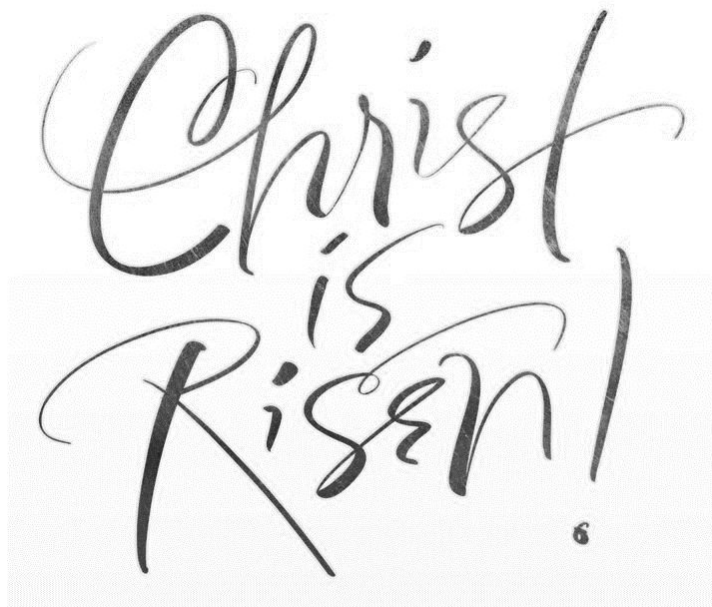


Pickens Presbyterian Church



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

April 23rd, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

Eleven o'clock

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

“Kum ba Yah”

Men's Chorus

***Call to Worship**

We hear the voice of Jesus: *our hearts burn within us.*

We lift our voices to God *and call on the name of the Lord!*

The risen Christ is here in this place:

ALL: Alleluia! Come, let us worship God.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn (see insert)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

The Church Confesses

*Invitation to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Eternally patient God, we ask again and again, “What should we do?” And again and again, you tell us, “Repent and return to me.” Yet we have not changed our ways. We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways, and take for granted the grace you have given us. Once again, we ask you for forgiveness. Show us the way forward and help us return, once again, to you. . . . (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

Elder Roy Stoddard

1st Scripture Reading:

1 Peter 1.17-23

The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalter

Psalm 116

1. *I love the Lord, who heard my voice
And answered my most earnest prayer;
When snares of death my life would
take,
You lift me, God, from my despair.*

2. *What can I to good return
For all the bounty from Your store?
Seen with such grace, my highest prize
Is naught; what can I give You more?*

3. *I lift salvation’s cup from which
You had me drink to seal my vow;
And in the sight of all around,
I honor my commitment now.*

4. *The recompense for what is mine
Is to exalt Your name always;
My heart with thanks should ne’er run
dry,
Nor tongue refuse to sing Your praise.*

Morgan, Michael. *The Psalter for Christian Worship*, Revised Edition (p. 178).
Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Kindle Edition. Used by permission.

2nd Scripture Reading:

Luke 24.13-35

The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

“Familiarity”

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 "Alleluia" Men's Chorus

Offering

Offertory "What A Friend" Men's Chorus

***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 (See Insert)** "Christ Is Alive!"

***Benediction**

Postlude "Just A Little Walk With Jesus" Men's Chorus
(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: Please 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>
*Bill & Phyllis Durham.....	health concerns
Roxanne Waling (friend of Sherry Schell)	health concerns

Midwest Tornado victims

Bill Patterson (Bob Allison’s cousin).....health concerns

Ron Erickson.....health concerns

Nashville School Shooting victims and families

Legacy Partnership Project Team

**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](#).

Mississippi Tornadoes. PDA support: gifts to [DR000015](#).

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

Long Term Prayer Concern List

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 welcome and invite you to participate with us in mission and ministry.* Contact the church office to begin receiving our newsletter.

Serving:

Pulpit Elder:

Sanctuary Guild:

Ushers:

Refreshments:

Communion Servers:

April 23, 2023

Roy Stoddard

Kathy & David Chamlee

Tina LaFoy & John Blackwood

Starla Taylor

April 30, 2023

Ken Acker

Kathy & David Chamlee

Ivy & Roy Stoddard

TBD

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Roy Stoddard

Acts 2.14a, 36–41

Psalm 116.1–4, 12–19

1 Peter 1.17–23

Luke 24.13–35

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Ken Acker

Acts 2.42–47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2.19–25

John 10.1–10

Church Activities and Events This Week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, April 23	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints’ Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – 3 rd Sunday of Easter	ASH
	12:30pm	Session Meeting	ASH
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH
Monday, April 24	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	All Saints’ Hall
Tuesday, April 25	6:30pm	Upcountry Quilters Guild	ASH
Wednesday, April 26	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	10:00am	Children’s Chapel	All Saints’ Hall
	10:30am	Bible Study	ASH
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	5:30pm	LPP Team Meeting	ASH

Thursday, April 27	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	4:00pm	Sailboat Church Discussion Group	All Saints' Hall
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	ASH
Friday, April 28		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, April 29			
Sunday, April 30	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – 4 th Sunday of Easter	ASH
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH

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

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Youth will meet this evening, at 5:30pm in All Saints' Hall.

SAILBOAT CHURCH READING GROUP: continues this Thursday, April 27th at 4:00pm.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME: Please join us in All Saints' Hall at 10:30am for food and fellowship. **Sign up on the schedule on the refrigerator to help out.**

WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY: Sock drive in April/May. New socks for men and women such as warm socks, gripper socks, summer socks, and diabetic socks. All are in high demand year-round. **Due by May 8th.** See the Cliffnotes for more information.

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: **\$1,251.18**, Building Fund: **\$0.00**.
 Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$63,619.43**, includes **\$5,310 online**.
 Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$83,038.65**.
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!

SERMON NOTES:

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

Trustee: Allison Ranson Trustee: Debbie Carmical Trustee: Tim Crocker

Moderator: Rev. Dr. David A. Torrey
dtorrey219@gmail.com

Phone: 864.878.9422 ext. 2, 803.317.3331 (cell)

Clerk of Session: Kay Rentz

Co-Clerk of Session: Karen Brown

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

Child Development Center: Jim Mahanes, Roy Stoddard, and David McCormick

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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