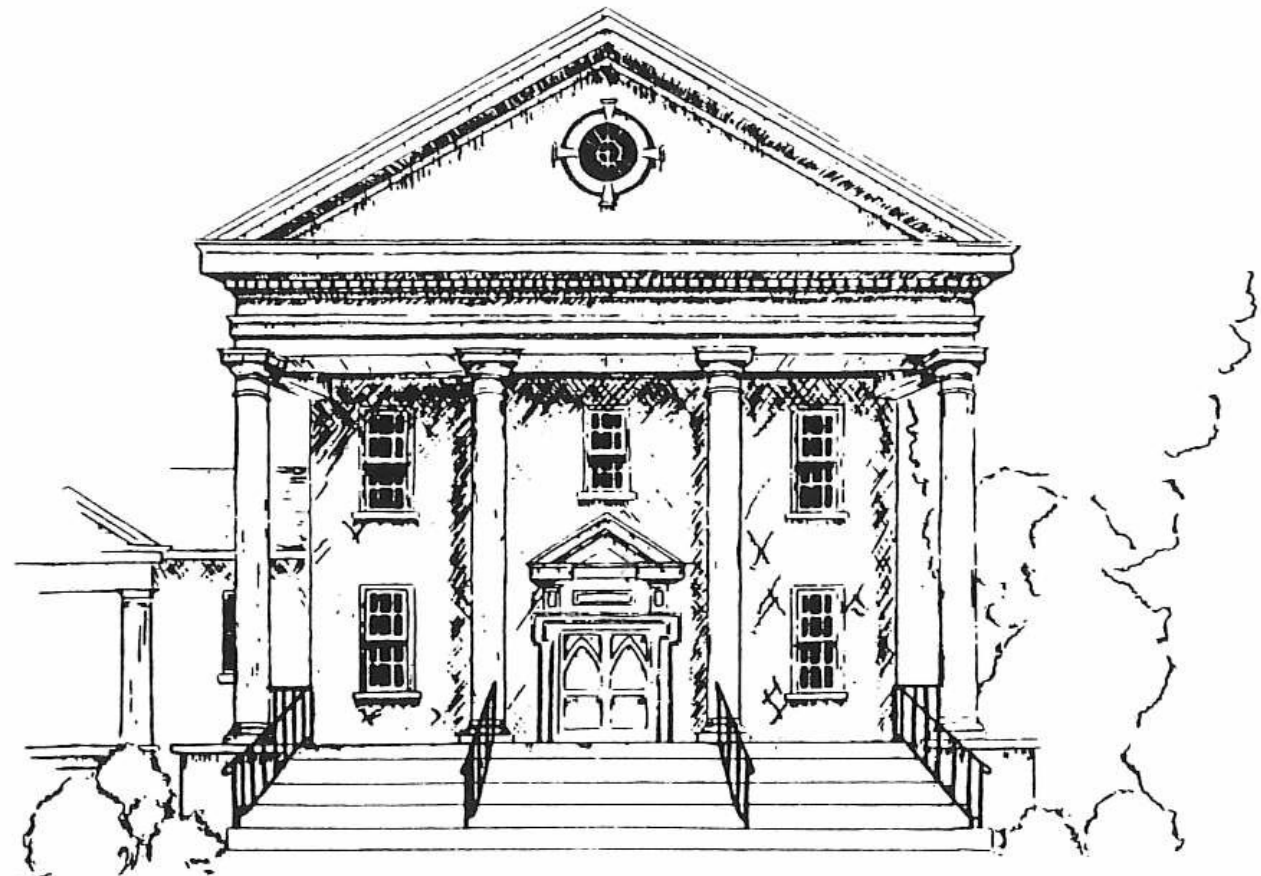


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*“To the Glory of God, and
the Service of People”*

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

“Trumpet Tune”

Tomaso Albinoni

***Call to Worship**

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

ALL: *Come, let us worship God.*

Prayer of Praise**Hymn #423**

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

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

Holy One, in your presence we confess our captivity to sin and our resistance to your way. You have chosen what is foolish to shame the wisdom of this world, but we boast in our knowledge and ignore the insights of others. You have chosen what is weak to shame the powers of this world, but we boast in our strength and refuse the gifts of others. You have chosen what is despised to shame the values of this world, but we boast in our merits and reject the worth of others. Forgive us Holy One. Renew and reshape our lives with the message of the cross. Teach us to boast in nothing but the crucified and risen one: Jesus Christ our Lord. . . . (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

Prayer for Illumination

1st Scripture Reading: Micah 6.1-8
This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

(OT 816)

***Hymn #396**

"O For a Closer Walk with God"

2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 5.1-12
This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

(NT 4)

Sermon

"Foolish Talk"
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

"Come, Gracious Spirit" arr. Wood
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 #441**

"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"

***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.*

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>
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

**new this week*

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

Long Term Prayer Concern List

“Gig” Alexander, 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 Stephanie Michelle “Shelley” Grosso Hoffman, great-niece of Jay Pence, on her dying to this life on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS January 29, 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 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 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.

CENTERING PRAYER: All are welcome every Monday morning from 11:00am – 12:00 noon in the church parlor. There will be a 20-minute silent centering prayer time.

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: **\$5,830.67**, Building Fund: **\$55**.
Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$15,353.68**, includes **\$1,390 online**.
Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$20,414.19**.
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 **Phone:** 864.878.9422 ext. 2, 803.317.3331 (cell)

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Tina LaFoy
Micah 6.1 – 8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1.18 – 31
Matthew 5.1 – 12

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Debbie Teeple
Isaiah 58.1 – 9a [9b – 12]
Psalm 112.1 – 9 [10]
1 Corinthians 2.1 – 12 [13 – 16]
Matthew 5.13 – 20

Church Activities and Events This Week:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, Jan 29	9:30am	Sunday School	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	
	11:00am	Worship Service – 4 th Sunday after Epiphany	
	5:00pm	Youth Fellowship	All Saints' Hall

Monday, Jan 30	8:30am 11:00am	Food Pantry Centering Prayer	Church Office Parlor
Tuesday, Jan 31	9:00am	Jane Morris & Kerosene Fuel Fund	Church Office
Wednesday, Feb 1	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, Feb 2	12:00pm 6:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes Girl Scouts	All Saints' Hall
Friday, Feb 3		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, Feb 4			
Sunday, Feb 5	9:30am 10:30am 11:00am 5:30pm	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service – 5 th 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

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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

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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 of Heaven to the world

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