

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

August 27th, 2023

13th 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

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus” Converse, Arr. R. Greene

***Call to Worship**

We gather as the body of Christ. *We are many individuals, but together we are one.*

Each of us has our own gifts, our own calling, our own role,

but all of us proclaim Jesus Christ is the Messiah!

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn of Praise (see #81, pg 6)**

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

The Church Confesses

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession:

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. . . . (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.*

*Corporate Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you. *And also with you.*

*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:

Exodus 1.8—2.10

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

Special Music

"No, Not One"

George C. Hugg

Donna Simms – Vocalist

2nd Scripture Reading:

Matthew 16.13-20

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

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

"Keeping Secrets"

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, p. 7)

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

Offering

Offertory

"Where He Leads Me"

Norris, Arr. C. Berry

*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 of Commitment (See #2130, p. 8)

"The Summons"

*Benediction

Postlude

"God Will Take Care Of You"

Martin, Arr. C. Berry

(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

*Janice & Mike (friends of Liza, Donna, and Kerry)	his health concerns
Mary Sue Day	health concerns
Scott Kelly (Beverly & Burnett's Son)	life concerns
Mary & Charles Barron	his health concerns
Rick Carter (friend of Jessica McCormick)	health concerns
Cyndi Banks	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.*

Maui Fire Victims. PDA support: gifts to [DR000165](#). *Make checks payable to Presbyterian Church USA & put the gift number in the memo line.* Or contribute to the Maui Food Bank using this link: [Maui Food Bank](#).

Long Term Prayer Concern List

“Gig” Alexander, Barbara & Joe Christopher, Mary Sue Day, Doug Finney, Jane Gillespie, Scott Kelly, John Owens, 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 Isabella Wade (granddaughter of Raymond and Margaret Dawkins) on her dying to this life, Saturday, August 19, 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.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CDC: Ingles Tools for Schools Program. Even if you have already connected your Ingles' savings card for this in the past, it must be renewed each year. In order to support our CDC, please use school code #22903. You can do this online at: [ingles-markets.com](#) or at the store’s front desk.

CIRCLE KICK-OFF DINNER: The PPC Women of the Church (PW) will be having their annual dinner at 5:30pm on Tuesday, September 5th, at the Pickens Pizza Inn to Kick-Off the new Circle year. This is a great time to get involved! Circles will be using the PW Horizons Bible Study: *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*, by Olive Mahabir. The cost will be: \$10.50.

FALL KICK-OFF CELEBRATION: We will celebrate our Church-Wide Fall Kick-Off on Sunday, September 10th, with a simple breakfast served beginning 8:45am in All Saints’ Hall followed by the annual event to kick off the new Christian Education year from 9:30 – 10:30am. Lunch will be served following our morning service. Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Drinks will be provided. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. **Please use the tear-off below if you plan to attend.**

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: **\$2,486.00**, Building Fund: **\$0.00**.
Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$141,708.83**, includes **\$12,352 online**.
Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$171,780.13**.
Contributions Needed Weekly to Maintain 2023 Budget: \$5,316.60.

Yes, I/my family will be attending the Fall Kick-Off meal(s) **on Sunday, Sept 10th:**

Name: _____

Number attending **Breakfast?** _____ Number attending **Lunch?** _____

<u>Serving:</u>	<u>August 27, 2023</u>	<u>September 3, 2023</u>
Pulpit Elder:	Roy Stoddard	Ken Acker
Sanctuary Guild:	John Blackwood	Cindy Wood
Ushers:	Ivy & Roy Stoddard	Christa & Dennis Schwab
Refreshments:	Debbie Teeple	TBD
Camera Operation:	Robert Simms	Anna Chastain
Communion Servers:		Donna, Roger, Rocky, Cindy, Debbie, Starla

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Roy Stoddard
 Exodus 1.8 - 2.10
 Psalm 124
 Romans 12.1-8
 Matthew 16.13-20

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Ken Acker
 Exodus 3:1-15
 Psalm 105. 1-6, 23-26, 45b
 Romans 12:9-21
 Matthew 16:21-28

Church Activities and Events This Week:

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

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, Aug 27	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – 13 th Sunday after Pentecost	ASH
Monday, Aug 28	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	ASH
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	Ed Bldg/ASH
Tuesday, Aug 29	9:00am	Jane B Morris Service Fund	Church Office
Wednesday, Aug 30	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	10:00am	Children's Chapel	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Bible Study	ASH
	4:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	5:30pm	LPP Team Meeting	ASH
Thursday, Aug 31	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	All Saint's Hall
	4:00pm	Sailboat Church Discussion Group	ASH
Friday, Sept 1		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, Sept 2			
Sunday, Sept 3	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	ASH

SESSION & COMMITTEES

Building and Grounds: Roy Stoddard ('23) and David McCormick ('25) (Co-Moderators)
Child Development Center: Jim Mahanes ('22), Roy Stoddard ('23), and David McCormick ('25)
Christian Education: Cindy Townsend ('24) and Robert Simms ('25) (Co-Moderators)
Administration: Budget: Ken Acker ('23),
Administration: Donna Owen ('24),
Finance: Ken Townsend ('23)
Fellowship and Care: Tina LaFoy ('24) and Nancy Goldsmith ('25) (Co-Moderators)
Missions: Roger Gettys ('23) and Rocky Harden ('23) (Co-Moderators)
Worship: Debbie Teeple ('24) and Starla Taylor ('25) (Co-Moderators)
Trustees: Allison Ranson ('23), Debbie Carmical ('24), Tim Crocker ('25)
Moderator: Rev. Dr. David A. Torrey
Phone: 864.878.9422 ext. 2, 803.317.3331 (cell)
Clerk of Session: Kay Rentz **Co-Clerk of Session:** Karen Brown

81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,

God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

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.

The Summons

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1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ____ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ____ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ____ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ____ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ____ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ____ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ____ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, _ will you let my name be known, _ will you
 stare ____ should your life at - tract or scare? ____ Will you
 clean, ____ and do such as this un - seen, ____ and ad -
 found ____ to re - shape the world a - round, _ through my
 go ____ where your love and foot - steps show. ____ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ____
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ____
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ____
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ____
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ____