

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

June 25th, 2023

4th 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

“Praise Medley”

Arr. Kartsonakis

***Call to Worship**

Do not be afraid: *God hears our cries when we are lost.*

Do not be afraid: *God does not leave us abandoned.*

Do not be afraid: *God is with us, now and always.*

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn (see #385, pg 6)**

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

The Church Confesses

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we try to follow your word: to put others above ourselves, to remember that we are all bound together as your beloved children, to seek the common good instead of our own interests. But it is so easy for our lesser selves to get the better of us. We succumb to jealousy, vindictiveness, callousness, and indifference. In your mercy, send your healing to those we have hurt, and to our own misguided souls so that we may follow you once more. . . . (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 Roy Stoddard

1st Scripture Reading:

Genesis 21.8-21

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

Special Music

*"Rejoice In The Lord"
Donna Simms – Soprano*

Ron Hamilton

2nd Scripture Reading:

Matthew 10.24-39

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

Sermon

*"Kingdom Accounting"
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 #353, pg 7)

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Offering

Offertory

“Softly and Tenderly”

Arr. Patti Drennan

*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 #275, pg 8)

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

*Benediction

Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Arr. Ovid Young

(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>
*Barbara Christopher	health concerns
*Raymond Dawkins.....	health concerns
John and Nancy Jo Owens	his health concerns
Russ and Ryan Hale (Jan Spark’s brother and nephew)	family concerns
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.

PPC FOOD PANTRY: With the congregation’s generous support the Food Pantry has distributed approximately 75 boxes of shelf stable food to the community since the beginning of 2023. Individuals from Pickens (42%), Liberty (25%), Easley (24%), Central (3%), Six Mile (4%) and Sunset (2%) received boxes. Some recipients (27%) returned 2-9 times during this time period. Their ages ranged from 19 to 81 years old, with the majority (57%) being ages 50-69. The boxes include “shelf-stable” meat, rice, macaroni & cheese, pasta, spaghetti sauce, beans, vegetables, fruit, soup, peanut butter, jelly, cracker, grits/oatmeal/breakfast bars, powdered milk, fruit juice, bread, cookies and toilet paper. **The cost of each box is approximately \$25. Food donations are used to fill the boxes. Monetary donations to the Food Pantry are used to buy needed items. Currently the Pantry is in need of meat, peanut butter, jelly, and fruit juices. We will begin accepting a special offering for our food ministries during Worship on the 1st Sunday of each month, beginning July. Thank you for your generosity to fill boxes for the hungry in our community!**

WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY – JULY DRIVE: They are trying something a little different for July. To add to a donation of stuffed animals, they could use more patriotic decorated stuffed bears to donate these to our elderly. They are also accepting monetary donations. You may make checks **payable to Warmth and Comfort for the Elderly**, and leave in the Offering. See the Cliffnotes for more info. Boxes are located in ASH and Office Hallway. Even the smallest donation adds up. We thank you in advance for any and all help!

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.**

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: **\$4,512.00**, Building Fund: **\$0.00**.
Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$98,645.26**, includes **\$8,360** online.
Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$129,903.94**.
Contributions Needed Weekly to Maintain 2023 Budget: \$5,316.60.

<u>Serving:</u>	<u>June 25, 2023</u>	<u>July 2, 2023</u>
Pulpit Elder:	Roy Stoddard	Ken Acker
Sanctuary Guild:	Ginger Chastain	Debbie Teeple
Ushers:	Jan and Gary Sparks	Allison Ranson & Marvin Short
Refreshments:	Jessica McCormick	Starla Taylor
Communion Servers:		Cindy, Debbie, Starla, Nancy, David

<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u>	<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u>
Pulpit Elder: Roy Stoddard	Pulpit Elder:
Genesis 21.8–21	Genesis 22.1–14
Psalms 86.1–10, 16–17	Psalms 13
Romans 6.1b–11	Romans 6.12–23
Matthew 10.24–39	Matthew 10.40–42

Church Activities and Events This Week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, June 25	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 4 th Sunday after Pentecost	ASH
Monday, June 26	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	ASH
Tuesday, June 27	9:00am	Jane B Morris Service Fund	Church Office
	6:30pm	Upcountry Quilters Guild	All Saints' Hall
Wednesday, June 28	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	10:00am	Children's Chapel	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Bible Study	ASH
	4:00pm	Sailboat Church Discussion Group	ASH
	5:30pm	LPP Team Meeting	
Thursday, June 29	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	All Saint's Hall
Friday, June 30		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, July 1			
Sunday, July 2	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 5 th Sunday after Pentecost	ASH

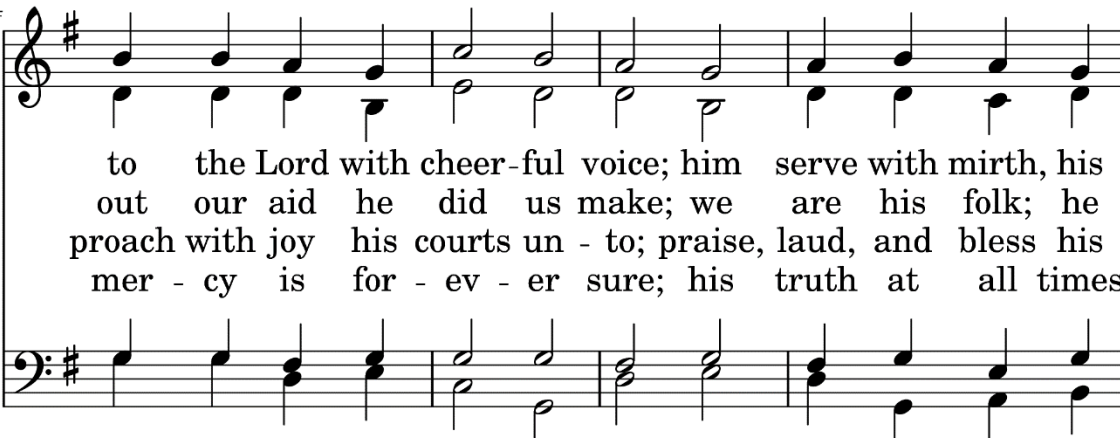
Online calendar: <http://73970421.view-events.com>

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

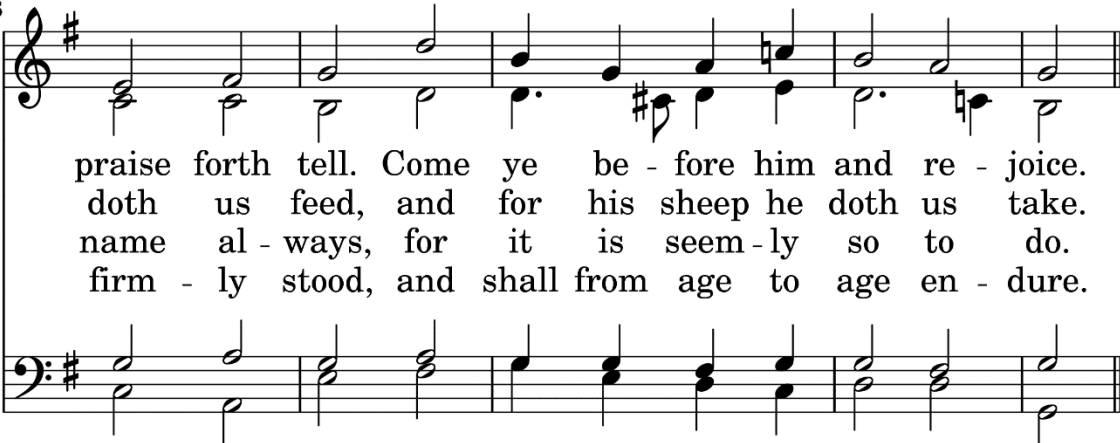
(Psalm 100)



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with -
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap -
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his



to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 out our aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times



praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27/Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.