

Pickens Presbyterian Church

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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

November 26th, 2023 Christ the King Sunday Eleven o'clock

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 in the Life 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

“Beautiful Savior”

Arr. Robert A. Hobby

***Call to Worship**

*Make a joyful noise to God! **Worship God with gladness!***

*Come into God's presence with a song! **Know that the Lord is God.***

God made us. We belong to God.

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #478**

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

The Church Confesses

***Invitation to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have given you food. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, and ask you to help us change our ways. . . . (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 Tina LaFoy

1st Scripture Reading Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

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

Anthem

"Thanks Be to God"
PPC Adult Choir

Arr. Y Sheldon Curry

2nd Scripture Reading Matthew 25.31-46

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

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

"Learning to 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.*

***Hymn #423**

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Offering

Offertory

"I Am His and He Is Mine"

Arr. Charles F. Brown

***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 of Commitment #408**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

***Benediction
Postlude**

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Hatton / Page

(Please remain seated until worship ends with the end of the Postlude)

The Church Departs and 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>
<i>*(Debbie Hendricks' father)</i>	<i>health concerns</i>
<i>Katherine Acker Brooks</i>	<i>health concerns</i>
<i>Dawson (Donna Porter's granddaughter)</i>	<i>health concerns</i>
<i>Connor Golden (friend of Deb Holtel)</i>	<i>health concerns</i>
<i>Shirley (cousin of Deb Holtel)</i>	<i>health concerns</i>
<i>Connor Whitfield (Nancy Goldsmith)</i>	<i>health concerns</i>

**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, 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), Israel/Gaza conflict.

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.

COMMUNITY HARVEST MEAL:

Much gratitude for you servants of the Lord:

We shopped, and we cooked and we prepped and carved, and we served and cleaned. A total of probably 400 folks received some mighty good food. Many thanks to our sisters and brothers at GEBC and other churches and community members who joined together to make it happen. Thanks be to God.

POINSETTIA FUND: We are accepting memorials and honorariums for the Poinsettia Fund again this year through Sunday, December 10th. The two poinsettias that decorate our pulpit during Advent represent our Jane B. Morris Service and Fuel Fund ministry that the memorials and honorariums will be used to support. Envelopes are 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 17th and 24th.**

NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Our Youth will not meet this evening.

ANGEL TREE: If you would still like to have your children or grandchildren (12 grade and under) to be included on this year's angel tree in ASH, but did not have a chance to send in a photo by the deadline. Please ask Robert Simms to take the picture today.

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: \$5,415.
 Total General Offering Year-to-Date: \$208,138.38, includes \$17,852 online.
 Total General Expenses Year-to-Date: \$241,693.21.
Contributions Needed Weekly to Maintain 2023 Budget: \$5,316.60.

<u>Serving:</u>	<u>November 26, 2023</u>	<u>December 3, 2023</u>
Pulpit Elder:	Tina LaFoy	Debbie Teeple
Sanctuary Guild:	Deb Holtel	Debbie Teeple
Ushers:	Judy & Ken Acker	Holly & Rocky Harden
Refreshments:	TBD	TBD
Camera Operation:	Anna Chastain	Carole Thomas
Sunday Youth Meals:	<i>No Youth Meeting</i>	<i>Christmas Shopping</i>
Communion Servers:		Cindy, Debbie T, Starla, Nancy, David Mc

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Ken Townsend
 Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24
 Psalm 100 or Psalm 95.1-7a
 Ephesians 1.15-23
 Matthew 25.31-46

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Debbie Teeple
 Isaiah 64.1-9
 Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19
 1 Corinthians 1.3-9
 Mark 13.24-37

Church Activities and Events This Week:

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

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, Nov 26	9:30am	Sunday School	Sanctuary All Saints' Hall Sanctuary
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	
	11:00am	Worship Service – Christ the King Sunday	
Monday, Nov 27	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office Parlor Ed Bldg/ASH
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	
Tuesday, Nov 28	9:00am	Jane B Morris Service & Kerosene Fund	Church Office All Saints' Hall
	4:30pm	Onsite Prayer Group	

Wednesday, Nov 29	8:30am 10:00am 10:30am 4:30pm	Food Pantry CDC Children's Chapel Bible Study Choir Rehearsal	Church Office All Saints' Hall ASH Sanctuary
Thursday, Nov 30	12:00pm 4:00pm- 8:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes United Way event	All Saints' Hall
Friday, Dec 1		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, Dec 2			
Sunday, Dec 3	9:30am 10:15am 10:30am 11:00am 12:00pm	Sunday School Adult Choir Rehearsal Fellowship Time Worship Service – 1 st Sunday of Advent Youth Christmas Shopping	Sanctuary All Saints' Hall ASH

PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministers – All Members

Transitional Pastor – The Reverend Dr. David Torrey dtorrey219@gmail.com

Parish Associate – The Reverend Beverly Kelly

Church Administrator/Treasurer – Mrs. Cyndi Banks admin@pickenspresbyterian.org

Church Administrative Assistant – Ms. Linda Banks office@pickenspresbyterian.org

Interim Choir Director – Dr. Marianne Holland

Interim Organist – Mr. Steve Ellison

Director of Child Development Center – Mrs. Chasity Lesley chasitylesley@ppcdc.net

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

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

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

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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