunion – ASH
Sunday, December 17	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Fellowship in All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship – 3 rd Sunday of Advent
	12:00pm	Children's Pageant Rehearsal
	5:30pm	Christmas Caroling

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

Concerns and Celebrations:

Len Josefson had a successful knee replacement surgery on Tuesday and is now in rehab. Please continue to keep Len in your prayers for his recovery.

PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministers – All Members
 Pastor – The Reverend Nath Briley
 Parish Associate – The Reverend Beverly Kelly
 Church Administrator/Treasurer – Cyndi Banks
 Choir Director – Ashley Dodgens
 Organist – Joyce Thompson
 Director of Child Development Center – Chasity Lesley
 Nursery Caregivers – Ashley Riley, Kristin Garrett

SESSION & COMMITTEES

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
David Chamlee	Bob Allison	Martha Brooks
Jay Pence	Debbie Carmical	Liza Holder
Aubrey Righetti	Doc Giddings	Butch Morris
Dennis Schwab	Kay Rentz	Liz Stokes
Robert Simms	Marvin Short	Jo Ann Taylor
Trustee: Roy Stoddard	Trustee: Karen Roper	Trustee: Norm Rentz

Moderator: The Reverend Nath Briley
 Clerk of Session: Robert Simms

Deacons: Betsey Chalmers and Norm Rentz
 Building and Grounds: Robert Simms and David Chamlee
 Child Development Center: Dennis Schwab
 Christian Education: Kay Rentz
 Church Office and Administration: Debbie Carmical
 Congregational Care: Aubrey Righetti and Martha Brooks
 Evangelism and Membership: Bob Allison and Liza Holder
 Financial Oversight and Stewardship: Marvin Short and Butch Morris
 Mission and Outreach: Jay Pence and Jo Ann Taylor
 Worship: Doc Giddings and Liz Stokes

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION

Presbyterian Women Moderator – Nancy Goldsmith
 Sarah/Emily Circle Co- Moderators – Christa Schwab and Barbara Caruthers
 Eve Circle Moderators – Sherry Schell and Debbie Carmical

THE GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH

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The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind
 The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
 The maintenance of divine worship
 The preservation of the truth
 The promotion of social righteousness
 The exhibition of the Kingdom to the world

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