

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

September 24th, 2023

17th 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

Moment for Celebration of Generosity

Allison Ranson

Preparation for Worship

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship, first in silence, then as we listen to the prelude.

Prelude

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

Arr. Christine Sullivan

***Call to Worship**

We will sing to God and bless God’s name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

We will declare God’s mighty acts and celebrate God’s abundant goodness.

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn of Praise (see #439, pg 6)**

“O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”

The Church Confesses

***Invitation to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession:**

God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace. We believe ourselves more deserving than others. We nurse our anger and resentment at

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community.

***Hymn (See #828, p. 7)**

“More Love To Thee, O Christ”

Offering

Offertory

“Jesus Paid It All”

Arr. Greg Howlett

***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 #719, p.8)**

“Come, Labor On”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

T. Dorsey/J. Schrader

(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>
*Bert Allison.....	health concerns
Janice & Mike (friends of Liza, Donna, and Kerry).....	his health concerns
Mary & Charles Barron	his health concerns
Legacy Partnership Project Team.....	discernment
Moroccan earthquake victims	
Lybian flood victims	
*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, 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)

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.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Our Youth will meet this evening, at 5:30pm in All Saints’ Hall for dinner, fellowship, and activities. Any questions, contact Anna Chastain, Carole Thomas, Cindy Townsend or Robert Simms.

PC(USA) SPECIAL OFFERING: Next Sunday on World Communion Sunday we will collect the Peace & Global Witness Offering. This special offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God’s mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. **See the Cliffnotes for more information and a Giving link. More information next week.**

CIRCLE MEETINGS: The Sarah Emily and Eve Circles will both meet on Tuesday, October 3rd, in All Saints’ Hall at 10:00am, and 5:30pm, respectively. Both Circles will study Lesson Two in the Horizons Bible Study, “Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts.” Books are \$10.50. All are invited!

CHURCH RETREAT: The CE committee is assessing interest in a Church Retreat to Montreat Conference Center. Please **fill out the tear-off on the bottom of next page** and leave in the offering plate.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CDC: Ingles Tools for Schools Program. Renew your Ingles’ savings card support of our CDC, using school code **#22903** online at: <https://tinyurl.com/PickensCDC>.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME: Please join us in All Saints’ Hall at 10:30am for food and fellowship. **Sign up online at:** <https://tinyurl.com/FellowshipSnacks> or see the QR code in the Cliffnotes to sign up.

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: **\$420.**, Building Fund: **\$0.00.**
Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$149,579.04, includes \$14,292 online.**
Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$195,214.96.**
Contributions Needed Weekly to Maintain 2023 Budget: \$5,316.60.

Serving:

Pulpit Elder:

Sanctuary Guild:

Ushers:

Refreshments:

Camera Operation:

September 24, 2023

Tina LaFoy

Cindy Wood

Ken Townsend & Mark Taylor

Deb Holtel

Robert Simms

October 1, 2023

Debbie Teeple

Debbie Hendricks

Kathy & David Chamlee

Kathy Chamlee

Anna Chastain

Communion Servers:

Nancy, David, Roy,
Tina, Ken A

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Tina LaFoy
Exodus 16.2–15
Psalm 105.1–6, 37–45
Philippians 1.21–30
Matthew 20.1–16

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Debbie Teeple
Exodus 17.1–7
Psalm 78.1–4, 12–16
Philippians 2.1–13
Matthew 21.23–32

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, Sept 24	9:30am	Sunday School	All Saints' Hall
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	ASH
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH
Monday, Sept 25	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	ASH
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	Ed Bldg/ASH
Tuesday, Sept 26	6:30pm	Upcountry Quilters Guild	ASH
Wednesday, Sept 27	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, Sept 28	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	All Saint's Hall
	4:00pm	Sailboat Church Prayer Group	ASH
Friday, Sept 29		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, Sept 30			
Sunday, Oct 1	9:30am	Sunday School	All Saints' Hall
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	ASH
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	ASH
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	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

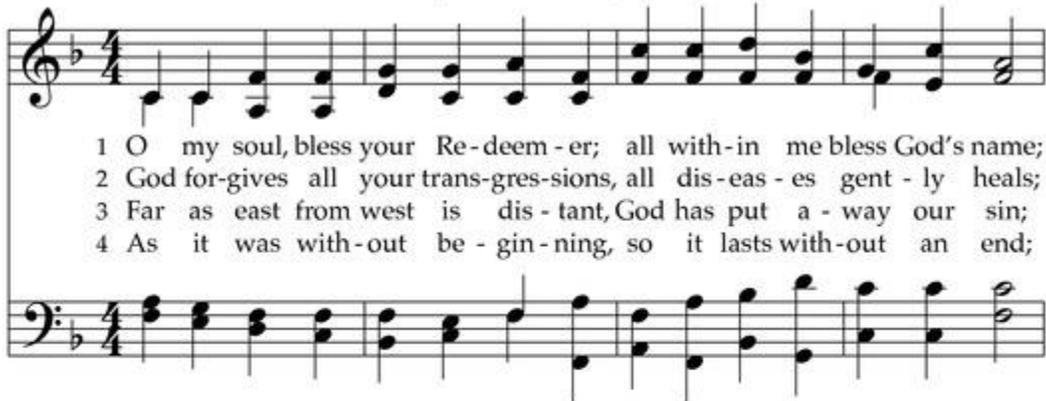
Yes, I/my family would be interested in attending a Church Retreat at Montreat.

How many would attend? _____

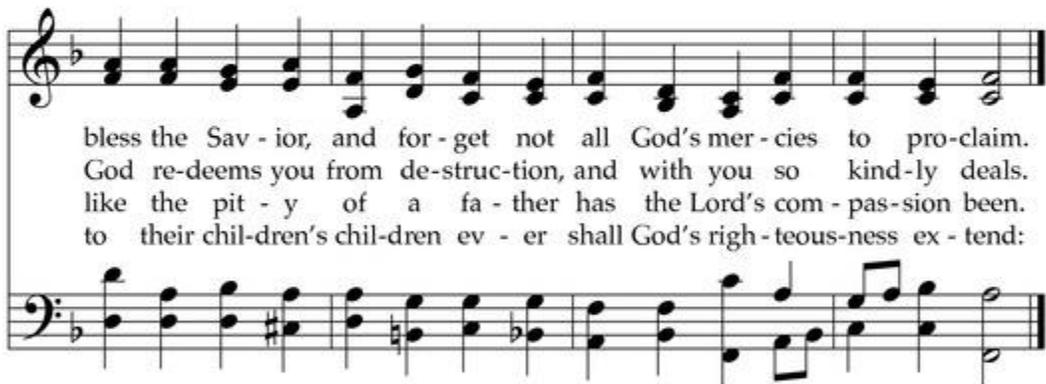
What are the ages? _____

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer 439

(Psalm 103)



1 O my soul, bless your Re-deem-er; all with-in me bless God's name;
2 God for-gives all your trans-gres-sions, all dis-eas-es gent-ly heals;
3 Far as east from west is dis-tant, God has put a-way our sin;
4 As it was with-out be-gin-ning, so it lasts with-out an end;



bless the Sav-ior, and for-get not all God's mer-cies to pro-claim.
God re-deems you from de-struc-tion, and with you so kind-ly deals.
like the pit-y of a fa-ther has the Lord's com-pas-sion been.
to their chil-dren's chil-dren ev-er shall God's righ-teous-ness ex-tend:

5 Unto such as keep God's cov'nant
and are steadfast in God's way;
unto those who still remember
the commandments and obey.

6 Bless your Maker, all you creatures,
ever under God's control,
all throughout God's vast dominion;
bless the Lord of all, my soul!

These stanzas are selected from sixteen that originally made up this paraphrase of Psalm 103, the second of two versions in the volume where they were first published. The tune used here was probably created as a German psalm tune but later came to be used with hymn texts.

TEXT: *The Book of Psalms*, 1871, alt.

MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847, alt.

STUTT GART

8.7.8.7

828 More Love to Thee, O Christ

1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
 2 Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
 3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.
 Now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best.
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise.

This is my ear - nest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;
 This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
 This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;

more love to thee, more love to thee!

Perhaps because this prayer-poem by the wife of a leading 19th-century Presbyterian minister grew out of her own physical and emotional suffering, it has continued to speak to many people in similar distress. It is set here to the tune created for its first printing in a hymnal.

719 Come, Labor On

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (D) (G)
 A^b D^b A^b Fm D^b A^b D^b E^b A^b

1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
 2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
 3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!
 4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (B) (Em) (C) (D)
 Fm C7 Fm C Fm D^b E^b

while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each
 to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the
 No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble
 till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad

(G) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 A^b Fm D^b A^b B^bm E^b7 A^b

ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.
 sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Using Jesus' harvest imagery in John 4:35–38 and Matthew 9:37–38/Luke 10:2, this urgent text sounds a compelling call to Christian service. The words gain energy from the strong unison tune in the English cathedral style, whose name echoes the Benedictine motto "Prayer is work."