

Pickens Presbyterian Church



**11 WEST MAIN STREET
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671**

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

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.

Congregation members are invited to come forward to place Chrismon ornaments on the Chrismon Tree during the Prelude.

Prelude *"Savior of the Nations, Come"* *Based on plainsong melody*

***Call to Worship & Lighting the Advent Candle** *The Chad Cole family*

And we all say together,

All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Advent Wreath Prayer

Advent Wreath Song #12

"People Look East"

People, look east. The time is near Of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.

The Church Confesses

***Invitation to Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession:**

O God, we are steeped in a world of violence. War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty. Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands, and show us how beautiful life can be when you forge them into instruments of peace. . . . (silent, personal confession) Amen.

***Kyrie** *You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy.
You are the Christ, Giver of Mercy.
You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy.*

***Assurance of Pardon**

. . . in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri #579**

Prayer for Illumination *The Church Proclaims God's Word*

*Pew Bible Page
Elder Roy Stoddard*

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5 (OT 594)

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

***Hymn #551** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 24.36-44 (NT 26)

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon “Which Way Are You Looking?”
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.

Anthem “Come, Emmanuel” Greensleeves tune, arr. M. Barrett
PPC Adult Choir

Offering

Offertory “Peace! Be Still!” Robert J. Powell

***Doxology #592**

***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 #554** “Let All Things Now Living”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Arr. Carolyn Hamlin
(Please remain seated until worship ends with the end of the Postlude)

Worship Has Ended – Service Begins

**Those who are able may stand at these times.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 27, 2022

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 word of welcome and invite you to participate with us in mission and ministry. Please use the Visitor Card in the Pew rack to register your presence with us.* If you want the church newsletter, contact the church office to add your email address.

LUNCH AND GREENING OF THE CHURCH: All are Invited to a soup and sandwich lunch today following our worship service. The purpose is to celebrate the coming of Advent and to decorate the sanctuary and elsewhere for the Advent/Christmas season. **We hope all can stay and join us as we share in the festivities and celebrate this very special time in the life of the church!**

CEMETERY WREATHS: Wreaths will be placed on markers throughout the cemetery during our Advent “greening” today. If you prefer to place your own wreath on a special plot, please let Debbie Teeple or Jane Townsend know.

ANGEL TREE: Our Angel Tree will be displayed in All Saints’ Hall again this year. If you would like for your child or grandchild (birth to twelfth grade) to be included this year, please see Robert Simms at church on December 4th or send a head and shoulder photo to dsimms@clemsun.edu .

MISSION & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES: You will find our annual Giving Tree in All Saints’ Hall with ways you can contribute to international gifts through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog like famine relief, farm aid, education. There will also be opportunities to help with Christmas gifts for our Family Promise families. Thanks to you, the church, for blessing others out of our abundance. Go to this link for more information: <https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org/>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – SPECIAL SERVICES:

Lessons and Carols – 11:00am on December 18th

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion – 11:00pm on December 24th

POINSETTIA FUND: We are accepting memorials and honorariums for the Poinsettia Fund again this year **through Sunday, December 11th**. The two poinsettias that decorate our pulpit during Advent represent our Jane B. Morris Service and Fuel Fund ministry that the memorials and honorariums will be used to support. Please use the envelopes provided in the pew racks to list your name and for whom you are giving in memory or in honor. **These will be listed on a special bulletin insert on Sunday, December 18th and 25th.**

UPDATED DIRECTORY INFO: **If any of your contact information has changed,** please use the insert from last Sunday, so that we can effectively communicate with the congregation and with one another. **Or, you may also reply to the Cliffnotes with updates. Thank you!**

WREATH SALES: **The annual wreath sale is on!** See Carole Thomas or Ginger Chastain today, November 27th, to reserve your wreath. **Wreaths are \$35 each, and all proceeds will be used to offset the cost of the Youth's 2023 summer conference trips.**

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

YOUTH MEALS: If you are willing to help our Youth by providing a Sunday evening meal for their Fellowship time, please email Cindy Townsend at ctownsend65@gmail.com with the date that you have available. Thank you!

SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL: All are invited to join the adult Seekers Sunday School class for a **short-term Advent study that began today**. It's not too late to join us, 9:30am in the Parlor. Let Jo Anne Gessell know if you'd like a book.

CENTERING PRAYER: All are welcome every Monday morning from 11:00am – 12:00 noon in the church parlor. We begin with Lectio Divina, a way of praying scripture; followed by a 20-minute silent centering prayer time.

LAST CALL FOR LOCAL MINISTRY NEEDS: If you are planning to make any donations to **WARMTH AND COMFORT FOR THE ELDERLY** for their December drive of toiletries, or their Items of Warmth for the elderly in our local health care facilities, please drop those off **at the church office no later than this Wednesday, November 30th**. They are collecting: *toothpaste, toothbrushes, denture cleaner, hand soaps (no bar soap, please per DHEC regs), body wash, shampoo, conditioner, hand and body lotions, notepads, pencils, and pens. Items of Warmth: new or handmade blankets, shawls, throws, hats, scarves, gloves, and socks.* For questions, email warmthandcomfort@gmx.com or call 864-668-1021. Thank you, Tammy Ferguson.

DR. TORREY'S SCHEDULE AND OFFICE HOURS:

Office hours: Tues - Thurs 10:00am - 1:00pm, unless something takes him out of the office. If you want to just stop by, you can find him then. Afternoons/Evenings he will be visiting members, visitors, community members, or attending meetings. He will be in town Tuesday morning through Sunday afternoon. You can reach him anytime at:

Email: dtorrey219@gmail.com **Phone:** 864.878.9422 ext. 2, 803.317.3331 (cell)

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: \$3,381., Building Fund: \$0.

Contributions Needed Weekly to Maintain 2022 Budget: \$4,492.13.

Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$218,558.85, includes \$34,970 online.**

Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$193,873.26.**

FOOD PANTRY: Ongoing need: fruit juices, spices, shelf-stable milk, canned meats, or any other non-perishables to fill the boxes for the hungry in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Roy Stoddard

Isaiah 2.1 – 5

Psalms 122

Romans 13.11 – 14

Matthew 24.36 – 44

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Ken Acker

Isaiah 11.1 – 10

Psalms 72.1 – 7, 18 – 19

Romans 15.4 – 13

Matthew 3.1 – 12

Church Activities and Events This Week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, Nov 27	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 1 st Advent Sunday	
	12:30pm	Lunch & Greening Event for Advent	All Saints' Hall
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	All Saints' Hall
Monday, Nov 28	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Parlor
Tuesday, Nov 29	9:00am	Jane B Morris & Kerosene Fuel Fund	Church Office
	6:30pm	Upcountry Quilters Guild	All Saints' Hall
Wednesday, Nov 30	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	9:45am	Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Bible Study	All Saints' Hall
	12:00pm	Pickens Rotary Club	All Saints' Hall
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:00pm	Officer Training	Session Room
Thursday, Dec 1	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	5:00pm	Millstone Pickens POA	All Saints' Hall
Friday, Dec 2		<i>Office Closed</i>	
	8:00pm	End of Pickens Christmas Parade	Main Parking Lot
Saturday, Dec 3	12:00pm-9:00pm	Pickens Fire Dept Christmas Event	All Saints' Hall
Sunday, Dec 4	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 2 nd Advent Sunday	
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	All Saints' Hall

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

PRAYER REQUESTS: You are encouraged to share prayer concerns in worship, or on the pew rack cards placing them in the offering plates, or email the church office – pickenspres@bellsouth.net.

Prayer Concern 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>
Ann Cooper (friend of Jessica McCormick).....	health concerns
Sonny Brooks (brother-in-law of Judy Cook & Nancy Goldsmith).....	health concerns
April Suffern (Robert & Donna's daughter).....	health concerns

Anna Zubchenko (friend of Judy Cook) health and safety
Tasha Korn (friend of Judy Cook) health and safety
Lucas (Len Josefson's nephew) health concerns
Larry Moss (Modena's husband) health concerns

Eastern Kentucky, Missouri and West Virginia floods. PDA support: gifts to [DR000191](#)

California wildfires. PDA support: gifts to [DR000165](#)

Peace in Ukraine. PDA support: gifts to [DR000156](#) or text PDAUKR to 41444

Hurricane Ian victims. PDA support: gifts to [DR000194](#)

Make checks payable to Presbyterian Church (USA) and put the gift number in the memo line.

The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of David Hall (Cathy and Emily) on his dying to this life on November 14, 2022.

Long Term Prayer Concern List

Mary Sue Day, Faye Padgett, Jay Pence, "Gig" Alexander, Melvin Tolliver (Deb Holtel's uncle), Jo Ann Taylor, John & Tiffanie Torrey (David's brother and sister-in-law)

PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministers – All Members
Transitional Pastor – The Reverend Dr. David Torrey
Parish Associate – The Reverend Beverly Kelly
Church Administrator/Treasurer – Cyndi Banks
Interim Choir Director – Dr. Marianne Holland
Interim Organist – Steve Ellison
Director of Child Development Center – Chasity Lesley

SESSION & COMMITTEES

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Deb Holtel	Ken Acker	Tina LaFoy
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Dr. Jim Mahanes	Rocky Harden	Debbie Teeple
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Clerk of Session: Matt McCann

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Building and Grounds: Roy Stoddard (Moderator), Rocky Harden, Len Josefson

Child Development Center: Jim Mahanes

Christian Education: Cindy Townsend (Moderator)

Church Office and Administration: Donna Owen

Congregational Care: Deb Holtel (Moderator)

Evangelism and Membership: Tina LaFoy (Moderator), Len Josefson

Financial Oversight: Ken Acker (Moderator), Donna Owen, Ken Townsend

Mission and Outreach: Roger Gettys (Moderator), Tina LaFoy

Worship: Debbie Teeple (Moderator)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION

Presbyterian Women Moderator – Nancy Goldsmith

Sarah/Emily Circle Co- Moderators – Christa Schwab and Kay Tilley

Eve Circle Moderators – Sherry Schell and Debbie Carmical

THE GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH

(Book of Order) G-1.0200

The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind
The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
The maintenance of divine worship
The preservation of the truth
The promotion of social righteousness
The exhibition of the Kingdom to the world

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