

Pickens Presbyterian Church

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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

"To the Glory of God, and the Service of People"

November 12th, 2023 24th Sunday after Pentecost Eleven o'clock

Re-dedication Sunday

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

Preparation for Worship

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship, first in silence, then as we listen to the prelude.

Prelude

"Praise Him from the Mountaintop"

G. F. Handel

Choral Introit

"This Is the Day, the Lord Hath Made"

Arne

PPC Adult Choir

***Call to Worship**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Happy are those who live in your house ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Processional Hymn #262**

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

Litany of Rededication

The Christ Candle

By your grace, O God, . . . witness to the light of Christ.

The light still shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it.

The Baptismal Font

By your grace, O God, . . . and witness of your people in the world.

Buried with Christ by baptism into his death, we are raised to walk with him in newness of life.

Trusting in Jesus Christ, we rededicate this font in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

The Pulpit

You have spoken your word, O God, . . . as Christ's bold disciples in the world.

Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Trusting in Jesus Christ, we rededicate this pulpit in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Pulpit Bible

Eternal God, . . . Jesus Christ our Lord.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth.

Trusting in Jesus Christ, we rededicate this Bible in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Table

God of abundance, . . . coming rule of justice and of peace.

Be present to us always, Lord, in the breaking of bread.

Trusting in Jesus Christ, we rededicate this table in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Communion Vessels

Gracious God, . . . filled with your presence.

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Trusting in Jesus Christ, we rededicate these communion vessels in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Musical Instruments

Eternal God, . . . praise and glorify your name.

We praise you, O God, with trumpet sound; we praise you with strings and pipes!

Trusting in Jesus Christ, we rededicate this instrument in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Sanctuary

Almighty God, we rededicate this place . . . a beacon to light the way in darkness.

Let us enter your gates with thanksgiving and come into your courts with praise.

Trusting in Jesus Christ, we rededicate this sanctuary/chapel in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

As we rededicate this place, O God, we rededicate our lives to the service of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

The Church Confesses

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your kin-dom on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us, so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays. Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive. . . . (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.*

*Corporate Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you. *And also with you.*

*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

Elder Robert Simms

1st Scripture Reading Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25

The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"
PPC Adult Choir

Arr. Dan Forrest

*Adam Marsh – Trumpet, June Simms – French Horn,
Alex Armock – Saxophone, Anna Chastain – Clarinet*

2nd Scripture Reading Matthew 25.1-13

The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

"Are You Ready?"

The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

*Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Theological Declaration of Barmen

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit.

As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

***Hymn #428**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Offering & Celebration of Generosity Commitments

Offertory

"I Gave My Life for Thee"

Philip P. Bliss

***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**

Concerns of the Church

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 of Commitment #422**

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Festive March"

Pietro Cattaneo

(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.*

PRAYER REQUESTS: Share prayer concerns in worship, on the pew rack cards (place in the offering plates), or email the church office admin@pickenspresbyterian.org.

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>
Dawson (Donna Porter's granddaughter).....	health concerns
Connor Golden (friend of Deb Holtel)	health concerns
Shirley (cousin of Deb Holtel).....	health concerns
Connor Whitfield (Nancy Goldsmith).....	health concerns
Martha Brooks	health concerns
Bert Allison	health concerns
<u>Norm Rentz</u>	<u>health concerns</u>
<u>Vickie Swaynham</u>	<u>health concerns</u>
Israel/Gaza	violence
<u>Afghanistan</u>	<u>earthquake victims</u>

**new this week*

Peace in Ukraine. PDA support: gifts to [DR000156](#).

Maui Fire Victims. PDA support: gifts to [DR000165](#).

Humanitarian Aid to Israel/Palestine. PDA support: text PDAIP to 41444, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with “**DR000081-Israel/Palestine**” on the memo line.

Long Term Prayer Concern List

“Gig” Alexander, Bert Allison, Barbara & Joe Christopher, Doug Finney, Jane Gillespie, Scott Kelly, John Owens, Faye Padgett, Jo Ann Taylor, Melvin Tolliver (Deb Holtel's uncle), John & Tiffanie Torrey (David's brother and sister-in-law)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 welcome and invite you to participate with us in mission and ministry.* Contact the church office to begin receiving our newsletter.

VETERANS DAY EVENT: PPC hosted a Veterans Day breakfast to honor those who have served in the armed forces and their families this morning. Breakfast was served at 8:30am followed by a program.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Our Youth will meet this evening, at 5:30pm in All Saints' Hall for dinner, fellowship, and activities.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING: On the Saturday before Thanksgiving PPC will again join with Griffin Ebenezer Baptist and others to follow the commandment of Jesus to feed the hungry as we provide a free Harvest meal for the community. Donations of turkeys, and folks to cook turkeys are needed. This will be a drive-through or sit-down event, from 11:00am – 2:00pm, on Saturday, November 18th. Volunteers are needed at PPC on Friday, November 17th at 9:00am to begin preparing food, and on Saturday at PPC at 9:00am to help prep, serve, and clean up. **Please contact Jo Anne Gessell 864.650.6524 to share your blessings.**

YOUTH BAKE SALE: Our PPC Youth will hold their annual **Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Sunday, November 19th**. Please support our youth by donating delicious baked goods or by shopping the sale! Baked goods will be for sale before and after morning worship. **Proceeds will be used to buy Christmas gifts for needy families at the CDC.**

CALLING COOKIE BAKERS: Cookies for college students is back! Members of the congregation are encouraged to bake cookies and bring to the church on Sunday, December 3rd for mailing on December 4th. Parents of college youth, please, check with Linda in the church to assure the correct mailing address is on file. **Let's help them get through exams and remind them of their loving church family.**

ANGEL TREE: If you would like to have your children or grandchildren (12 grade and under) to be included on this year's angel tree in ASH. Please send a shoulders up photo to Donna Simms at rdajsimms@mac.com by November 25th. Alternative, you can ask Robert to take the picture at church.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CDC: Renew your Ingles' savings card support of our CDC, using school code #22903 online at: <https://tinyurl.com/PickensCDC>. Upcoming CDC event plans: participate in the Pickens Christmas Parade.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME: Please join us in All Saints' Hall at 10:30am for food and fellowship. **Sign up online at:** <https://tinyurl.com/FellowshipSnacks> or via the QR code in the Cliffnotes.

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Offering last Sunday: General Fund: **\$2,888.**

Total General Offering Year-to-Date: **\$195,190.32, includes \$17,122 online.**

Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: **\$227,817.97.**

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

<u>Serving:</u>	<u>November 12, 2023</u>	<u>November 19, 2023</u>
Pulpit Elder:	Robert Simms (flags)	Ken Townsend
Sanctuary Guild:	Deb Holtel	Deb Holtel
Ushers:	Dianna & Butch Morris	Cindy Townsend & Ken Townsend
Refreshments:	Veterans Day Breakfast	Debbie Teeple
Camera Operation:	Ginger Chastain	Robert Simms
Sunday Youth Meals:	Meg Cole	<i>No Youth Meeting</i>
Communion Servers:		

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Robert Simms
 Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25
 Psalm 78.1-7
 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18
 Matthew 25.1-13

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Ken Townsend
 Judges 4.1-7
 Psalm 123
 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11
 Matthew 25.14-30

Church Activities and Events This Week:

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

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, Nov 12	8:30am	Veterans Day Breakfast & Program	All Saints' Hall
	9:45am	Instrumentalist Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:10am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – Re-dedication Sunday	ASH
	12:30pm	All Committee Meetings	TBD
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH
Monday, Nov 13	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	ASH
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	Ed Bldg/ASH
Tuesday, Nov 14	10:00am	Jane B Morris Service & Kerosene Fund	Church Office
	4:30pm	Onsite Prayer Group	All Saints' Hall

Wednesday, Nov 15	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	10:00am	Children's Chapel	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Bible Study	ASH
	3:00pm	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	ASH
	4:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	ASH
Thursday, Nov 16	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	4:00pm	Sailboat Church Prayer Group	All Saint's Hall
Friday, Nov 17		<i>Office Closed</i>	
	9:00am	Harvest Meal Prep	All Saints' Hall
Saturday, Nov 18	8:00am-	CDC CPR & 1 st Aid Training	All Saint's Hall
	3:00pm		
	9:00am	Harvest Meal Prep and Transfer to GEBC	ASH Kitchen
Sunday, Nov 19	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Youth Bake Sale & Fellowship Time	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – 25 th Sunday after Pentecost	ASH
	12:00pm	Youth Bake Sale	ASH
	12:30pm	Session Meeting	ASH

SESSION & COMMITTEES

Building and Grounds: Roy Stoddard ('23) and David McCormick ('25) (Co-Moderators)

Child Development Center: Jim Mahanes ('22), Roy Stoddard ('23), and David McCormick ('25)

Christian Education: Cindy Townsend ('24) and Robert Simms ('25) (Co-Moderators)

Administration: Budget: Ken Acker ('23),

Administration: Donna Owen ('24), **Finance:** Ken Townsend ('23)

Fellowship and Care: Tina LaFoy ('24) and Nancy Goldsmith ('25) (Co-Moderators)

Missions: Roger Gettys ('23) and Rocky Harden ('23) (Co-Moderators)

Worship: Debbie Teeple ('24) and Starla Taylor ('25) (Co-Moderators)

Trustees: Allison Ranson ('23), Debbie Carmical ('24), Tim Crocker ('25)

Moderator: Rev. Dr. David A. Torrey

Phone: 864.878.9422 ext. 2, 803.317.3331 (cell)

Clerk of Session: Kay Rentz

Co-Clerk of Session: Karen Brown

NO. _____
 NAME(S) _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE(____) _____ - _____ EMAIL _____

Keep this portion as a record
 of your financial stewardship commitment
 for the year 2024.

My (our) financial stewardship commitment

\$ _____

per week month other _____

(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances)

But each of us was given grace

according to the measure of Christ's gift. (Eph. 4:7)

Celebration of Generosity Commitment for 2024
 Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following
 commitment support the mission of the church through our congregation.

\$ _____ per week month other _____
(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances)

I (we) wish to receive information about giving through Estate Planning.

Personal Commitment Planner

Weekly amounts proportionate to income are shown
 in the chart, or use the Commitment Planner to
 determine amount of gift based on percentage of
 income. Keep this portion for your records.

Proportionate giving decision: _____ %
 (A)

Annual household income: \$ _____
 (B)

Amount of annual gift:
 _____ % x \$ _____ = \$ _____
 (A) (B) (C)

Amount of bi-weekly gift: \$ _____ /26 = \$ _____
 (C)

Amount of monthly gift: \$ _____ /12 = \$ _____
 (C)

Amount of quarterly gift: \$ _____ /4 = \$ _____
 (C)

ANNUAL INCOME	APPROXIMATE WEEKLY COMMITMENT PROPORTIONATE TO INCOME						
	15%	10%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%
100,000	288.00	192.00	135.00	115.00	96.00	77.00	58.00
75,000	216.00	144.00	100.00	87.00	72.00	58.00	43.00
60,000	173.00	115.00	80.00	69.00	58.00	46.00	35.00
50,000	144.00	96.00	67.00	58.00	48.00	38.00	29.00
45,000	130.00	87.00	61.00	52.00	43.00	35.00	26.00
40,000	115.00	77.00	54.00	46.00	38.00	31.00	23.00
35,000	101.00	67.00	47.00	40.00	34.00	27.00	20.00
30,000	87.00	58.00	40.00	35.00	29.00	23.00	17.00
25,000	72.00	48.00	34.00	29.00	24.00	19.00	14.00
20,000	58.00	38.00	27.00	23.00	19.00	15.00	12.00
15,000	43.00	29.00	20.00	17.00	14.00	12.00	9.00