

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

“God So Loved the World”

John Stainer

***Call to Worship**

There is so much we do not understand, so many mysteries in this life of faith. But some things are certain. We do know:

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. God is our keeper and our shade.

Let us lift our eyes to God.

ALL: *Come, let us worship God.*

Prayer of Praise**Hymn #138**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

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

Teacher, you call us to go, following the plan that you have set out for us. You promise us blessings and purpose, but we do not trust your words. We cling to what we already know, we trust in what we can see and touch, we make excuses for our failure to trust in you. Call to us again, that we may be born again through your Spirit. Help us to believe and give us the abundant life that comes from following your will. . . . (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 Ken Acker*

1st Scripture Reading: Genesis 12.1-4a (OT 9)
This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalter Psalm 121 *tune Puer Nobis Nascitur (p. 68)*

1. *I lift my eyes unto the hills;
From where shall come my help at last?
Whate'er the need, God will provide,
The Lord, by whom the world was cast.*
2. *Each day God is a strength and shield
Against the onslaught of my foes;
And to the dangers of the night,
The eyes of God are never closed.*

3. *The promise of the Lord is sure:
To hold me in unyielding care;
Throughout my life, may faith confirm
That where I am, the Lord is there.*

*Morgan, Michael. The Psalter for Christian Worship, Revised Edition (p. 189).
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2nd Scripture Reading: John 3.1-17 (NT 88)
This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon "Discomfort"
The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

Affirmation of Faith: The Church Responds in Faith (Traditional, p. 14)
The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anthem "As We Gather At Your Table" Daw, Jr. / Chaveo-melo
PPC Adult Choir

Offering

Offertory

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Arr. Dan Forrest

***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**

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God:

. . . we will celebrate victory with him.

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all people and nations.

. . .

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name!*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *and forget not all God’s benefits.*

***Hymn #326**

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

***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

“O God Beyond All Praising”

THAXTED

(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)

<u>Name (relationship)</u>	<u>Concern</u>
*Barbara & Joe Christopher	health concerns
*Mary Gaillard.....	health concerns
*Kay Tilley	health concerns
*Jeff Taylor (Joanne’s son).....	health concerns
<u>Mark Holliday (Paula Owens’ brother).....</u>	<u>health concerns</u>
<i>*new this week</i>	

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 5, 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.*

Again we thank Vickie Swaynham for the beautiful Lenten Rose which is blooming this Holy Season. It will be in The Sanctuary this last Sunday before we move to All Saints Hall (ASH). It will go with us to ASH. Thank you Vickie for sharing with us.

SANCTUARY CLOSING: The PPC Sanctuary will be closed for much needed repairs beginning tomorrow, March 6th. Please see the weekly church calendar below.

ASHERS SUNDAY SCHOOL: The ASHers Sunday School class has begun studying the book of Galatians. Please come and join us!

CIRCLE MEETINGS: The Sarah Emily Circle and Eve Circle will both meet this Tuesday, March 7th, at 10:00am and 5:30pm respectively in All Saints' Hall. Both will be studying Lesson Seven in the Horizons Bible Study, "Sabbath and Self-Care." All are invited to attend!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS: Don't forget to "spring forward" overnight next Saturday, March 11th.

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 will be accepting donations of board games, card games, puzzles, word searches, colored pencils, old magazines, construction paper, fold up corn hole and bowling games for our residents. **Due soon, by March 10th!** They are also 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.

ALL ARE INVITED: The congregation is invited to a baby shower for Emily LaFoy Sanders on 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.

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.

REQUEST FROM MISSION COMMITTEE: The Mission Committee is compiling 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 USE RECCOMENDATION COMMITTEE: Please use your phone camera to read the QR code to complete the survey of suggestions. Or on a computer, you can click on the QR code at right.



SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL: All are welcome to attend the Seekers Adult Sunday school each week at 9:30am in the Parlor. It is a discussion class.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Our Youth 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, 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 9th 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: **\$1,385.**, Building Fund: **\$20.00.**
Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$36,254.22, includes \$3,100 online.**
Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$51,990.63.**
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)

<u>Serving:</u>	<u>March 5, 2023</u>	<u>March 12, 2023</u>
Pulpit Elder:	Ken Acker	Robert Simms
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Hendricks	Debbie Hendricks
Ushers:	Allison Ranson & Marvin Short	Nancy Goldsmith & Robert Simms
Refreshments:	Roy & Ivy Stoddard	Cindy Townsend (Youth Sunday)
Communion Servers:	Tina, Ken A, Ken T, Robert, Donna	

Lectionary readings for today:

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

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Robert Simms
Exodus 17.1 – 7
Psalm 95
Romans 5.1 – 11
John 4.5 – 42

Church Activities and Events This Week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, March 5	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 2 nd Sunday in Lent	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	All Saints' Hall
Monday, March 6	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	TBD
Tuesday, March 7	10:00am	Sarah Emily Circle Meeting	All Saints' Hall
	5:30pm	Eve Circle Meeting	All Saints' Hall
Wednesday, March 8	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	9:45am	Children's Chapel	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Bible Study	All Saints' Hall
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	All Saints' Hall
	5:30pm	LPP Team Meeting	All Saints' Hall
Thursday, March 9	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	4:00pm	Sailboat Church Discussion Group	All Saints' Hall
Friday, March 10		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, March 11		<i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i>	
Sunday, March 12	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 3 rd Sunday in Lent	<u>All Saints' Hall</u>
	12:30pm	All Committee Meetings	TBD
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	All Saints' Hall

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

Sailboat Church: Chapter 4

“Our Boat, the Church”

The church is a divine, even supernatural, community gathered by God to do God's work. The holiness of the body of Christ does not come from its individual members. It comes from Christ, who keeps us in grace and gives forgiveness, transformation, and new life.

In the Fullness of Time, Jesus: In his suffering-servant death on the cross, Jesus gave birth to the church. He is the captain of our Sailboat. His cross is its mast. He calls believers to live as sailors, setting sail by the Spirit and navigating in the flow of God's will. But even if the sails are raised and the sailors are ready, a Sailboat has to have wind in order to sail. This is why what happened on Pentecost is so crucial to the church's story.

From Pentecost day onward, the Holy Spirit worked within the first believers to help them understand the true meaning of Jesus' life, teachings, death, and resurrection. The church was created to be a Spirit-powered mission movement, and in this regard nothing has changed since the day of Pentecost.

Team observations and thoughts

- Mixture of both rowing and sailing present in most churches. Which gives us all hope and grace.
- We know that when we are doing Jesus' ministry (Matt. 25) we are to be Spirit led.
- We can get distracted by things and aren't sure what specifically comes from the Spirit.
- Sometimes we discern the Spirit because something won't let us go, no matter how much we don't pay attention.
- What/who is our community? There's always an opportunity to be a blessing to others.

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
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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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