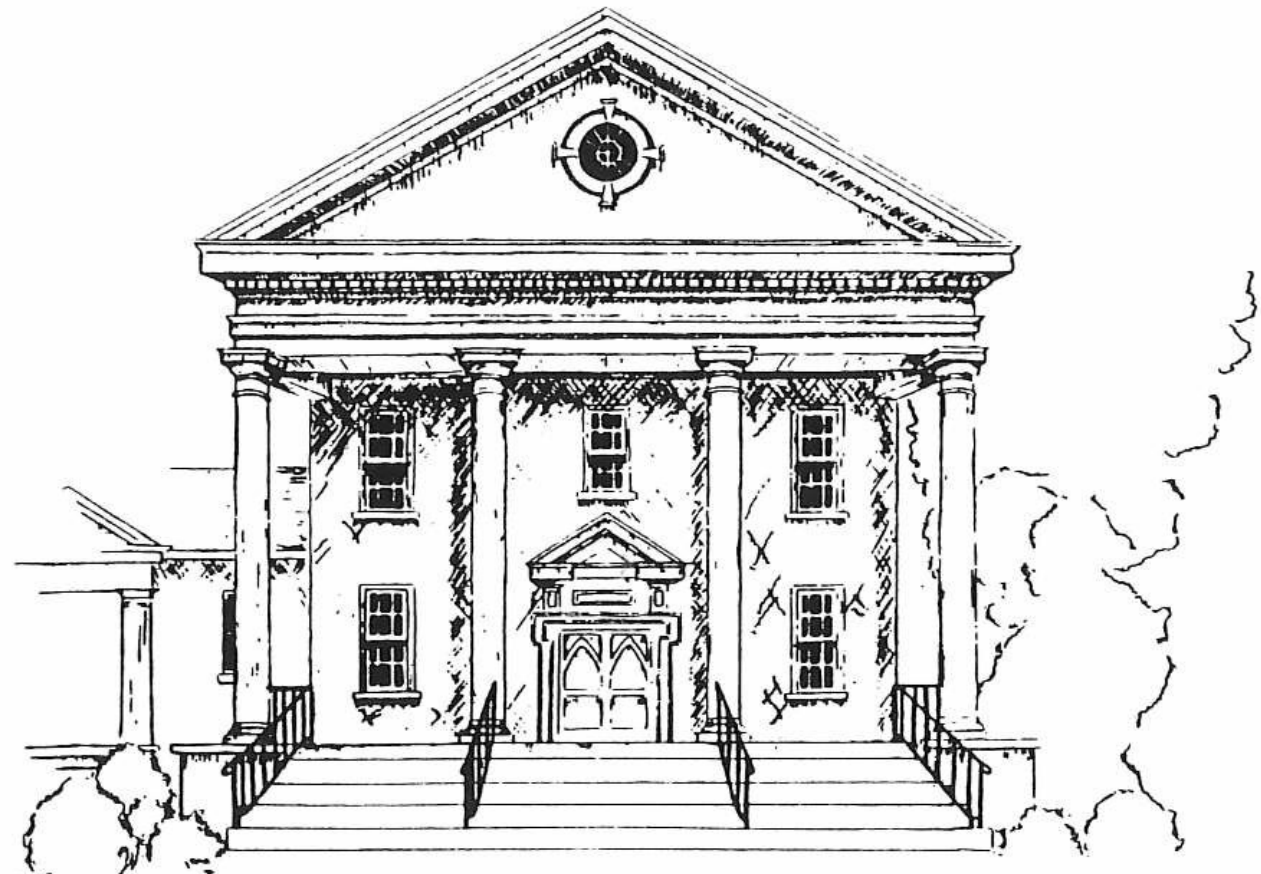


# Pickens Presbyterian Church



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*Pickens, SC 29671*

**311 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**

*“Trumpet Tune”*

*Tomaso Albinoni*

**\*Call to Worship**

The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

*to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

**ALL:** *Come, let us worship God.*

**\*Prayer of Praise****\*Hymn #276**

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

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

*God of the ages, We do not always wait with patience. We do not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize your work in our lives. We would rather take the credit for ourselves. We would rather take the easy way out. We would rather step on others if it means more for ourselves. Forgive us for all the ways we forget you. Help us to delight to do your will. Help us to trust in you and return us to the path of righteousness. . . . (silent, personal confession) Amen.*

**\*Kyrle**

*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****Prayer for Illumination**

*Pew Bible Page  
Elder Robert Simms*

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 9.1-4 (OT 600)  
This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**\*Hymn #527** "Near to the Heart of God"

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading:** Matthew 4.12-23 (NT 3)  
This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon** "How Do You Fish?"  
**The Reverend Dr. David Torrey**

**Affirmation of Faith:** *The Church Responds in 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** "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy" arr. Trey Williams  
PPC Adult Choir

**Offering**

**Offertory** "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" 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 # 345** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** "Softly and Tenderly" Will L. Thompson  
(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.*

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**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](mailto: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)*

<b><u>Name (relationship)</u></b>	<b><u>Concern</u></b>
Chris Nicholson .....	health concerns
Torin Nichols (Nancy Goldsmith's relative).....	health concerns
Patty Rivers.....	health concerns
Scott Kelly .....	health concerns
June Harden.....	health concerns
Doug Finney .....	health concerns
Ann Nicholson (sister of Joe Christopher).....	health concerns
Danny Dyer (Darrell Cook's cousin).....	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 Chris Chastain, Steve Ellison's first cousin, on his passing last Sunday, January 15, 2023.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

January 22, 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.

**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](mailto:ctownsend65@gmail.com) with the date that you have available. Thank you!

**WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY:** For their January Drive Warmth and Comfort for the Elderly will be collecting Valentine cards until February 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:warmthandcomfort@gmx.com) or call 864-668-1021.

**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: \$2,207., Building Fund: \$0.  
Total General Offering EOY 2022: \$273,611.12, includes \$38,810 online.  
Total General Expenses EOY 2022: \$224,573.84.  
**Contributions Needed Weekly to Maintain 2023 Budget: \$5,316.60.**

**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. You can reach him anytime at:

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

**Lectionary readings for today:**

Pulpit Elder: Robert Simms

Isaiah 9.1 – 4

Psalms 27.1, 4 – 9

1 Corinthians 1.10 – 18

Matthew 4.12 – 23

**Lectionary readings for next Sunday:**

Pulpit Elder: Tina LaFoy

Micah 6.1 – 8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1.18 – 31

Matthew 5.1 – 12

**Church Activities and Events This Week:**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, Jan 22	9:30am	Sunday School	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	
	11:00am	Worship Service – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	
	5:00pm	Youth Fellowship	All Saints' Hall

Monday, Jan 23	8:30am 11:00am	Food Pantry Centering Prayer	Church Office Parlor
Tuesday, Jan 24	9:00am 6:30pm	Kerosene Fuel Fund Upcountry Quilters Guild	Church Office All Saints' Hall
Wednesday, Jan 25	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 26	12:00pm 6:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes Girl Scouts	All Saints' Hall
Friday, Jan 27		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, Jan 28			
Sunday, Jan 29	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am 5:30pm	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service – 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 – Mrs. Cyndi Banks  
Interim Choir Director – Dr. Marianne Holland  
Interim Organist – Mr. Steve Ellison  
Director of Child Development Center – Mrs. Chasity Lesley  
Church Administrative Assistant – Ms. Linda Banks

## **SESSION & COMMITTEES**

### **Class of 2023**

Ken Acker  
Roger Gettys  
Rocky Harden  
Roy Stoddard  
Ken Townsend

### **Class of 2024**

Tina LaFoy  
Donna Owen  
Debbie Teeple  
Cindy Townsend

### **Class of 2025**

Nancy Goldsmith  
David McCormick  
Robert Simms  
Starla Taylor

Trustee: Allison Ranson    Trustee: Debbie Carmical    Trustee: Tim Crocker

Moderator: Rev. Dr. David A. Torrey

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### **Clerk of Session:**

**Deacons:** Betsey Chalmers and Austin Townsend

**Building and Grounds:** Roy Stoddard and David McCormick (Co-Moderators)

**Child Development Center:** Jim Mahanes

**Christian Education:** Cindy Townsend and Robert Simms (Co-Moderators)

**Administration: Budget:** Ken Acker,

**Administration:** Donna Owen,

**Finance:** Ken Townsend

**Fellowship and Care:** Tina LaFoy and Nancy Goldsmith (Co-Moderators)

**Missions:** Roger Gettys and Rocky Harden (Co-Moderators)

**Worship:** Debbie Teeple and Starla Taylor (Co-Moderators)

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Presbyterian Women Moderator – Nancy Goldsmith  
Sarah/Emily Circle Co-Moderators – Christa Schwab and Kay Tilley  
Eve Circle Co-Moderators – Sherry Schell and Debbie Carmical

## **THE GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH**

(Book of Order) F-1.0304

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 of Heaven to the world

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