

Pickens Presbyterian Church

The
Season
of
Lent



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

The Church Gathers

The Session invites members to wear masks to worship and other gatherings, if you are more comfortable doing so in a group situation, and of course if you are sick to please stay home.

Chiming of the Hour**Concerns of the Church****Preparation for Worship**

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship, first in silence, then as we listen to the prelude.

Prelude

“The Master Hath Come”

arr. Ron Boud

***Call to Worship**

For forty days and forty nights *our Savior fasted in the wilderness.*

Tempted to turn from God, tempted to turn to power and privilege *our Savior resisted.*

Let us follow Jesus through the wilderness this Lent, examining our temptations, resisting them and returning to God.

ALL: Come, let us worship God.

Prayer of Praise**Hymn #81**

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

The Church Confesses***Invitation to Confession*****Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious God, as we wander through this wilderness with Jesus, examining all the worldly comforts we turn to during times of stress and struggle, we confess the neglect of our faith. We confess all that we place above you, making idols of money, earthly power, and even food. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our spiritual practices so we can leave this wilderness season more aware of your presence and the ways our faith can sustain us. . . . (silent, personal confession) Amen.

***Kyrie #572**

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.

Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us.

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.

***Assurance of Pardon**

. . . in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri #579**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, Amen.*

The Church Proclaims God's Word**Prayer for Illumination**

*Pew Bible Page
Elder Roy Stoddard*

1st Scripture Reading: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 (OT 2)
This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalter Psalm 32 *tune Munich (p. 327)*

1. *How blest those whose transgressions
The LORD forgives through grace;
Who, as the heirs of mercy,
Find peace before God's face.
The heart with guilt so heavy
It bends to bear the strain
Can yield God its affliction
And claim its strength again.*

2. *The LORD with absolution
Will greet the penitent,
And send the dawn of mercy
Before the night is spent.*

*God to the meek and lowly
A hiding place shall be;
In danger, their salvation;
From sin, their liberty.*

3. *Instill in me Your wisdom,
Instruct me in Your ways;
Grant but a word of pardon
And I respond with praise.
God's steadfast love surrounds me,
And doubts shall soon depart;
Redeemed, my soul rejoices,
And gladness fills my heart.*

2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 4.1-11 (NT 3)
This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon *"Life in the Wilderness"*
The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

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.

Anthem *"Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord"* Perry
PPC Adult Choir

Offering

Offertory *"I Will Sing of the Mercies"* arr. Carol Tornquist

***Doxology #592** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (debts/Debtors)

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.

*Hymn #384

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

***Lenten Litany and Benediction**

*Christ, as a light illumine and guide me.
Christ, as a shield overshadow me.
Christ under me;
Christ over me;
Christ beside me on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light;
Christ as a shield;
Christ beside me On my left and my right.*

Postlude

"Higher Ground"

arr. Carol

(Please remain seated until worship ends with the end of the Postlude)

Worship Has Ended – Service Begins

**Those who are able please stand in body or spirit.*

PRAYER REQUESTS: You are encouraged to share prayer concerns in worship, or on the pew rack cards placing them in the offering plates, or email the church office – pickenspres@bellsouth.net.

Prayer Concern List

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. -- Philippians 4:6 (NRSV)

(Prayer concern list policy: Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks, after which they may be either renewed for another 4 weeks, or moved to the Long-Term Prayer Concern List)

Name (relationship)

Concern

*Mark Holliday (Paula Owens' brother) health concerns
Barry Moorer (co-worker of David McCormick) health concerns
Sam Trotter (Betsey Chalmers' brother) health concerns

**new this week*

Peace in Ukraine. PDA support: gifts to [DR000156](#) or text PDAUKR to 41444

Earthquake in Syria/Turkey. PDA support: gifts to [DR999999-ST Earthquake](#).

Make checks payable to Presbyterian Church USA and put the gift number in the memo line.

Long Term Prayer Concern List

“Gig” Alexander, Mary Sue Day, Doug Finney, Jane Gillespie, Scott Kelly, Butch Morris, Faye Padgett, Jay Pence, Jo Ann Taylor, Melvin Tolliver (Deb Holtel’s uncle), John & Tiffanie Torrey (David’s brother and sister-in-law), Carole Torrey (David’s mother)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 26, 2023

Blessings and greetings to one and all. In the name of Christ, you are welcome today and every day! *If you are visiting, we offer a special word of welcome and invite you to participate with us in mission and ministry. Please use the Visitor Card in the Pew rack to register your presence with us.* If you want the church newsletter, contact the church office to add your email address.

ASHERS SUNDAY SCHOOL: The ASHers Sunday School class will begin studying the book of Galatians beginning Sunday, March 5th. Please come and join us!

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: Please join your church family in reading “Inward Work for Outward Living” from Teri McDowell Ott, Publisher/Editor of the Presbyterian Outlook. There will be printed copies in the bulletin each week as in the past, and a link to the devotion will also be included in our weekly Cliffnotes.

REQUEST FROM MISSION COMMITTEE: The Mission Committee wishes to compile a list of people willing to drive folks to doctor’s appointments, etc. for those who are unable. You may notify Linda in the church office at ext 0, or see Bill Ranson to sign up. Thank you for your willingness to help others.

CE BUILDING COMMITTEE: The Session established an Ad Hoc committee to gather and evaluate suggestions of new/additional uses for the CE Building. Please use your phone camera to read the QR code to complete the survey of suggestions. Or, if you are on a computer, you can click on the QR code at right.



SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL: All are welcome to join or drop in on Seekers Adult Sunday school each week at 9:30am in the Parlor. It’s a discussion class.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Our Youth will meet this evening, at 5:30pm in All Saints’ Hall for dinner, fellowship, and activities. For any questions, please contact Anna Chastain, Carole Thomas or Cindy Townsend.

YOUTH MEALS: If you are willing to help our Youth by providing a Sunday evening meal for their Fellowship time, please email Cindy Townsend at ctownsend65@gmail.com with the date that you have available. Thank you!

CENTERING PRAYER: All are welcome every Monday morning from 11:00am – 12:00 noon in the church parlor. There is a 20-minute silent centering prayer time.

SAILBOAT CHURCH DISCUSSION GROUP: Our discussion group will continue this Thursday, March 2nd at 4:00pm in All Saints Hall or you may Zoom in with the link Dr Torrey sent out last Tuesday for those who have signed up to participate.

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: **\$5,076.**, Building Fund: **\$5.00.**

Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$34,377.36, includes \$2,630 online.**

Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$38,377.99.**

Contributions Needed Weekly to Maintain 2023 Budget: \$5,316.60.

FOOD PANTRY: Ongoing need: *fruit juices, shelf-stable milk, canned meats/entrees, cereal bars, or any other non-perishables* to fill the boxes for the hungry in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

DR. TORREY'S SCHEDULE AND OFFICE HOURS:

Office hours: Tues - Thurs 10:00am - 1:00pm, unless something takes him out of the office. You can reach him anytime at:

Email: dtorrey219@gmail.com **Phone:** 864.878.9422 ext. 2, 803.317.3331 (cell)

<u>Serving:</u>	<u>February 26, 2023</u>	<u>March 5, 2023</u>
Pulpit Elder:	Roy Stoddard	Ken Acker
Sanctuary Guild:	Mary Gaillard	Debbie Hendricks
Ushers:	Jan & Gary Sparks	Allison Ranson & Marvin Short
Communion Servers:		Tina, Ken A, Ken T, Robert, Donna

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Roy Stoddard

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Ken Acker

Genesis 12.1 - 4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4.1 - 5, 13 - 17

John 3.1 - 17 or Matthew 17.1 - 9

Church Activities and Events This Week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, Feb 26	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Worship Service - 1 st Sunday in Lent	
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	All Saints' Hall
Monday, Feb 27	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Parlor
Tuesday, Feb 28	9:00am	Jane B Morris Service Fund	Church Office
	6:30pm	Upcountry Quilters Guild	All Saints' Hall
Wednesday, March 1	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	9:45am	Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Bible Study	All Saints' Hall
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	LPP Team Meeting	All Saints' Hall
Thursday, March 2	12:00pm	DEADLINE - Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	4:00pm	Sailboat Church Discussion Group	All Saints' Hall

Friday, March 3

Office Closed

Saturday, March 4

Sunday, March 5

9:30am

Sunday School

10:30am

Fellowship Time

10:20am

Choir Rehearsal

11:00am

Worship Service – 2nd Sunday in Lent

All Saints' Hall
Sanctuary

5:30pm

Youth Fellowship

All Saints' Hall

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

Sailboat Church: Chapter 3

“The Wind”

The Holy Spirit is a *who* instead of a *what*. Even though we use the image of the wind to talk about the Spirit, in reality the Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force of nature. The Spirit is as much a living, personal being as are Jesus and God the Creator.

Jesus and the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus. To be filled by this Spirit means that we will become more like Jesus. We will live as he did, doing God's work in the world, because we will be like him through his Spirit's presence in us. We cannot be effective disciples of Jesus without welcoming the Spirit who empowered Jesus' own ministry. Being filled with the Spirit is meant to be a constant, ongoing process for every Christian.

Community in Spirit. Without the Spirit moving and acting in power, the church devolves from the living body of Christ into a well-intentioned but generally impotent religious organization.

The Holy Spirit is the source of power for the believing community. The Spirit can:

- encourage us
- help us stay focused
- lead us into new patterns of behavior and new ways to make decisions
- do things differently
- discern where God is calling & how to make decisions based on that call
- support us; give us peace
- empower us to take risks of faith
- give us spiritual power
- show us God's way forward.

God's power changes things we cannot change and provides resources beyond what we have ourselves to do God's work. When every path seems blocked, the Spirit can show us God's way forward.

Team observations and thoughts

Experiences of the Spirit's presence and power:

- Feeling uncomfortable where we may fall short, feels like nudging because of our resistance or distractions.
- We look back and say “that was a tiny, little thing” but it led to significant changes or experiences.
- Even though it makes us uncomfortable, we need to embrace the Holy Spirit.
- In a setting with music or a separate gathering that we feel the Spirit's wholeness.
- Some of the best meetings are those, where someone says “Let's stop and pray”, there is a feeling that the Holy Spirit is among us.

PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministers – All Members
Transitional Pastor – The Reverend Dr. David Torrey
Parish Associate – The Reverend Beverly Kelly
Church Administrator/Treasurer – Mrs. Cyndi Banks
Interim Choir Director – Dr. Marianne Holland
Interim Organist – Mr. Steve Ellison
Director of Child Development Center – Mrs. Chasity Lesley
Church Administrative Assistant – Ms. Linda Banks

SESSION & COMMITTEES

Class of 2023

Ken Acker
Roger Gettys
Rocky Harden
Roy Stoddard
Ken Townsend

Class of 2024

Tina LaFoy
Donna Owen
Debbie Teeple
Cindy Townsend

Class of 2025

Nancy Goldsmith
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Robert Simms
Starla Taylor

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Clerk of Session:

Deacons: Betsey Chalmers and Austin Townsend

Building and Grounds: Roy Stoddard and David McCormick (Co-Moderators)

Child Development Center: Jim Mahanes

Christian Education: Cindy Townsend and Robert Simms (Co-Moderators)

Administration: Budget: Ken Acker,

Administration: Donna Owen,

Finance: Ken Townsend

Fellowship and Care: Tina LaFoy and Nancy Goldsmith (Co-Moderators)

Missions: Roger Gettys and Rocky Harden (Co-Moderators)

Worship: Debbie Teeple and Starla Taylor (Co-Moderators)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women Moderator – Nancy Goldsmith
Sarah/Emily Circle Co-Moderators – Christa Schwab and Kay Tilley
Eve Circle Co-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 of Heaven to the world

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