

Easter Sunday

Pickens Presbyterian Church
311 West Main Street
Pickens, SC 29671

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

Resurrection of the Lord**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

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

Wilbur Held

***Call to Worship**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God has answered us!

God has come to earth to become our salvation!

This is the day the Lord has made:

let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

ALL: Come, let us worship God.

Prayer of Praise**Hymn #115**

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

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

Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us. There is no way we can earn your love, there is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness. And yet you shower these mercies on us. You, who have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe. Meet us here in this place, and call us once again to trust in 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 Cindy Townsend

1st Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31.1-6 (OT 689)
The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalter Psalm 118

1. *Give thanks unto our gracious God,
Whose love endures forever;
The Lord, our strength and song shall
be,
From whom no fault can sever.
Sing mighty songs of victory,
Both now and for eternity,
For God will leave us never.*
2. *I shall not die, but I shall live,
And sing God's grace with elation;
Though I deserve no more than death,
God blesses me with salvation.
The gate that should unyielding be
Is open wide to welcome me,
Give thanks and adoration.*
3. *Upon the stones the builders judged
Imperfect, weak and tender,
Now rest the corners of God's house,
Still unsurpassed in splendor.
This is the day the Lord has made;
God is my sun, and God my shade;
Rejoice, and praise gladly render!*

Morgan, Michael. *The Psalter for Christian Worship*, Revised Edition (p. 180). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Kindle Edition. Used by permission.

2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 28.1-10 (NT 32)
The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon "Quick with Fear and Joy"
The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

Affirmation of Faith: (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 11.1-5)

*In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and
serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus was crucified, giving his life for the sins of the world.
We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image, to live as one community.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit*

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together in the one body of Christ, the Church.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Anthem

“Come and Praise the Risen Lord”

Stewart, J. Martin

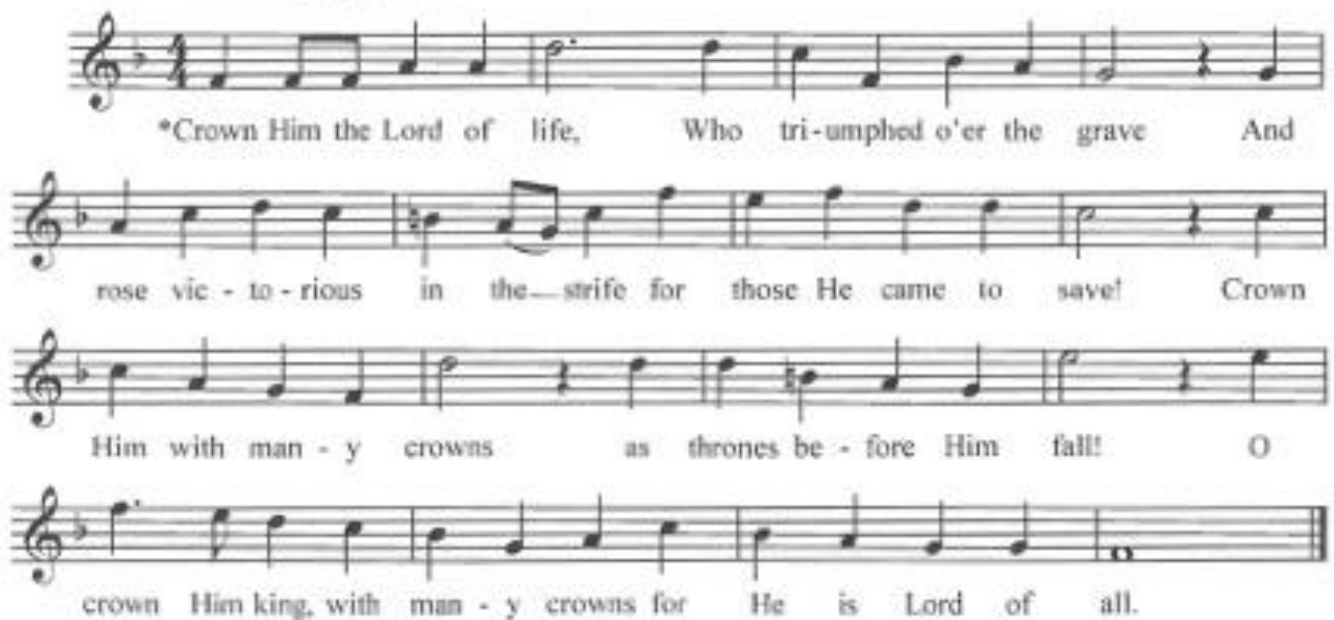
PPC Adult Choir, Trumpet – Adam Marsh, Clarinet – Anna Chastain

The Congregation is invited to join the Choir in singing Verse 4 of today's anthem (printed below).

Dr. Holland will turn to the Congregation and signal you when to begin singing.

Verse 4:

Choir and Congregation



*Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the grave And
rose vic - to - rious in the - strife for those He came to save! Crown
Him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore Him fall! O
crown Him king, with man - y crowns for He is Lord of all.

Thanks for joining the choir in today's celebration of our Risen Lord.

Offering

Offertory

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

T. Williams

***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**

***Hymn #104**

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Hallelujah Chorus”

G. F. Handel

(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>
*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), Sam Trotter (Betsey’s brother)

The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the friends and family of Marshall Sweatman, spouse of Jeanne Hagood Sweatman, on his dying to this life.

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.

<u>Serving:</u>	<u>April 9, 2023</u>	<u>April 16, 2023</u>
Pulpit Elder:	Cindy Townsend	David McCormick
Sanctuary Guild:	Kathy & David Chamlee	Kathy & David Chamlee
Ushers:	Holly & Rocky Harden	Liza Holder & Donna Owen
Refreshments:	<i>Easter breakfast</i>	Carole Thomas
Communion Servers:	Roger, Rocky, Cindy, Debbie, Starla	

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Cindy Townsend
Jeremiah 31.1–6
Psalm 118.1–2, 14–24
Matthew 28.1–10

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: David McCormick
Acts 2.14a, 22–32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1.3–9
John 20.19–31

Church Activities and Events This Week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, April 9	8:00am	Easter Sunrise Service	Front Patio
	9:00am	Easter Breakfast	All Saints' Hall
	10:15am	Easter Egg Hunt	
	11:00am	Worship Service – Easter Sunday	ASH
Monday, April 10		<i>Office Closed – Easter Monday</i>	
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	All Saints' Hall
Tuesday, April 11			
Wednesday, April 12	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	9:45am	NO Children's Chapel	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	NO Bible Study	ASH
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
Thursday, April 13	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	4:00pm	Sailboat Church Discussion Group	All Saints' Hall
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	ASH
Friday, April 14		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, April 15			
Sunday, April 16	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – 2 nd Sunday of Easter	ASH
	12:30pm	All Committee Meetings	TBD

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

EASTER GIVING: This morning, we will be collecting the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Offering that provides relief to those whose homes and loved ones have been washed away by hurricanes and floods, people trapped in systems of injustice and oppression, and people who will go to bed tonight hungry or without a roof over their heads. For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. **Let us open our doors, as well as our hearts, to share the love of Christ through ministries of justice, compassion, and joy. Special envelopes are available or you may give on the web site pcusa.org/give-oghs, or Text OGHS to 91999.**

NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Youth will not meet this evening, or next Sunday.

SAILBOAT CHURCH READING GROUP: continues this Thursday, April 13th 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: Warmth and Comfort for the Elderly will be holding a 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: **\$4,437.00**, Building Fund: **\$40.00**.
Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$58,123.08**, includes **\$4,690 online**.
Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$76,204.81**.
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!

Sailboat Church: Chapter 9

“Preparing for Storms”

While we may have little control over the storms of life, we can prepare for them well before they hit. The goal is to react to problems and conflicts in healthy ways. Four important areas where groundwork can be done are:

- **Strengthening the Church’s Practice of Prayer.** Part of building a strong prayer foundation under the church is training believers to expect answers to prayer, recognize them when they come, and give thanks to God for them.
- **Developing a Strong Leadership Team.** Making decisions through the process of communal discernment when appropriate, rather than only discussion and voting, gives officers a chance to practice working together as a team. Practicing these things in ordinary times helps us perform better when trouble strikes.
- **Preparing for Conflict.**
 - Keep Communication Open.
 - Practice Honesty, Humility, and Forgiveness as Core Values.

Healthy churches recognize and name problems before the atmosphere around them becomes too emotional or personalized. They claim the presence and gifts of the Spirit to face them openly, honestly, and prayerfully. This way of dealing with conflict brings glory to God and adds to the health of the church and its effectiveness for mission.

Team observations and thoughts

- If we were all Christ-like, maybe wouldn’t be any conflict in churches.
- New Testament churches were full it.
- Is there a difference between conflict and disagreement? It feels as though conflict is more severe. Perhaps we have higher expectations in church.
- Conflict interferes with ability to worship in church.
- Many people come in and out may not notice conflict, until they become more involved.
- It’s important to know how the congregation has handled conflict in the past.
- There is an issue that still has residual resentment associated with it.
- Sometimes we have to recognize that there are situations where full communication about an issue cannot appropriately be communicated. Importance of trust among and in leaders.

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

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Robert Simms
Starla Taylor

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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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