

Pickens Presbyterian Church



More Than Enough!

**311 WEST MAIN STREET
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671**

*"To the Glory of God, and
the Service of People"*

Youth Sunday
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

Jessie Cole

Concerns of the Church

June Simms

Preparation for Worship

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

Prelude

“Come All You People (Uyai Mose)”

Zimbabwe Shona

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.

*Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari. Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari.
Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari. Uyai mose zvino.*

***Call to Worship**

Ethan Briley

Leader: We come to be a part of your holy uprising!

People: We come to say enough is enough!

Leader: We come to hear you command, “Do not be afraid!”

People: We come to take our stand.

Leader: We come to resist the destructive forces in our world.

People: We come to honor your love with our very lives.

Leader: So, open our hearts O God -

All: Help your Word to move our feet

Pour our anger and indignation into action

We come to become the people you call us to be. Amen.

***Prayer of Praise**

Ethan Briley

***Hymn #267**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

The Church Confesses

***Invitation to Confession**

Jessie Cole

***Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Maker of manna, maker of more than enough, we lament scarcity rather than trusting your abundance. We prefer to rely on ourselves rather than on you or our neighbors. We prefer to make our own way in the world, rather than follow your guidance. We prefer to hoard what we have, rather than trust you with our future. Forgive us, God. Open our tight-fisted hands and help us to live with arms outstretched, ready to give and love and share, ready to live the life you meant for us, ready to live as the people you created us to be. . . . 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

*Pew Bible Page
Jayden Harden*

Prayer for Illumination

1st Scripture Reading:

Mark 11.12-18

(NT 45)

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

***Hymn #525**

“Here I Am, Lord”

2nd Scripture Reading:

Esther 4.14-16

(OT 425)

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

*“Turning Tables”
June Simms*

The Church Responds in Faith

Affirmation of Faith:

from Book of Common Worship

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Anthem

*“I Saw the Light”
PPC Youth, Robert Wood – Guitar*

Hank Williams

Offering

Cameron White

Offertory

*“Be Thou My Vision”
Jayden Harden – Cello, June Simms – French Horn*

Irish Ballad

***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**

Cameron White

***Prayers of the People**

Jayden Harden

***Hymn #369**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

***Charge and Benediction**

June Simms

Postlude

*“Trees of the Field (will clap their hands)” S K Rubin, S Dauermann
You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
While you go out with joy.*

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)

<u>Name (relationship)</u>	<u>Concern</u>
*Shannon Nolan (Jimmy’s uncle)	health concerns
Deb Holtel’s granddaughter	expecting son
Mark Holliday (Paula Owens’ brother)	health concerns
Barbara & Joe Christopher.....	health concerns
Mary Gaillard	health concerns
Kay Tilley	health concerns
Jeff Taylor (Joanne’s son)	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, Jo Ann Taylor, Melvin Tolliver (Deb Holtel’s uncle), John & Tiffanie Torrey (David’s brother and sister-in-law), Sam Trotter (Betsey’s brother)

The Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Jay Pence, on his dying to this life, on Thursday, March 2, 2023.

The Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Thomas Cooler, on his dying to this life, on Saturday, March 4, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 12, 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.

TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY: The theme this year is “More Than Enough.” Our PPC Youth will be leading the worship service this morning! They have worked faithfully in planning the liturgy, music, and the senior sermon. We’re glad you’re here to support our Youth!!

SPECIAL OFFERING: The congregation will have an opportunity this morning to contribute to a special offering which will assist with costs of the Youth Montreat Summer Conferences. Conferences are always extra special opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth for our youth.

SANCTUARY CLOSING: The PPC Sanctuary is now closed for repairs. Please see the weekly church calendar below or **contact your group leader for location changes.**

CENTERING PRAYER: All are welcome every Monday morning from 11:00am – 12:00 noon.

ALL ARE INVITED: To a baby shower for Emily LaFoy Sanders next Sunday, March 19th, immediately following worship in All Saints Hall. Hosted by Debbie Carmical, Anna & Ginger Chastain, Liza Holder & Kay Rentz. Food will be available for everyone to eat. Emily is registered at Amazon.com under Emily LaFoy. She is having a boy.

SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Seekers began meeting in the McJunkin classroom today.

ASHERS SUNDAY SCHOOL: The ASHers Sunday School class has begun studying the book of Galatians, and are meeting in the Carmical Room. All are Welcome!

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME: We are once again serving Sunday morning refreshments during fellowship time. Please join us in All Saints’ Hall at 10:30am for food and fellowship. A schedule is posted on the kitchen refrigerator. **Please sign up to help out.**

WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY: Warmth and Comfort for the Elderly is beginning their Easter card drive. These cards may be purchased, or hand made. Chocolate melt aways are being handed out too. Remember no nuts or hard candies. **Due April 3rd. Drop off items in the designated boxes in the Narthex or the church office.** Contact Tammy Ferguson at warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com or call 864-668-1021, and any questions.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: 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 full devotional is in our weekly Cliffnotes.

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES: We will be offering a Maundy Thursday service on April 6th to include a simple meal of soup, bread and fruit followed by Communion. A sunrise service will be held Easter morning, April 9th (time to be later determined) followed by a full breakfast. All are invited to attend both services. Please use the tear-off below to indicate how many will be present for each, and leave in the offering plate. **Reply later than April 2nd.**

Maundy Thursday: Family: _____ # Attending: _____
Easter breakfast: Family: _____ # Attending: _____

NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Our Youth will not meet this evening.

YOUTH MEALS: Contact Cindy Townsend at ctownsend65@gmail.com if you are willing to help by providing a Sunday evening meal. Thank you!

SAILBOAT CHURCH DISCUSSION GROUP: Our discussion group will continue this Thursday, March 16th at 4:00pm in All Saints Hall or you may Zoom in with the link Dr Torrey previously sent out for those who have signed up to participate.

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: **\$4,545.**, Building Fund: **\$23.00.**
 Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$41,076.20, includes \$3,350 online.**
 Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$53,350.63.**
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 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)

Serving:	<u>March 12, 2023</u>	<u>March 19, 2023</u>
Pulpit Elder:	Robert Simms	Ken Townsend
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Hendricks	Debbie Hendricks
Ushers:	Nancy Goldsmith & Robert Simms	Kay & Norm Rentz
Refreshments:	Cindy Townsend (Youth Sunday)	David & Jessica McCormick
Communion Servers:		

Lectionary readings for today:

Youth Sunday Readings:
 Mark 11. 12 – 18
 Esther 4. 14 – 16

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Ken Townsend
 1 Samuel 16.1 – 13
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 5.8 – 14
 John 9.1 – 41

Church Activities and Events This Week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, March 12	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	ASH

	11:00am	Worship Service – Youth Sunday	ASH
	12:30	All Committee Meetings	TBD
Monday, March 13	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	TBD
Tuesday, March 14	9:00am	Jane B Morris Service Fund	Church Office
Wednesday, March 15	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	9:45am	Children’s Chapel	All Saints’ Hall
	10:30am	Bible Study	ASH
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	5:30pm	LPP Team Meeting	ASH
Thursday, March 16	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	4:00pm	Sailboat Church Discussion Group	All Saints’ Hall
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	ASH
Friday, March 17		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, March 18	10:00am	Francis Family Event	All Saints’ Hall
Sunday, March 19	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints’ Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – 4 th Sunday in Lent	ASH
	12:30pm	Emily LaFoy Sanders Baby Shower	ASH
	12:30pm	Session Meeting	Carmical Room
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH

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

Sailboat Church: Chapter 5 “The Church’s Mission”

Sailboat churches live to partner with the Holy Spirit in what God wants to do for the world. This is our mission. In doing so we follow Jesus, who lived to do the work of “the one who sent me” (John 4:34). Involvement in mission is also the way the church finds its continuing life and vitality. Every church, no matter how large or small, has a part to play in God’s work for the sake of the world. What is really important is that each congregation discerns how God wants to partner with it and then works with God to carry out that call.

Proclaim the Good News: Proclaiming God’s saving love and power to the world is uniquely the mission of the church.

Demonstrate God’s Reign: The presence of hospitality, forgiveness, kindness, generosity, joy, patience, love in the church should be evident to members and nonmembers alike. The fruit of the Spirit is produced only when the Spirit of Christ is active in the congregation and people are intentionally committed to growing in discipleship to Jesus.

Invite People into Relationship with God: We cannot save anyone or argue them into Christian faith. Instead, our mission is simply to invite others to “come and see what God has done!” As our lives and words give evidence about how God is transforming us, God will use our witness to draw others into new life.

Engage in Loving Service: The Spirit will bring people our way who need loving service. As this happens it is important to remember that the way in which we interact with these people is as important as what we do for them. It is challenging to listen deeply to people in need and engage in honest relationships that encourage accountability, dignity, and healing.

Team observations and thoughts

- Being a Christian is a lot of work.
- We have always thought we were the church, but God is the church.
- “Let go, Let God.” Clearly that isn’t the point, but how do we get out of the rowing mode? It is something new.
- Do we intimidate others? Probably do, socially and economically. We share with others what God has done for us. We help others by forming relationships with others is a way to gain that relationship and being compassionate about it. Does it ever hit home with us?
- Make me trust what happens to me, despite what happens to me.
- How do we navigate maturity in the world and maturity in the Christian world?

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
Church Administrative Assistant – Ms. Linda Banks
Interim Choir Director – Dr. Marianne Holland
Interim Organist – Mr. Steve Ellison
Director of Child Development Center – Mrs. Chasity Lesley

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
David McCormick
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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