

still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

*Hymn #354

“Guide My Feet”

Prayers of the People

The Rev. Nath Briley

Offering of Life

Offertory

“Pie Jesu”

Faure

*Doxology

(Hymn # 592)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #404

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

“An Irish Blessing”

*May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face, And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again, And until we meet again,
May the God who loves us all, May the God who loves us all,
May the God who loves us all, Hold you in the palm of His hand.*

*Postlude

“Go Make of All Disciples”

arr. Weston

Worship Has Ended - Service Begins

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 30, 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 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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Amy Briley’s Birthday!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: Through Sept. 3rd, there is a combined children and youth Sunday school class in **All Saints’ Hall from 9:30am-10:30am**, taught by Jessica Varney. **The theme is Bible Heroes!** Children and Youth will have the opportunity to use puppets to tell the tales of heroic men and women in the Bible. Adult Sunday school classes will continue to meet.

PICKENS UNITED IN PRAYER: Pickens United in Prayer is hosting an event on **Tuesday, August 15th, at 6:00pm at Legacy Square** on Main Street in downtown Pickens. Join with the churches of our communities to pray for our schools, administrations, and students as the new school year begins. The service will include prayers, and a selection of songs and hymns, including singing by the Mansell Sisters. All are invited and welcome to this important ministry in our community.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday morning Bible study will meet on August 16th and will discuss **Chapter 23 of The Gospel of Matthew.**

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE: The church office has printed updated church directories. They are in the Narthex and Parlor Hallway.

YOUTH LOCK-OUT: All youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to attend the “Lock-Out” on August 18, 2017. Youth will enjoy the Pickens vs. Easley football game, swimming, and other activities throughout the night. Youth will meet at the church at 7:00pm Friday and will be picked up at the church at 7:00am. Rev. Nath and Amy Briley will be chaperones. Please let Jessica Varney know if you will be able to attend.

FOOD PANTRY: In August, we are asking for peanut butter and jelly, 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: \$3,076.00 Building Fund: \$325.00.

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.

10:30am Fellowship
11:00am Worship – College Sunday

Monday, August 14
11:00am Centering Prayer
1:30pm Ministry for Caregivers
5:30pm Evangelism & Membership Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 15
9:00am Jane B. Morris Service Fund
5:00pm CDV Class – McJunkin Room
6:30pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 16
9:45am CDC Children’s Chapel
10:30am Bible Study
12:00pm Rotary Club

Thursday, August 17
10:00am Book Club
6:30pm Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting

Friday, August 18
Office Closed

Sunday, August 20
9:00am Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship
11:00am Worship
12:00pm Reception for the Perkins’

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

Concerns and Celebrations:

Bonnie Henderson has been diagnosed with pneumonia. Please pray for Bonnie as she recovers.

Morgan Townsend and Travis Walthall were married last Saturday, August 5th. Congratulations and blessings to the couple as they enter their new life together.

Sermon Notes:

<i>Serving:</i>	<i>August 13, 2017</i>	<i>August 20, 2017</i>
Flowers:	Amy Briley’s Birthday	Carol Marsh
Beadle:	Dianna Morris	Louise Hope
Toddler & Preschool Church:	April Johnson	June Simms
Refreshments:	Kay & Norm Rentz	Allison & Bill Ranson
Pulpit Elder:	Bob Allison	Liz Stokes
Children’s Moment:	Tina La Foy	Rev. Nath
Sanctuary Guild:	Mary Gaillard	Mary Gaillard
Crisis/Celebration Coordinator:	Aubrey Righetti	Aubrey Righetti
Ushers:	Liza Holder & Louise Hope	Debbie Carmical & Louise Hope
	Townsend Family	Townsend Family
Greeter:	Bob Allison	Bob Allison

Lectionary readings for today:

Genesis 37: 1 – 4, 12 – 28
Psalm 105: 1 – 6, 16 – 22, 45b
Romans 10: 5 – 15
Matthew 14: 22 – 33

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Genesis 45: 1 – 15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1 – 2a, 29 – 32
Matthew 15: [10 – 20] 21 – 28

Church Activities and Events This Week:

Sunday, August 13 9:30am Sunday School