

Pickens Presbyterian Church

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

May 21st, 2023

7th 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

“Jesus Thou My Dearest Life”

J S Bach

***Call to Worship**

We may not know the time or the place,
but we know that God is restoring the world.

We may not see the risen Christ before us,
but we know his spirit rests on us.

We may not know what God is doing next,
but we come together in faith, excited to discover it!

ALL: Come, let us worship God.

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn (see #816, pg 6)**

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

The Church Confesses

***Invitation to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession:**

Christ our Savior, as you ascended, you left the work to us. You called us to keep the movement going, to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal, to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds, to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us. We have fallen short of this call. We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own comfort, and resigned ourselves to the status quo. Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will, that we may be signs of your coming reign. . . . (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 Tina LaFoy

1st Scripture Reading:

Acts 1.6-14

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

Psalter

Psalm 68

Tune: ASH GROVE

- 1. Arise, Lord, and hasten,
All woe, swiftly chasten,
As smoke in the whirlwind
So drive it away!
While malice shall perish,
Your goodness we cherish,
With joy shall the righteous
All sadness betray!*
- 2. Sing praise to God only,
We poor folk, and lonely,
For out of compassion
God cares for us all.
The blessings we savor
Are ours by God's favor;
Whose goodness, like raindrops,
On deserts shall fall.*

- 3. All realms of creation
Now sing with elation
Their praise to the Maker
Of earth and of sea.
The heav'ns, in their glory,
Resound with the story
Of God's matchless power
All ages to be.*
- 4. Ascribe to God wonder,
Whose voice, like the thunder,
Can shatter the stillness
And call us to praise;
Whose Spirit life gave us,
Whose mercy can save us,
The Source of our being,
The Joy of our days!*

Morgan, Michael. *The Psalter for Christian Worship*, Revised Edition (pp. 110-111). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Kindle Edition. Used by permission.

2nd Scripture Reading:

John 17.1-11

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

Sermon

"Why Are You Standing Around?"
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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Noel Goemanne
PPC Adult Choir

Offering
Offertory "I'd Rather Have Jesus" George B Shea, arr. M Hayes

***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 #265, pg 7)** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

***Benediction**

Postlude "Glorify Thy Name" Donna Adkins
(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 and celebrations in worship, or on the pew rack cards placing them in the offering plates, or email the church office – admin@pickenspresbyterian.org.

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations 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
Bill Patterson (Bob Allison's cousin).....	health concerns
Legacy Partnership Project Team.....	discernment

**new this week*

Peace in Ukraine. PDA support: gifts to [DR000156](#) or text PDAUKR to 41444. 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.

<u>Serving:</u>	<u>May 14, 2023</u>	<u>May 21, 2023</u>
Pulpit Elder:	Tina LaFoy	Debbie Teeple
Sanctuary Guild:	Mary Gaillard	Mary Gaillard
Ushers:	Nancy Goldsmith & Debbie Teeple	Ken Townsend & Mark Taylor
Refreshments:	Ginger Chastain	TBD
Communion Servers:		

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Tina LaFoy
 Acts 1.6–14
 Psalm 68.1–10, 32–35
 1 Peter 4.12–14; 5.6–11
 John 17.1–11

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Debbie Teeple
 Numbers 11.24–30
 Psalm 104.24–34, 35b
 Acts 2.1–21
 John 20.19–23 or John 7.37–39

Church Activities and Events This Week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, May 21	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – 7 th Sunday of Easter	ASH
	12:30pm	Session Meeting	Session Room
	5:30pm	Youth End-of-Year Party	Simms' Home
Monday, May 22	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	All Saints' Hall
Tuesday, May 23	3:30pm	CDC Board Meeting	All Saints' Hall
	6:30pm	Upcountry Quilters Guild	ASH
Wednesday, May 24	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 25	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	4:00pm	Sailboat Church Discussion Group	All Saints' Hall
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	Education Bldg
Friday, May 26		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, May 27			
Sunday, May 28	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – Pentecost Sunday	ASH

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

YOUTH END OF YEAR: This evening at 5:30pm at the Simms' home. Bring a swimsuit and potluck food to share. They will meet at the Simms', 117 N Catherine St. - across from the Pickens Library. Contact Carole Thomas if you have questions.

SAILBOAT CHURCH PRAYER GROUP: continues this Thursday, May 25th at 4:00pm.

BLOOD DRIVE: PPC is partnering with the American Red Cross to collect blood for distribution to patients across the country. The Red Cross requests that 30 people express interest in donating prior to setting a date. If you are interested, please sign up on one of the sheets taped to the exit doors of All Saints Hall.

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.**

GRADUATION SUNDAY: Next Sunday, May 28th we will honor our graduating High School Seniors, Emily Kilgen and June Simms, during worship. We will also recognize graduates from other programs of study (high school, college, graduate school, etc.), in our church communications. **Email the graduate's information: where graduating, course of study, etc. to admin@pickenspresbyterian.org, by Tuesday, May 23rd.** You may reply to the Cliffnotes email as well.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: Pentecost Sunday, or Whitsunday, will also be celebrated May 28th. Red is used to recall the fiery tongues that descended upon the apostles when they received the Holy Spirit. It is customary to wear red that day. Please remember to wear something red for Pentecost Sunday!

EVENT FOR UKRAINE RELIEF: On Thursday June 1st, at 6:30pm in All Saints' Hall, our friend, Doug Berky will be presenting his latest work: "Tolstories: From Aristocrat to Holy Fool." The event will be a **benefit for Ukraine Humanitarian Relief.** Please see the email on Wednesday for more information.

SPECIAL EVENT AT GRIFFIN EBENEZER: Our friends at Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church have invited all to a special **Juneteenth Day of Remembrance celebration on Sunday, June 11th, with worship at 10:00am, food and vendors in the Fellowship Hall from Noon until 4:00pm.** Special Guest Speaker: Angela Aagard, Director of the Clemson Area African-American Museum.

WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY: Celebrating "Summertime At The Facilities!!" through June 16th! They are collecting new sunglasses, hand held fans, straw hats, baseball caps, plastic cups, lemonade mix and any other items that say "summer" for our elderly to enjoy at the facilities!! Boxes located in ASH.

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: **\$1,745.00**, Building Fund: **\$100.00.**

Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$81,105.75, includes \$6,650 online.**

Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$99,633.36.**

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!

REMINDER--NEW EMAILS FOR OFFICE STAFF:

David Torrey: pastor@pickenspresbyterian.org

Cyndi Banks: admin@pickenspresbyterian.org

Linda Banks: office@pickenspresbyterian.org

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron'g to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5-19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

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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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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