

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

June 11th, 2023

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

“You Are Lord of All (REPTON)”

C. Hubert H. Parry

***Call to Worship**

We say we come to worship to be with God, but the beautiful truth is:

God is already with us. God is always with us.

So in this time together,

let us lift our voices in praise of this loving, ever-present God!

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn (see #49, pg 6)**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

The Church Confesses

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we acknowledge our guilt, and seek your face and your forgiveness. For we have not offered steadfast love to you or each other. We have not moved forward in faith, but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear. Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you, rejoicing in the knowledge of your love. . . . (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:

Genesis 12.1-9

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

Special Music

*"O, How I Love Jesus" American Melody, Arr. Joel Raney
Steve Ellison - Pianist*

2nd Scripture Reading:

Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

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

Sermon

"Hope"

The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

Affirmation of Faith:

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.

His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

*The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.*

*Hymn (see #744, pg 7)

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Offering

Offertory

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Arr. Larry Shackley

*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 #419, pg 8)

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

*Benediction

Postlude

“Safe In the Arms of Jesus”

W. H. Doane

(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> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| *Alex Gettys..... | health concerns |
| *Elizabeth Gettys | health concerns |
| *Steve Stark (Sharon’s Brother)..... | health concerns |
| Starla Taylor..... | health concerns |
| Joe Lee (Ivy’s nephew) | health concerns |
| “Kappy” Kelly (Allison Ranson’s sister) | 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.

IT’S TIME! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: This summer our church will experience “**Food Truck Party**” and will be “on a roll with God!” It will be held at our Child Development Center **this week on June 12th through 14th from 8:30 to 10:00am.** If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Townsend at (864) 650-1240.

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.**

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 Hallway.

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: **\$2,767.97**, Building Fund: **\$0.00.**

Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$87,581.42, includes \$7,640 online.**

Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$120,318.10.**

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!

Serving:

Pulpit Elder:

Sanctuary Guild:

Ushers:

Refreshments:

Communion Servers:

June 11, 2023

Cindy Townsend

Ginger Chastain

Cindy & Austin Townsend

Nancy Goldsmith

June 18, 2023

David McCormick

Ginger Chastain

Roger Gettys & Jimmy Gilliam

TBD

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Cindy Townsend

Genesis 12.1–9

Psalm 33.1–12

Romans 4.13–25

Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: David McCormick

Genesis 18.1–15 (21.1–7)

Psalm 116.1–2, 12–19

Romans 5.1–8

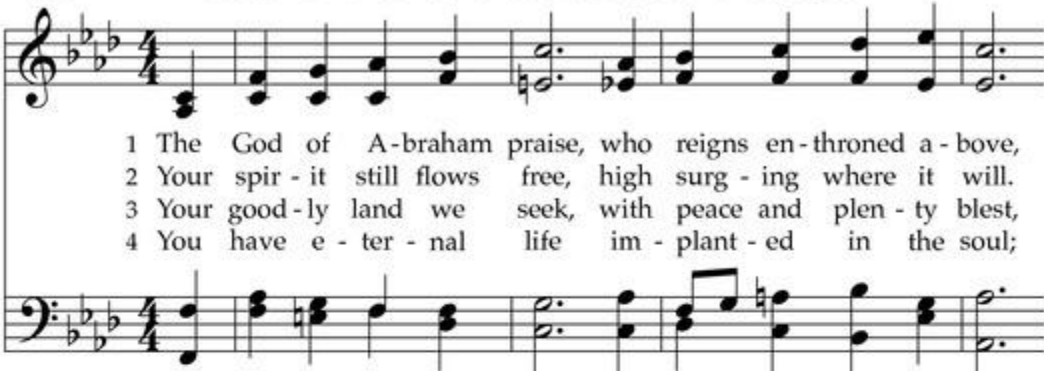
Matthew 9.35-10.8 (9–23)

Church Activities and Events This Week:

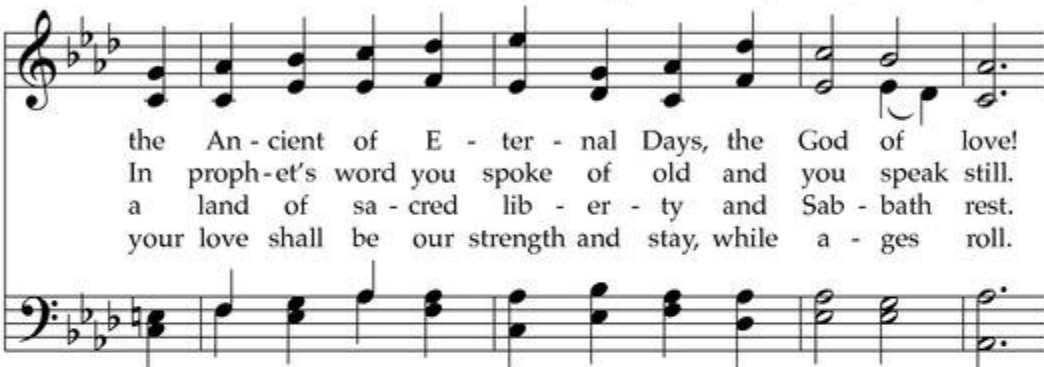
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|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Sunday, June 11 | 9:30am | Sunday School | All Saints' Hall |
| | 10:30am | Fellowship Time | |
| | 11:00am | Worship Service – 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost | |
| | 12:30pm | Session Meeting | |
| | 1:00pm | Owens Family Event | |
| Monday, June 12 | 8:30am | Food Pantry | Church Office |
| | 8:30am | Vacation Bible School | CDC |
| | 11:00am | Centering Prayer | ASH |
| Tuesday, June 13 | 8:30am | Vacation Bible School | CDC |
| | 9:00am | Jane B Morris Service Fund | Church Office |
| Wednesday, June 14 | 8:30am | Food Pantry | Church Office |
| | 8:30am | Vacation Bible School | CDC |
| | 10:00am | Children's Chapel | All Saints' Hall |
| | 10:30am | Bible Study | ASH |
| | 5:30pm | LPP Team Meeting | ASH |
| Thursday, June 15 | 12:00pm | DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes | All Saint's Hall |
| | 4:00pm | Sailboat Church Discussion Group | |
| Friday, June 16 | | <i>Office Closed</i> | |
| Saturday, June 17 | | | |
| Sunday, June 18 | 9:30am | Sunday School | All Saints' Hall |
| | 10:30am | Fellowship Time | |
| | 11:00am | Worship Service – 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost | |

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

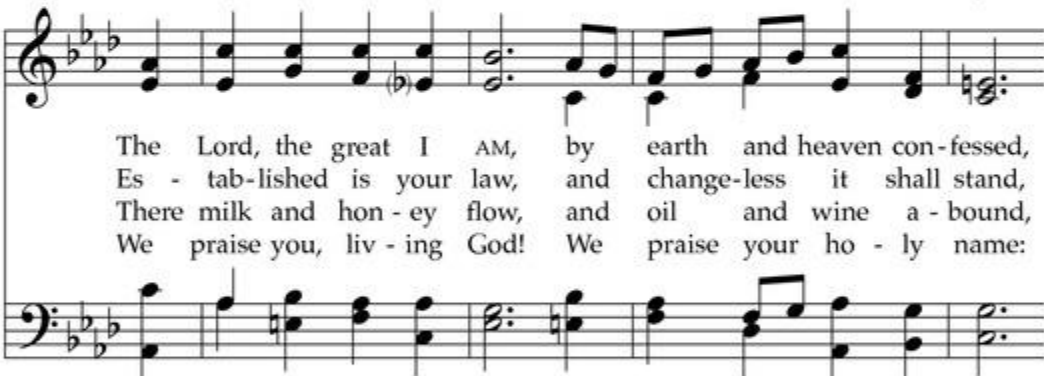
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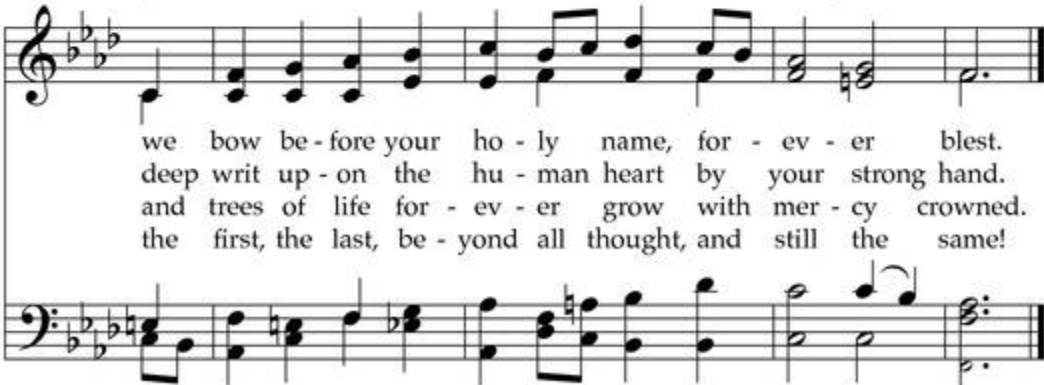
1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



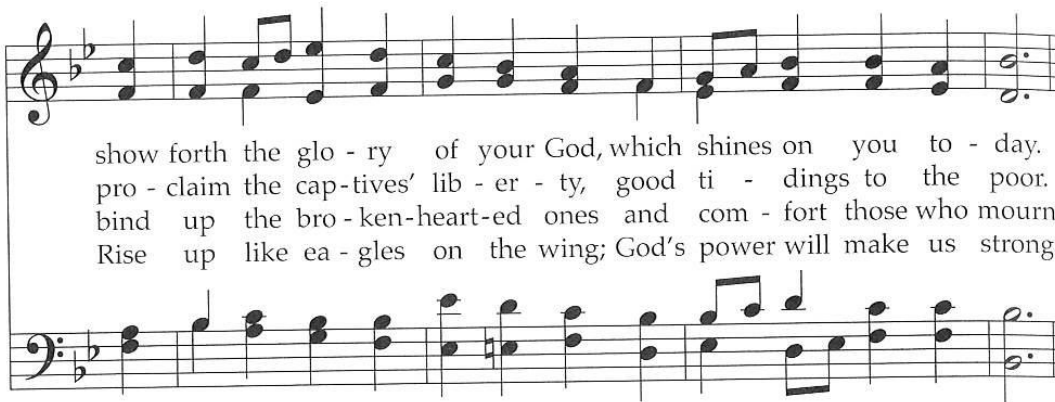
we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
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 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 419

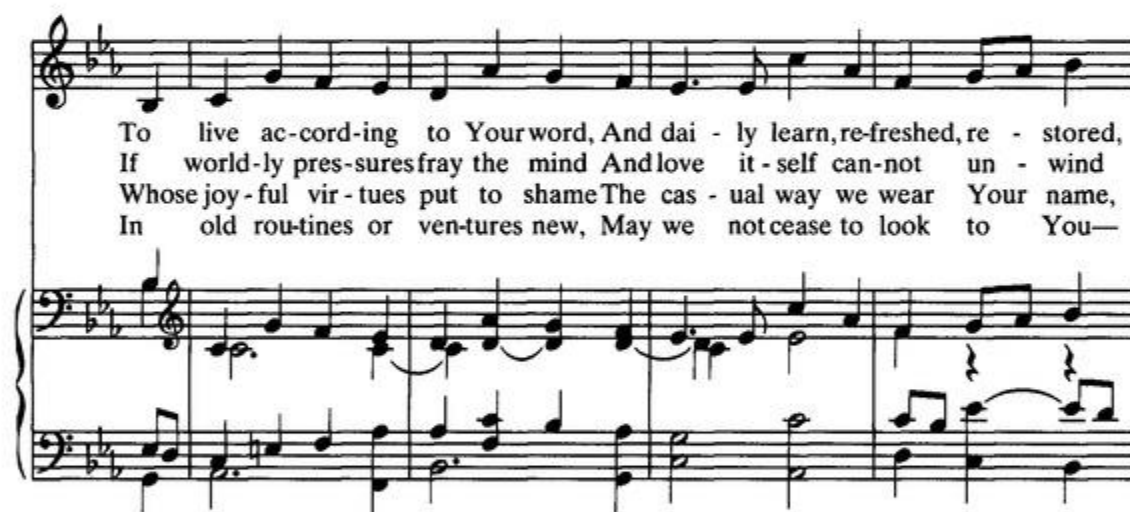
REPTON 8.6.8.8.6.6

Fred Pratt Green, 1981

C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888



1. How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, When once we heed Your call:
 2. But if, for - get - ful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear,
 3. We mark Your saints, how they be - came In hin - dranc - es more sure,
 4. In what You give us, Lord, to do, To - geth - er or a - lone,



To live ac - cord - ing to Your word, And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 If world - ly pres - sures fray the mind And love it - self can - not un - wind
 Whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name,
 In old rou - tines or ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You—



That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
 Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.
 And by our faults ob - scure Your power to cleanse and cure.
 The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.