

# Pickens Presbyterian Church

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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

5<sup>th</sup> 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**

*“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”*

*Arr. James Biery*

**\*Call to Worship**

We come together as the church;

*not a building of wood or stone, but a spiritual house.*

We will be the living stones that shout praise even when others are silent.

*God redeems us, joins us together, and builds us up.*

**ALL: Come, let us worship God.**

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**\*Hymn (see pg 7)**

*“I Come with Joy”*

## *The Church Confesses*

**\*Invitation to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

*Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully.*

*You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us. But we still don’t get it.*

*We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us.*

*Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life. . . . (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 Robert Simms*

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading:**

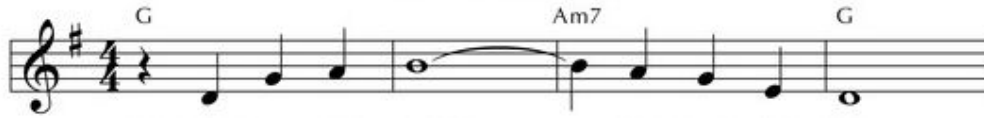
Acts 7.55-60

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

**Psalter**

Psalm 31a

*Tune: O Waly Waly*



1. O Lord, in whom my soul con - fides;  
2. Al-ways my rock, my sure de - fense,  
3. My life, my days, are in Your hand,



My re-fuge sure am - id the strife;  
My for-tress which no force can break;  
Naught can the threat of death re - move;



O let me not in shame re - side,  
Re-main my guide, and lead me forth  
Turn now to me Your shin - ing face,



But through Your grace re - claim my life.  
To praise You for Your mer - cy's sake.  
And save me through Your stead - fast love.

Morgan, Michael. *The Psalter for Christian Worship*, Revised Edition (p. 62). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation © 2010. Used by permission.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading:**

1 Peter 2.2-10

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

**Sermon**

*"No Longer Lo-Ammi"*  
**The Reverend Dr. David Torrey**

*The Church Responds in Faith*

**Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed**

*(Traditional, p. 14)*

*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.*

**Special Music**

*“Amazing Grace”  
Anna Chastain – Clarinet Solo*

*John Newton*

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*“Gift of Finest Wheat” Robert E. Kreutz/Ron Schmoltze*

**\*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 (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.*

**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 (See pg 8)**

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*“Glory to God, We Give You Thanks” W. Greatorex/J. Wayne Kerr  
(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](mailto: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>
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
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)

*To the Pickens Presbyterian Church Staff, Members and Friends, Thanks so much for the wonderful service, numerous kindnesses, and many cards and calls for our mother. She was blessed to have this wonderful church to attend. We thank each of you.*

*Family of Bess Swayingham*

## 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 7, 2023</u>	<u>May 14, 2023</u>
Pulpit Elder:	Robert Simms	Ken Townsend
Sanctuary Guild:	Mary Gaillard	Mary Gaillard
Ushers:	Christa & Dennis Schwab	Sharon Stark & Jim Mahanes
Refreshments:	Donna Owen & Liza Holder	Allison & Bill Ranson
Communion Servers:	Tina, Nancy, David, Roy, Ken A	

### Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Robert Simms

Acts 7.55–60

Psalm 31.1–5, 15–16

1 Peter 2.2–10

John 14.1–14

### Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Ken Townsend

Acts 17.22–31

Psalm 66.8–20

1 Peter 3.13–22

John 14.15–21

### Church Activities and Events This Week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, May 7	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	ASH
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH
Monday, May 8	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	All Saints' Hall
Tuesday, May 9			
Wednesday, May 10	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 11	12:00pm	<b>DEADLINE</b> – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	4:00pm	Sailboat Church Discussion Group	All Saints' Hall
	6:15pm	CDC 4K Graduation & Meal	ASH
Friday, May 12 <i>Office Closed</i>			
Saturday, May 13	10:00am	Holland Family Event	ASH
Sunday, May 14	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	ASH
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH

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

*Many thanks to Anna Chastain for sharing her musical talent with PPC today.*

**REMINDER-CDC ANNUAL TEACHER APPRECIATION:** Our Child Development Center will be celebrating their annual teacher appreciation this week May 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This year the theme is, “Best Teachers in the whole

world"! Chasity has something planned each day to make each teacher feel appreciated. She is asking for donations to help with the cost. If you have any questions please feel free to contact her at the CDC (864) 878-9953.

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

**SAILBOAT CHURCH READING GROUP:** continues this Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**SPECIAL EVENTS AT GRIFFIN EBENEZER:** Our friends at Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church have invited all to a **Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon.** Donations requested: \$15 for Adults, \$7 for Children 6 – 12. The first 75 attendees will receive a gift of their church recipe book. There will be special entertainment and Guest Speaker Rev. Diane Davis, Pastor of Smith Chapel FBH Church.

We are also invited to a special **Juneteenth Day of Remembrance celebration on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, with worship at 10:00am, food and vendors in the Fellowship Hall from Noon until 4:00pm.** Special Guest Speaker will be Angela Aagard, Director of the Clemson Area African-American Museum.

**GENERAL FUND UPDATE:**

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: **\$6,196.00**, Building Fund: **\$0.00**.

Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$71,306.91, includes \$5,830 online.**

Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$97,486.24.**

**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!

**NEW EMAILS FOR OFFICE STAFF:**

David Torrey: [pastor@pickenspresbyterian.org](mailto:pastor@pickenspresbyterian.org)

Cyndi Banks: [admin@pickenspresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@pickenspresbyterian.org)

Linda Banks: [office@pickenspresbyterian.org](mailto:office@pickenspresbyterian.org)

## I Come with Joy

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DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1977

American folk melody  
Arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For - giv - en, loved, and  
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To find, as all are  
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion  
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways  
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent


free, In awe and won - der to re - call His  
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love In  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, And  
 near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We  
 ways, And as His peo - ple in the world, We'll

life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 stran - gers now are friends, And stran - gers now are friends.  
 see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.  
 live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.


Alternate tune: LAND OF REST, 522

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## 307 God of Grace and God of Glory




1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils


pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.



This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.