

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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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

“Lord, When You Came to Jordan”

Genevan Psalter, 1542

***Call to Worship**

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary’s womb.

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples’ feet in water.

Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family.

ALL: *Come, let us worship God.*

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #361**

“How Firm a Foundation”

The Church Confesses

***Invitation to Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession:**

God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight through Jesus our 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 Jim Mahanes

Prayer for Illumination

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9 (OT 630)
This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

***Hymn #315** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 3.13-17 (NT 2)
This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon "Our Goal"
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 "Guide My Feet" African-American Spiritual
PPC Adult Choir Harm. by Wendell Whalum

Offering

Offertory "Love Medley" Marilyn Ham

***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 #339** "Be Thou My Vision"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude "A Celtic Setting" Thomas Keesecker
(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>
June Harden	health concerns
Doug Finney	health concerns
Ann Nicholson (sister of Joe Christopher).....	health concerns
Danny Dyer (Darrell Cook’s cousin).....	cancer

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)

NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION:

Many thanks for all the get-well cards, calls and visits during my illness. It was instrumental in keeping my spirits up while I went through the four week period. I am blessed to be a part of a strong Church community.

Ken Acker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 8, 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.

CIRCLE MEETING: The Eve Circle will meet this Tuesday, January 10th, at 5:00pm in All Saints' Hall, and will be studying Lesson Five in the Horizons Bible Study, "Sabbath and Servitude." All are invited to attend!

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!!

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.

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!

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: \$1,923., Building Fund: \$0.
Total General Offering EOY 2022: \$273,611.12, includes \$38,810 online.
Total General Expenses EOY 2022: \$223,332.38.

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: Jim Mahanes

Isaiah 42.1 – 9

Psalms 29

Acts 10.34 – 43

Matthew 3.13 – 17

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Robert Simms

Isaiah 49.1 – 7

Psalms 40.1 – 11

1 Corinthians 1.1 – 9

John 1.29 – 42

Church Activities and Events This Week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, Jan 8	9:30am	Sunday School	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	
	11:00am	Worship Service – Baptism of the Lord Sunday	
	5:00pm	Youth Fellowship	
Monday, Jan 9	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office Parlor
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	
Tuesday, Jan 10	9:00am	Kerosene Fuel Fund	Church Office All Saints' Hall
	5:00pm	Eve Circle	
Wednesday, Jan 11	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office Sanctuary All Saints' Hall Sanctuary
	9:45am	Children's Chapel	
	10:30am	Bible Study	
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday, Jan 12	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	All Saints' Hall
	6:30pm	Pickens Co Beekeepers Assoc.	
Friday, Jan 13		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, Jan 14	8:00am-2:30pm	CDC CPR & 1 st Aid Training	All Saints' Hall
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
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	All Saints' Hall

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

LEGACY PARTNERSHIP PROJECT, A Partnership with Foothills Presbytery, and the Presbyterian Foundation, is a time of discernment for congregations to identify gifts of the congregation, reflect upon their impact to the community, and plan for the future. Discernment is a gift from God, mediated through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

On Wednesday, January 11th, the Legacy Partnership Project Team (LPP) will have their first meeting. It will be an exciting meeting as we begin the roughly six-month process of reading, praying, discussing, and discerning the future direction God has in mind for the congregation of Pickens Presbyterian. **We invite everyone who desires, to join us in reading Joan Gray's "Sailboat Church." Please use this tear-off and place it in the offering plate to order your copies.**

I would like to order _____ copies of Joan Gray's "*Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice*"

Name(s): _____

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

(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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