

# 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**

*“Meditation on ‘Of the Father’s Love Begotten’”*

*Charles Callahan*

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

*Anna and Ginger Chastain*

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 & 3)**

**“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.*
- 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People, look east and sing today: Love the bird is on the way.*

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

*Magnificent God, it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom and the hungry being filled with good things. We may not want the powerful to be brought down or the rich to be sent away empty. We know that sometimes, we are the powerful. Sometimes, we are the rich. Sometimes we are the ones with privilege, ignoring and harming those you would lift up. Forgive us, humble us, and refocus us, that we may follow your way of life and truth. . . . (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 Jim Mahanes*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 35.1-10

*(OT 623)*

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

**\*Hymn #8**

**“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading:** Matthew 11.2-11

*(NT 10)*

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

**Sermon**

*“What Do You See?”*

**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**

*“Call His Name Jesus”*

*Barrett and Martin*

*PPC Adult Choir*

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*“All Earth Is Hopeful”*

*Setting, David M Cherwien*

**\*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 #5

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“People, Look East”

Setting, Franklin D Ashdown

(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](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>
Chad Cole.....	health concerns
Butch Morris.....	health concerns
Ken Acker.....	health concerns
Jimmy Gilliam.....	health concerns
Ann Cooper (friend of Jessica McCormick).....	health concerns
Sonny Brooks (brother-in-law of Judy Cook & Nancy Goldsmith).....	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.*

**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)

**NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION:**

*On behalf of my family, I want to say Thank you for the cards, phone calls, visits received during Dad’s last hospitalization and his passing. Your thoughts and prayers were a great comfort to us and supported us through those difficult days. We ask that you keep us in your prayers for the weeks and months to come.*

*Cynthia Boney*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 11, 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.*

*The Christmas flowers today are given by the members of Pickens Presbyterian to the Glory of God and to honor Dr. Marianne Holland for her tireless work with our choir and their beautiful music that held us together through the "hard" times our church has experienced.*

**LAST CALL - POINSETTIA FUND:** We are accepting memorials and honorariums for the Poinsettia Fund **through today, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Our Youth will have their Christmas Party at Anna Chastain's house this evening 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](mailto:ctownsend65@gmail.com) with the date that you have available. Thank you!

**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 18<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion – 11:00pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**UPDATED DIRECTORY INFO:** If any of your contact information has changed, please email the church office, [pickenspres@bellsouth.net](mailto:pickenspres@bellsouth.net), or you may also reply to the Cliffnotes with any updates. Thank you!

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

## GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: **\$8,060.**, Building Fund: **\$0.**

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

Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$229,892.68, includes \$36,440 online.**

Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$202,129.24.**

**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: Jim Mahanes

Isaiah 35.1 – 10

Psalm 146.5 – 10 or Luke 1.46 – 55

James 5.7 – 10

Matthew 11.2 – 11

### Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Ken Townsend

Isaiah 7.10 – 16

Psalm 80.1 – 7, 17 – 19

Romans 1.1 – 7

Matthew 1:18–25

## Church Activities and Events This Week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, Dec 11	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Advent Sunday	
	1:00pm	Session Meeting	Session Room
	5:30pm	Youth Christmas Party	Anna's House
Monday, Dec 12	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Parlor
Tuesday, Dec 13	9:00am	Jane B Morris Service & Fuel Fund	Church Office
	6:30pm	Upcountry Quilters Guild	All Saints' Hall
Wednesday, Dec 14	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 15	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	1:30pm	Quilters Guild – Small Group	McJunkin Room
Friday, Dec 16		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, Dec 17			

Sunday, Dec 18

9:30am

Sunday School

10:30am

Fellowship Time

11:00am

Worship Service – 4<sup>th</sup> Advent Sunday  
– Lessons & Carols

All Saints' Hall

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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