

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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

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

January 14th, 2024

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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

"The Heavens Declare His Glory"

Robert J. Powell

*Call to Worship

Where can we go from God's spirit?

If we ascend to heaven, God is there; if we make our bed in Sheol, God is there.

If we take the wings of morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

Even there God's hand shall lead us, and God's right hand will hold us fast.

ALL: *Come, let us worship God!*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn #288

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

The Church Confesses

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our sins even before we confess. Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challenging. We'd much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in wrongdoing. Help us face our failings so we can move forward in truth. . . . (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 1 Samuel 3.1-10

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

Anthem

"Down to the River to Pray"
PPC Adult Choir

Sheldon Curry

2nd Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 6.12-20

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

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

"What Comes after Listening?"
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 (See #2130, pg 7)

"The Summons" (from *Sing the Faith*)

Offering

Offertory

"In Heaven Above" Arr. Anne Krentz Organ

*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 #434

"Today We All are Called to Be Disciples"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” *Arr. Glenda Austin*
(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>
*Shirley Gilkison (Deb Holtel's cousin).....	health concerns
Marvin Short	health concerns
Jennipher Isley (Jan Spark's daughter)	health concerns
Jeanne Bowen.....	health concerns

**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, Mary Dawn Mills (Niece of Raymond & Margaret Dawkins), Tommy Owen, John Owens, 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.

OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed tomorrow for the MLK Jr Day holiday.

MLK JR DAY EVENT: All are invited to come join with your faith community tomorrow, January 15th, to celebrate our Annual Unity Celebration marking Martin Luther King Jr Day hosted by our siblings at Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church and other area churches. There will be a community breakfast at 9:00am with a program to follow. If you would like to help, come early to cook, set-up, serve or clean-up, contact Jo Anne Gessell at 864.650.6524.

WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY – FEBRUARY DRIVE: They will be **delivering Valentine cards again this year to the local retirement facilities that they serve.** They can be made using construction paper, glue sticks, glue guns, felt, cut outs, or they can be purchased cards to be signed. It's a great way for kids and grandkids to get involved and even pick up service-learning hours. The Collection Box is located in

the main Church Office. Even the smallest donation adds up. *“We thank you in advance for any and all help!”* Contact Tammy Ferguson with any questions: Call or text 864-238-4652 or email warmhandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CDC: Renew your Ingles' savings card support of our CDC, using school code #22903 online at: <https://tinyurl.com/PickensCDC>.

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:

2024 Budget: **\$327,648.50**

Last Sunday's Giving: **\$13,377.76.**

Serving:

Pulpit Elder:

Sanctuary Guild:

Ushers:

Refreshments:

Camera Operation:

Sunday Youth Meals: Nancy Goldsmith & Judy Cook Donna Owen & Liza Holder

Communion Servers:

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Tina LaFoy

1 Samuel 3.1–10 (11–20)

Psalms 139.1–6, 13–18

1 Corinthians 6.12–20

John 1.43–51

January 14, 2024

Tina LaFoy

Debbie Hendricks

January 21, 2024

Debbie Teeple

Debbie Hendricks

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Debbie Teeple

Jonah 3.1–5, 10

Psalms 62.5–12

1 Corinthians 7.29–31

Mark 1.14–20

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, Jan 14	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	All Committee Meetings	TBD
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH
Monday, Jan 15		<i>Office Closed – MLK Jr Day</i>	
	9:00am	MLK Jr Day Event	GEBC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Parlor
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	Ed Bldg/ASH
Tuesday, Jan 16	9:00am	Jane B Morris Service & Kerosene Funds	Church Office
	4:30pm	Onsite Prayer Group	ASH
	7:00pm	CDC Advisory Board Meeting	ASH
Wednesday, Jan 17	8:30am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	10:00am	CDC Children's Chapel	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Bible Study	ASH
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, Jan 18	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	4:00pm	Sailboat Church Prayer Group	ASH

Friday, Jan 19

Office Closed

Saturday, Jan 30

Sunday, Jan 21

9:30am

Sunday School

10:15am

Adult Choir Rehearsal

10:30am

Fellowship Time

11:00am

Worship Service – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

12:30pm

Stated Session Meeting

5:30pm

Youth Fellowship

Sanctuary

All Saints' Hall

Session Room

ASH

The Summons

2130



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ____ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ____ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ____ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ____ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ____ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ____ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ____ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, _ will you let my name be known, _ will you
 stare ____ should your life at - tract or scare? ____ Will you
 clean, _ and do such as this un - seen, ____ and ad -
 found ____ to re - shape the world a - round, _ through my
 go ____ where your love and foot - steps show. ____ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ____
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ____
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ____
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ____
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ____

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 2024

Tina LaFoy
Donna Owen
Debbie Teeple
Cindy Townsend

Class of 2025

Nancy Goldsmith
David McCormick
Robert Simms
Starla Taylor

Class of 2026

Joe Padgett
Jeff Price
Sharon Stark

Trustees

Debbie Carmical

Tim Crocker

Norm Rentz

Moderator: Rev. Dr. David A. Torrey

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Clerk of Session: Kay Rentz

Co-Clerk of Session: Karen Brown

Building and Grounds: Joe Padgett (Moderator) and David McCormick

Child Development Center: David McCormick

Christian Education: Cindy Townsend (Moderator) and Robert Simms

Administration: Budget & Finance: Jeff Price,

Administration: Donna Owen

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

Missions: Sharon Stark (Moderator)

Worship: Starla Taylor (Moderator) and Debbie Teeple

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

(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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