

Pickens Presbyterian Church



**11 WEST MAIN STREET
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671**

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

. . . in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. *Thanks be to God.*

***Gloria Patri #579**

The Church Proclaims God's Word

Offering & "Christmas Joy" Special Offering

Offertory

"Silent Night"

Franz Gruber

Nevaeh Harden – Violin; Anna Chastain – Clarinet; Robert Wood – Bass

(on 3rd playing of Silent Night, the Congregation is invited to join in singing verse one)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology #592**

Cantata

"Sing a Song of Christmas"

by Michael Barrett & Joseph M. Martin

Prelude of Joy

Tune: Antioch

A Song of Christmas

Music by Joseph M. Martin

Narration

Mrs. Linda Crocker

Come, Emmanuel

Tune "Greensleeves" arr. By Michael Barrett

Narration (from Isaiah 40.3)

Dr. Joe Padgett

Prepare the Way

Trad. French Melody, Words & Music M. Barrett

Narration (from Luke 1.30-31)

Mrs. Diana Morris

Call the Baby Jesus

Words & Music by Barrett & Martin

Narration (from Luke 2.1-7)

Marvin Short

Sleep, Little Lamb

Words & Music by Joseph Martin

Narration (from Luke 2.8-14)

Ms. Debbie Teeple

Come, Hear the Music

Joseph Martin

Narration (from Matthew 2.1-12)

Mark Taylor

In Bethlehem

Joseph Martin

***Narrator**

Rev. Terri Price

The light that shone on Bethlehem, so many years ago is still shining for us today. Seekers still follow its flame and discover new life. The faithful Still gather by candlelight to remember and declare their worship and devotion.

ALL: *And so now, with hearts rejoicing, we lift our carols of praise.*

Narrator: With spirits united, we proclaim our thanksgiving and commitment to Christ.

ALL: *With voices raised in song, we share what we believe.*

Narrator: Christ the Promise was born.

ALL: *Christ the Teacher lived.*

Narrator: Christ the Savior died.

ALL: *Christ the Lord rose again.*

Narrator: Christ the King will come again in glory.

ALL: *Rejoice! Glory to God in the Highest!
Alleluia! Let the song of Christmas resound!*

Christmas Songs of Joy

arr. By Michael Barrett

PPC Adult Choir

Dr. Marianne Holland, Interim Choral Director

Mr. Steve Ellison, Interim Organist/Pianist

The Church Responds in Faith

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 #31**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

The Strings: Robert Wood, Joe Padgett, Ken Roper,
O.D. Hendricks, Wes Bolding

Violin: Nevaeh Harden

Clarinet: Anna Chastain

Cello: Jayden Harden

French Horn: June Simms

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

"Joy to the World"

G. F. Handel

(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.*

NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION:

Thank you for the beautiful flowers placed in the sanctuary on December 11th in my honor. I deeply appreciate your thinking of me. The PPC choir has worked hard to bring music to you during these times of pandemic, change in leadership of PPC, and I am grateful for them and for the support of the congregation. May you each have a wonderful holiday season.

Dr. Marianne Holland

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>
Chad Cole.....	health concerns
Butch Morris.....	health concerns
Ken Acker.....	health concerns
<u>Jimmy Gilliam.....</u>	<u>health concerns</u>
Ann Cooper (friend of Jessica McCormick).....	health concerns
<u>Sonny Brooks (brother-in-law of Judy Cook & Nancy Goldsmith).....</u>	<u>health concerns</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, Jane Gillespie, Melvin Tolliver (Deb Holtel’s uncle), Jo Ann Taylor, John & Tiffanie Torrey (David’s brother and sister-in-law)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 18, 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.*

LESSONS & CAROLS: The Adult Choir is happy to welcome some guest singers for the Lessons and Carols service today. Wes Bolding and Steve Pace are from the Dacusville Methodist Church and members of the PPC Men’s Chorus. Jayden Harden and June Simms are Youth members of PPC. Thanks to all these friends of the church, and future choir members for joining with us today. And we especially thank Peggy and David Torrey for sharing their talents and love of music with us.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: This special offering will be collected during Offertory today. The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical

financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. **Please see the bulletin insert for more information. You can also Text CHRISTMASJOY to 91999 or go to pcusa.org/christmas-joy/ .** If giving online, please include the name of our congregation.

NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Our Youth will not meet for fellowship again until Sunday, January 8th.

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!

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/>

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion – 11:00pm on December 24th

Nativity of our Lord Jesus - “Come as you are” worship service - 11:00am on December 25th.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed on Thursday, December 22nd, and Monday, December 26th.

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: \$12,668., Building Fund: \$75.

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

Total General Offering Year-to-Date: \$243,440.99, includes \$36,640 online.

Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: \$204,152.47.

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:

Isaiah 7.10 – 16
 Psalm 80.1 – 7, 17 – 19
 Romans 1.1 – 7
 Matthew 1:18–25

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Jim Mahanes
 Isaiah 52.7 – 10
 Psalm 98
 Hebrews 1.1 – 4 [5 – 12]
 John 1.1 – 14

Church Activities and Events This Week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, Dec 18	9:30am	Sunday School	All Saints' Hall Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	
	11:00am	Worship Service – 4 th Advent Sunday – Lessons & Carols	
Monday, Dec 19	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office Parlor
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	
Tuesday, Dec 20	11:00 – 2:00	Staff Christmas Lunch	
Wednesday, Dec 21	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office Sanctuary All Saints' Hall All Saints' Hall
	9:45am	Children's Chapel	
	10:30am	NO Bible Study	
	12:00pm	Rotary Club	
	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
Thursday, Dec 22		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Friday, Dec 23		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, Dec 24	11:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service	Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec 25	9:30am	Sunday School	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	
	11:00am	Worship Service – Christmas Day	

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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