

# 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, I want to Be a Christian” Am. Folk Hymn, arr. Berry*

**\*Call to Worship**

The day has dawned, the morning star rises in our hearts.

*We witness the glory of Christ!*

God speaks to us in cloud and flame, in mysterious words and dazzling visions.

*We witness the glory of Christ!*

The Lord loves justice and equity, and is exalted over all the people.

*We witness the glory of Christ!*

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

**\*Prayer of Praise****\*Hymn #474**

*“O Splendor of God's Glory Bright”*

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

*Magnificent God, we cannot stand before the glory of your presence. You shine with divine light, and we are overwhelmed by your goodness. Lift us in your mercy, release us from our fear, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might reflect your light and share your love, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. . . . (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****Prayer for Illumination**

*Pew Bible Page  
Elder Cindy Townsend*

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading:** Exodus 24.12-18 (OT 68)  
This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**\*Hymn #138** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading:** Matthew 17.1-9 (NT 17)  
This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon** “Seeing ‘Things’”  
**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** “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” American Spiritual  
PPC Adult Choir

**Offering**

**Offertory** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” J.G. Werner, arr. Holland

**\*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 #73** “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** “O Zion Haste” J. Walch, arr. Berry  
(Please remain seated until worship ends with the end of the Postlude)

**Worship Has Ended – Service Begins**  
*\*Those who are able please stand in body or spirit.*

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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>
Barry Moorner (co-worker of David McCormick) .....	health concerns
Sam Trotter (Betsey Chalmers' brother) .....	health concerns

*\*new this week*

**Peace in Ukraine.** PDA support: gifts to [DR000156](#) or text PDAUKR to 41444  
**Earthquake in Syria/Turkey.** PDA support: gifts to [DR999999-ST Earthquake](#).  
*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, Doug Finney, Jane Gillespie, Scott Kelly, 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 Mary Beth Ellison, wife of our organist, Steve Ellison, on her dying to this life on Thursday, February 16, 2023.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** February 19, 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.*

**REQUEST FROM MISSION COMMITTEE:** The Mission Committee wishes to compile a list of people willing to drive folks to doctor’s appointments, etc. for those who are unable. You may notify the church office, or see Bill Ranson to sign up. Thank you for your willingness to help others.

**ALSO FROM MISSIONS:** The Committee also needs volunteers for the church’s Food Pantry. This would include shopping, packing the boxes, and bringing boxes to the church office to be distributed. You will not need to purchase out of pocket, and there is a list of needed items already in place, and carts to move materials. Please

let Roger Gettys or Bill Ranson know if you are willing to help. If you have any specific questions, please Call Cyndi in the church office, ext 1.

**CE BUILDING COMMITTEE:** The Session established an Ad Hoc committee to gather and evaluate suggestions of new/additional uses for the CE Building. Please use your phone camera to read the QR code to complete the survey of suggestions. Or, if you are on a computer, you can click on the QR code at right.



**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!

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** We hope you can join us for our Ash Wednesday service this week, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

**SAILBOAT CHURCH DISCUSSION GROUP:** Our discussion group will continue this Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm in All Saints Hall or you may Zoom in with the link Dr Torrey sent out last Tuesday for those who have signed up to participate.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** Pickens County Meal on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals to Pickens Co residents. See Thursday's Cliffnotes for more information. Contact Marsha Robertson at 864.855.3770 or [marsha.robertson@pcmow.org](mailto:marsha.robertson@pcmow.org)

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Gift cards and other items are needed by Family Promise to help homeless families in our community. Please see Thursday's Cliffnotes for more information and a list of items, or contact Jo Anne Gessell.

**GENERAL FUND UPDATE:**

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: **\$1,350.**, Building Fund: **\$0.**

Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$28,642.38, includes \$2,380 online.**

Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$35,780.51.**

**Contributions Needed Weekly to Maintain 2023 Budget: \$5,316.60.**

**FOOD PANTRY: Ongoing need:** *fruit juices, shelf-stable milk, canned meats/entrees, cereal bars, 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)

<b><u>Serving:</u></b>	<b><u>February 19, 2023</u></b>	<b><u>February 26, 2023</u></b>
Pulpit Elder:	Cindy Townsend	Roy Stoddard
Sanctuary Guild:	Mary Gaillard	Mary Gaillard
Ushers:	Roger Gettys & Jimmy Gilliam	Jan & Gary Sparks

**Lectionary readings for today:**                      **Lectionary readings for next Sunday:**

Pulpit Elder: Cindy Townsend	Pulpit Elder: Roy Stoddard
Exodus 24.12 – 18	Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99	Psalm 32
2 Peter 1.16 – 21	Romans 5:12–19
Matthew 17.1 – 9	Matthew 4:1–11

**Church Activities and Events This Week:**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, Feb 19	9:30am	Sunday School	All Saints' Hall Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	
	11:00am	Worship Service – Transfiguration of the Lord	
	12:30pm	Session Meeting	
Monday, Feb 20	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	Session Room All Saints' Hall
	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
Tuesday, Feb 21	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Parlor
Wednesday, Feb 22	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	9:45am	Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Bible Study	All Saints' Hall
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
Thursday, Feb 23	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	All Saints' Hall All Saints' Hall
	4:00pm	Sailboat Church Discussion Group	
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	
Friday, Feb 24		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, Feb 25	7:30am-2:00pm	CDC CPR/1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Training	All Saints' Hall
Sunday, Feb 26	9:30am	Sunday School	All Saints' Hall Sanctuary All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	
	10:20am	Choir Rehearsal	
	11:00am	Worship Service – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	

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

***Sailboat Church: Chapter 2***                      **“The Sailing Life”**

In real life, no congregation will function like a rowboat or a Sailboat all the time. Most churches will experience a mixture of sailing and rowing. But if God is calling us to do more sailing than rowing, then it is important to be able to recognize what this might look like in church life.

***Sailboat churches experience church as a divine-human partnership.*** In the Sailboat church, God and believers work together as partners. In this partnership what we do is important; what God does is essential. Church sailors know that the essence of church is participating in a dynamic, interactive process with a living God.

***Sailboat churches make nurturing relationship with Jesus Christ a top priority.*** Leaders in Sailboat congregations believe helping people grow as active Christ followers is the first priority. They keep Jesus at the center of the church's life and its mission.

***Sailboat churches are Holy Spirit powered.*** Just as there is no sailing without the wind, so there is no church worthy of the name apart from the Holy Spirit.

***Sailboat churches live by prayer.*** Prayer gives the Spirit "place and space" to work in our lives.

***Sailboat churches are shaped and guided by interaction with Scripture.*** Sailboat congregations know that in order to engage in God's mission in the world they need to be formed by God's written word.

***Sailboat churches require spiritual leaders.*** Spiritual leaders are people who help others to seek and do God's will. These spiritual leaders, both clergy and laity, know that any authority they bear is delegated to them by Jesus.

***Sailboat churches take spiritual realities and resources seriously.*** In the Sailboat church, as people pray and act in faith, the Holy Spirit draws forth the resources necessary for them to do what God truly wants them to do. The God who calls is the God who provides.

***Sailboat churches live to sail.*** Sailboat churches know that they exist to sail with the winds of the Spirit on the course that God has set out for them in the world. The members of these churches also understand that God has called each one of them into the sailing life.

***Sailboat churches are places of transformation.*** In a Sailboat church, people grow out of the need to be the center of their own universe, becoming less self-centered and more God-centered.

***Sailboat churches teach and practice discernment.*** Christian discernment is about sorting out God's voice from the others and making decisions based on the desire to be in the flow of God's will. It also involves a commitment to do God's will, whatever it may be.

#### Team observations and thoughts

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So much of our world is operating under the rubric of "conforming to what makes us feel good."

We often hear people say, "We are serving God's people, but why don't they come sit in our pews?" We are to be working as hard as we do for the mission and ministry of the congregation, recognizing that even if we don't see the benefits, churches can be making good spiritual impacts.

The important thing is to be obedient in response to what God seems to be doing. As we do this, the way forward will be revealed.

# 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

(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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