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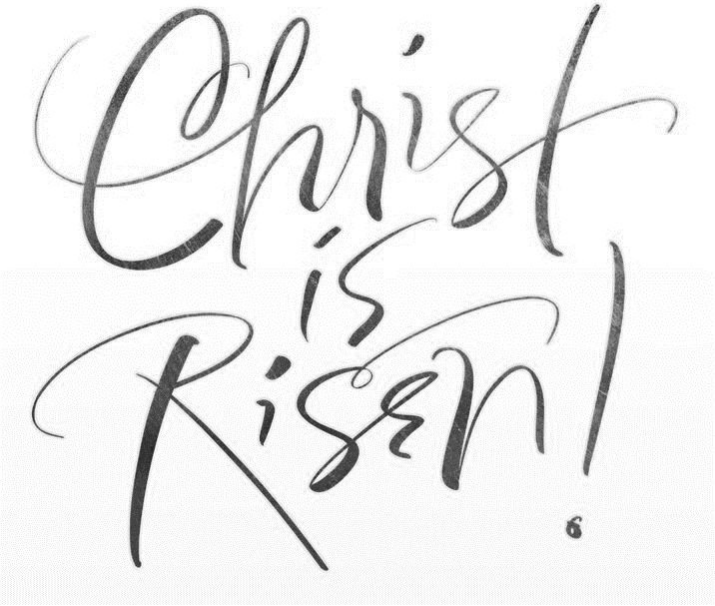

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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

April 30th, 2023 | 4th 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 *"He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought" Bradbury/Mark Hayes*

***Call to Worship**

We come to worship the risen Christ. ***Praise to Christ, the good shepherd!***
Alleluia, praise to Christ, the gate! ***Alleluia, praise to Christ, the lamb!***
Alleluia, praise to Christ, our savior! ***Christ is risen still! Alleluia!***
ALL: ***Come, let us worship God.***

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn (see insert)** *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

The Church Confesses

***Invitation to Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession:**

God of community, you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours." You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so. . . . *(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 Ken Acker*

1st Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2.19-25

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

Psalter

PSALM 23

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want 170

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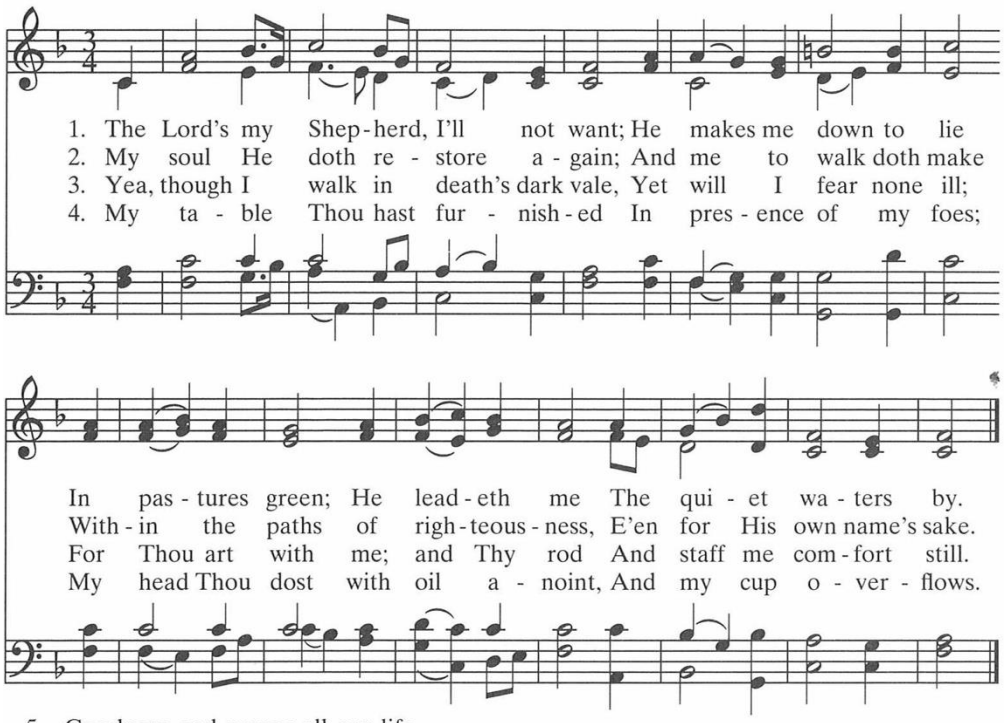
Scottish Psalter, 1650

Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1872
Harm. T. C. L. Pritchard, 1929

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Music: Harmonization from *The Scottish Psalter,* 1929. Used by permission of Oxford University Press.

2nd Scripture Reading: Acts 2.42-47
The Word of God for the People of God. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon *"Following the Shepherd"*
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 *"With a Voice of Singing"* *Shaw*
PPC Adult Choir

Offering

Offertory *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* *Arr. Hiram Titus*

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)** *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

***Benediction**

Postlude *"Hallelujah! What a Savior"* *Arr. Cindy Berry*

(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)

Name (relationship)	Concern
* Joe Lee (Ivy's nephew)	health concerns
* "Kappy" Kelly (Allison Ranson's sister)	health concerns
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
Legacy Partnership Project Team	discernment

**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, 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:	**April 30, 2023**	**May 7, 2023**
Pulpit Elder:	Ken Acker	Robert Simms
Sanctuary Guild:	Kathy & David Chamlee	
Ushers:	Ivy & Roy Stoddard	Christa & Dennis Schwab
Refreshments:	Dianna Morris	Donna Owen & Liza Holder
Communion Servers:		Tina, Nancy, David, Roy, Ken A

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Ken Acker
- Acts 2.42–47
- Psalm 23
- 1 Peter 2.19–25
- John 10.1–10

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Robert Simms
- Acts 7.55–60
- Psalm 31.1–5, 15–16
- 1 Peter 2.2–10
- John 14.1–14

Church Activities and Events This Week:

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, April 30	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – 4th Sunday of Easter	ASH
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH
Monday, May 1	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	All Saints' Hall
Tuesday, May 2	9:00am	Jane B Morris Service Fund	Church Office
	10:00am	Sarah Emily Circle Meeting	All Saints' Hall
	5:30pm	Eve Circle Meeting	ASH
Wednesday, May 3	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, May 4	12:00pm	**DEADLINE** – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	4:00pm	Sailboat Church Discussion Group	All Saints' Hall
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	ASH
Friday, May 5		*Office Closed*	
Saturday, May 6			
Sunday, May 7	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – 5th Sunday of Easter	ASH
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH

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

We would like to express our appreciation to Alex Armock for sharing his instrumental talent with us in recent weeks.

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

CIRCLE MEETINGS: The Sarah Emily Circle and Eve Circle will both meet this Tuesday, May 2nd, at 10:00am and 5:30pm respectively in All Saints' Hall. Both will be studying Lesson 8 in the Horizons Bible Study, "Sabbath and Justice." All are invited to attend!

SAILBOAT CHURCH READING GROUP: continues this Thursday, May 4th 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: **$960.00,** Building Fund: **$0.00.**
Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **$64,856.93, includes $5,580 online.**
Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **$93,485.56.**
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	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Ken Acker	Tina LaFoy	Nancy Goldsmith
Roger Gettys	Donna Owen	David McCormick
Rocky Harden	Debbie Teeple	Robert Simms
Roy Stoddard	Cindy Townsend	Starla Taylor
Ken Townsend		
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