

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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

May 28th, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Eleven o'clock

Graduate Sunday

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

“Pachelbel’s Canon”

arr. Hal H. Hopson

***Call to Worship**

We worship a creative God *who formed all living things!*

We worship an abundant God *who gives each of us different gifts!*

We worship a glorious God *who is seen in the vast array of creation!*

ALL: Come, let us worship God.

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn (see #688, pg 6)**

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

The Church Confesses

***Invitation to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession:**

Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages. You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control. Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love more fully.
... (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 Debbie Teeple

1st Scripture Reading:

Numbers 11.24-30

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

Anthem

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
PPC Adult Choir

Dan Forrest

June Simms – French Horn, Adam Marsh – Trumpet, Alex Armock – Tenor Sax

2nd Scripture Reading:

Acts 2.1-21

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

Sermon

"Where No One Has Gone Before"
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.

***Hymn (see 351#, pg 7)**

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Offering

Offertory

"Here I Am, Lord"

arr. Jack Schrader

***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 #129, pg 8)**

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Pomp and Circumstance"

Sir Edward Elgar

(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)

<u>Name (relationship)</u>	<u>Concern</u>
Sylvia Erickson.....	health concerns
Starla Taylor.....	health concerns
<u>Kay Tilley</u>	<u>health concerns</u>
Joe Lee (Ivy's nephew)	health concerns
<u>"Kappy" Kelly (Allison Ranson's sister)</u>	<u>health concerns</u>
<u>Bill & Phyllis Durham</u>	<u>health concerns</u>
<u>Bill Patterson (Bob Allison's cousin)</u>	<u>health concerns</u>
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)

The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of Thomas Friedlund (Deb Holtel's long-time friend) on his dying to this life on May 18, 2023.

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.



Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2023!

Emily Spring Kilgen

Graduated from Pickens High School

Emily will be attending Anderson University majoring Nursing

June Elizabeth Simms

Graduated Valedictorian from Pickens High School

June will be attending Clemson University majoring in Mechanical Engineering

We also celebrate the following Graduates:

Victoria (Tori) Richelle Morris graduated from University of Westminster in London, with the degree of Master of Arts in Museums, Galleries and Contemporary Culture.

Dr. Burnett Kelly

2023 Harvard Business Analytics

Taylor Ranai Kelly

2023 Graduate of Athens Drive High School

Taylor will be attending North Wesleyan University

PENTECOST OFFERING: The celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit this Sunday includes the Pentecost Special Offering, which nurtures and invests in the faith formation of one of the church's greatest resources – our children and youth. **Local congregations retain 40% to be used to impact in the lives of young people within their community** The remaining 60% supports children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Special envelopes are available. For more information, please see the insert or to give visit <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost>.

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.**

EVENT FOR UKRAINE RELIEF: This 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 from last Wednesday for more information.

WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY: Celebrating "Summertime At The Facilities!!" through June 16th! They are collecting items that say "summer" for our elderly to enjoy at the facilities!! See the Cliffnotes for item suggestions. Boxes are located in ASH and Office.

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: **\$1,260.00**, Building Fund: **\$400.00**.
Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$83,107.61**, includes **\$7,020 online**.
Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$111,556.76**.
Contributions Needed Weekly to Maintain 2023 Budget: \$5,316.60.

Serving:	May 28, 2023	June 4, 2023
Pulpit Elder:	Debbie Teeple	Starla Taylor
Sanctuary Guild:	Mary Gaillard	Ginger Chastain
Ushers:	Ken Townsend & Mark Taylor	Kathy & David Chamlee
Refreshments:	TBD	Debbie Teeple
Communion Servers:		Ken T, Robert, Donna, Roger, Rocky

Lectionary readings for today:

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

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Starla Taylor
Genesis 1.1 – 2.4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13.11–13
Matthew 28.16–20

Church Activities and Events This Week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, May 28	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – Pentecost/Graduate Sunday	ASH
Monday, May 29		Office Closed – Memorial Day	
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	All Saints' Hall
Tuesday, May 30	3:30pm	CDC Board Meeting	All Saints' Hall
	6:30pm	Upcountry Quilters Guild	ASH
Wednesday, May 31	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	10:00am	Children's Chapel	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Bible Study	ASH
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	6:00pm	Congregational Listening Session #2	ASH
Thursday, June 1	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	6:30pm	"Tolstories" Event for Ukraine Relief	All Saints' Hall
Friday, June 2		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, June 3			
Sunday, June 4	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – Trinity Sunday	ASH
	12:30pm	Congregational Listening Session #3	ASH

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

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling,
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

351 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

Verses

1. On the moun - tain when my Lord spoke,
All a - round me, it looked so fine,
2. Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold,
Ain't but one train that's on this track,

Out His mouth came fire and smoke.
Asked my Lord if all was mine.
Chills the bod - y but not the soul.
It runs to heav - en and runs right back.

D.C.

129 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

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Janie Alford, 1979

Thomas John Williams, 1890

1. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, Come with Pen - te -
 2. We would raise our al - le - lu - ias For the grace of
 3. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; Give us words of

cos - tal power; Give the church a strong - er vi - sion,
 yes - ter - years; For to - mor - row's un - known path - way,
 fire and flame. Help our fee - ble lips to praise You,

Help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,
 Hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney
 Glo - ri - fy Your ho - ly name. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, Still the church is
 You have led us all the way, Still in pres - ence
 Three in one: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

called to mis - sion That God's love shall be made known.
 move be - fore us, Fire by night and cloud by day.
 loud ho - san - nas Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.