

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.

Prelude

“Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

Charles Callaham

***Call to Worship & Lighting the Advent Candle**

The McCann Family

And we all say together,

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

Advent Wreath Prayer**Advent Wreath Song #12 (vs 1 & 2)**

“People Look East”

- 1. 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.*
- 2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there: Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today: Love the rose is on the way.*

The Church Confesses***Invitation to Confession*****Unison Prayer of Confession:**

God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have been hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and hurt others, destroying what you have called good. Forgive us, and fill us with your knowledge, so we may help bring forth your peaceful kin-dom. . . . (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**

The Church Proclaims God's Word

Pew Bible Page
Elder Tina LaFoy

Prayer for Illumination

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

(OT 602)

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

*Hymn #9

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 3.1-12

(NT 2)

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

Sermon

“Changing Direction”

The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

*Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anthem

“Prepare the Way”
PPC Adult Choir

Trad. French melody,
arr. M. Barrett

Offering

Offertory

“What Shall We Give?”

Traditional Catalan Carol

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Wine

Communion of the People *(As we are one body, let us wait to eat and drink together)*

Bless the Lord, O my soul; *and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *and forget not all God's benefits.*

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn #48**

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

“What Is This Lovely Fragrance”

Setting by Paul Manz

(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.*

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>
Ken Acker.....	health concerns
Jimmy Gilliam	health concerns
<u>Ann Cooper (friend of Jessica McCormick).....</u>	<u>health concerns</u>
Sonny Brooks (brother-in-law of Judy Cook & Nancy Goldsmith).....	health concerns
<u>April Suffern (Robert & Donna’s daughter).....</u>	<u>health concerns</u>
Anna Zubchenko (friend of Judy Cook)	health and safety
<u>Tasha Korn (friend of Judy Cook)</u>	<u>health and safety</u>

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.

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 4, 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.*

WREATH SALES: If you ordered a wreath, they are available today! Please meet Carole Thomas in the library to pick yours up and get checked off. You may pay at pick up if you haven’t yet.

CDC SHOPPING: The youth will shop for needy CDC families this afternoon immediately following church. **Thank you to the congregation for your support; you contributed over \$600 to this wonderful ministry!**

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Our Youth will meet not meet this evening, but will have their Christmas Party at Anna Chastain’s house next Sunday, December 11th, at 5:30pm.

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!

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 today 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 **through next Sunday, December 11th**. The two poinsettias that decorate our pulpit during Advent represent our Jane B. Morris Service and Fuel Fund ministry that your donations 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 email the church office, pickenspres@bellsouth.net, or you may also reply to the Cliffnotes with any updates. Thank you!

SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL: All are invited to join the adult Seekers Sunday School class for a **short-term Advent study**. 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.

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: **\$1,465.**, Building Fund: **\$0.**

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

Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$220,779.16, includes \$35,470 online.**

Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$196,083.23.**

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: Tina LaFoy

Isaiah 11.1 – 10

Psalms 72.1 – 7, 18 – 19

Romans 15.4 – 13

Matthew 3.1 – 12

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Jim Mahanes

Isaiah 35.1 – 10

Psalms 146.5 – 10 or Luke 1.46 – 55

James 5.7 – 10

Matthew 11.2 – 11

Church Activities and Events This Week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, Dec 4	9:30am	Sunday School	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	
	11:00am	Worship Service – 2 nd Advent Sunday	
	12:00pm	Youth CDC Christmas Shopping	

Monday, Dec 5	8:30am 11:00am	Food Pantry Centering Prayer	Church Office Parlor
Tuesday, Dec 6	9:00am 10:00am 5:30pm 7:00pm	Kerosene Fuel Fund Sarah Emily Circle Eve Circle Girl Scouts	Church Office All Saints' Hall All Saints' Hall
Wednesday, Dec 7	8:30am 9:45am 10:30am 12:00pm 3:00pm 4:30pm 6:00pm	Food Pantry Children's Chapel Bible Study Pickens Rotary Club Building & Grounds Committee Mtg Choir Rehearsal Officer Training	Church Office Sanctuary All Saints' Hall All Saints' Hall All Saints' Hall Sanctuary Session Room
Thursday, Dec 8	12:00pm 6:30pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes Pickens Co Beekeepers Assoc.	All Saints' Hall
Friday, Dec 9		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, Dec 10			
Sunday, Dec 11	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 5:30pm	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service – 3 rd Advent Sunday Session Meeting Youth Christmas Party	All Saints' Hall Session Room Anna's house

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

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
Len Josefson	Roger Gettys	Donna Owen
Dr. Jim Mahanes	Rocky Harden	Debbie Teeple
Matt McCann	Roy Stoddard	Cindy Townsend
	Ken Townsend	
Trustee: Leo Tilley	Trustee: Allison Ranson	Trustee: Debbie Carmical

Moderator: Rev. Dr. David A. Torrey
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Clerk of Session: Matt McCann
Assistant Clerk of Session: Deb Holtel

Deacons: Betsey Chalmers and Austin Townsend

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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