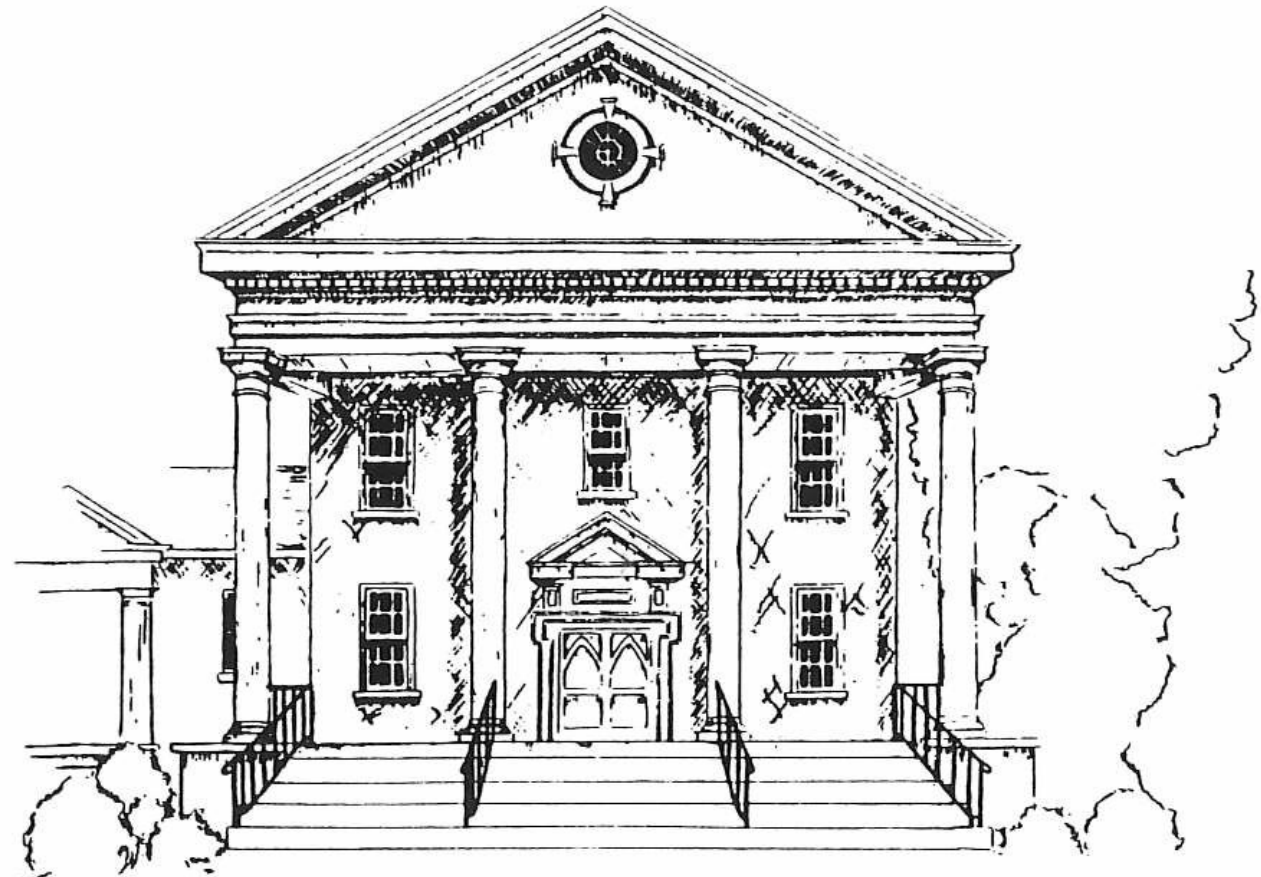


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*“To the Glory of God, and
the Service of People”*

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

“Lamb of God”

Twila Paris

***Call to Worship**

To all searching for grace and truth, *Come and see!*
 To all searching for meaning and purpose, *Come and see!*
 To all searching for abundant life, *Come and see!*
ALL: *Come, let us worship God.*

Prayer of Praise**Hymn #267**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

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

Merciful God, We confess that we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ. Forgive us . . .
for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate,
for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs,
for the times we have hoarded our abundance,
for the times we have turned away from your children in need.
For the many ways we fail to follow Jesus, forgive us. Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed. Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ. . . . (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**

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

Pew Bible Page
Elder Ken Townsend

Prayer for Illumination

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 49.1-7 (OT 638)
This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

***Hymn #376** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

2nd Scripture Reading: John 1.29-42 (NT 86)
This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon "Once is Not Enough"
The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

Service of Ordination and Installation

Sentences of Scripture 1 Cor. 12:4–7, 27
There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

For Deacons/Ruling Elders to be Ordained and Installed

Profession of Faith

... With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions

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Do we, the members of the church, accept David, Nancy, Robert, and Starla as Ruling Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Prayer of Ordination and Installation, and the Laying on of Hands

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Declaration of Installation

Welcome by the Session Members

Anthem

*“God Is Here”
PPC Adult Choir*

C.V. Taylor

Offering

Offertory

“The Power of Your Love”

Geoff Bullock

***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 #411**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
(Please remain seated until worship ends with the end of the Postlude)*

Arr. Ovid Young

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> |
|--|-----------------|
| *Patty Rivers..... | health concerns |
| *Scott Kelly..... | health concerns |
| June Harden..... | health concerns |
| Doug Finney..... | health concerns |
| <u>Ann Nicholson (sister of Joe Christopher)</u> | health concerns |
| <u>Danny Dyer (Darrell Cook's cousin)</u> | cancer |

**new this week*

Peace in Ukraine. PDA support: gifts to [DR000156](#) or text PDAUKR to 41444
Make checks payable to Pickens Presbyterian Church and put the gift number in the memo line.

Long Term Prayer Concern List

“Gig” Alexander, Chad Cole, Mary Sue Day, Jane Gillespie, Butch Morris, Faye Padgett, Jay Pence, Jo Ann Taylor, Melvin Tolliver (Deb Holtel’s uncle), John & Tiffanie Torrey (David’s brother and sister-in-law), Carole Torrey (David’s mother)

The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of Mary Gaillard on the passing of her brother-in-law, Jim Mullins, on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 15, 2023

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.*

SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL: All are welcome to join or drop in on Seekers Adult Sunday school each week at 9:30am in the Parlor. It’s a discussion class.

NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Our Youth will not meet this evening.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed tomorrow, January 16th, for the Martin Luther King Jr holiday.

ELDER CLASS OF 2025: During our worship this morning, the following will be ordained and/or installed into the Elder Class of 2025: Nancy Goldsmith, David McCormick, Robert Simms and Starla Taylor. Trustee: Tim Crocker. We are thankful to God for the service of the Elder class of 2022: Deb Holtel, Len Josefson, Dr. Jim Mahanes, Matt McCann and Trustee: Leo Tilley.

MLK JR DAY EVENT: All are invited to come join with your faith community tomorrow morning, January 16th, to celebrate our Annual Unity Celebration marking Martin Luther King Jr Day hosted by our siblings at Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church and other area churches. There will be a community breakfast at

9:00am with a program to follow. If you would like to help, come early to cook, set-up, serve or clean-up, contact Jo Anne Gessell at 864.650.6524.

WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY: For their January Drive Warmth and Comfort for the Elderly will be collecting Valentine cards until February 1st. It's not too early to get started on those cards for our elderly!! Get schools, business, churches, and the children and grandchildren involved!! These cards may be purchased or handmade. Please no small ones like the kids at school exchange!! Sign names or just put "from someone who cares", "someone who loves you", etc. The Deadline is February 1!! Drop off items in the designated boxes in the Narthex or the church office. For questions, email Tammy Ferguson at warmthandcomfort@gmx.com or call 864-668-1021.

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!

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.

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: \$2,090., Building Fund: \$0.
Total General Offering EOY 2022: \$273,611.12, includes \$38,810 online.
Total General Expenses EOY 2022: \$223,732.38.

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!

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)

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Ken Townsend
Isaiah 49.1 – 7
Psalm 40.1 – 11
1 Corinthians 1.1 – 9
John 1.29 – 42

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Robert Simms
Isaiah 9.1 – 4
Psalm 27.1, 4 – 9
1 Corinthians 1.10 – 18
Matthew 4.12 – 23

Church Activities and Events This Week:

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|----------------|-------------|---|------------------|
| Sunday, Jan 15 | 9:30am | Sunday School | All Saints' Hall |
| | 10:30am | Fellowship Time | |
| | 11:00am | Worship Service – 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany | |
| | 1:00pm | Session Meeting | Session Room |

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| Monday, Jan 16 | | <i>Office Closed – MLK Jr Day</i> | |
| Tuesday, Jan 17 | 9:00am | Jane Morris Service & Fuel Fund | Church Office |
| Wednesday, Jan 18 | 8:30am 9:45am 10:30am 4:30pm | Food Pantry Children’s Chapel Bible Study Choir Rehearsal | Church Office Sanctuary All Saints’ Hall Sanctuary |
| Thursday, Jan 19 | 12:00pm 6:00pm | DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes Girl Scouts | All Saints’ Hall |
| Friday, Jan 20 | | <i>Office Closed</i> | |
| Saturday, Jan 21 | 1:00pm- 4:00pm | Stokes Family event | All Saints’ Hall |
| Sunday, Jan 22 | 9:30am 10:30am 11:00am 5:30pm | Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service – 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany Youth Fellowship | All Saints’ Hall All Saints’ Hall |

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

Sermon Notes:

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

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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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