

# Pickens Presbyterian Church

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



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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 in the Life of the Church****Friendship Pads** *(Please take the pad, print your name(s) and pass the pad to the next person.*

*When the pad reaches the end of the pew, pass it back and note with whom you're worshipping.)*

**Preparation for Worship**

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

**Prelude** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ROCKINGHAM OLD**\*Call to Worship**

O God, in you we trust. *Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait, for you we worship.*

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

**\*Prayer of Praise****\*Hymn #260**

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

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

*Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten wilderness journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of nation, money and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our faith so we can leave this wilderness season in right relationship with you. . . . (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 Cindy Townsend*

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading Genesis 9.8-17

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

Anthem

*"What Does the Lord Require of You?"*

*Jim Strathdee*

*PPC Adult Choir*

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading 1 Peter 3.18-22

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

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

*"A Clean Slate"*

The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

## *The Church Responds in Faith*

\*Affirmation of Faith

*from The Brief Statement of Faith*

*We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.*

*The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.*

*The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and Apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.*

*In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*

\*Hymn #85

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

Offering

Offertory

*"Lamb of God"*

*Paris/Larson*

\*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 #397**

*"O For a Closer Walk with God"*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*"Worthy Is the Lamb"*

*Arr. Don Wyrzten*

*(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](mailto: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)*

**Name (relationship)**

**Concern**

Mary Hellen Ward (sister of Raymond Dawkins) .....	health concerns
Julian McCorkle .....	health concerns
Rocky Harden.....	health concerns
Holden Huffine (grandson of Jan Sparks) .....	health concerns
Shirley Gilkison (Deb Holtel's cousin) .....	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, Jeanne Bowen, Katherine Acker Brooks, Barbara & Joe Christopher, Jane Gillespie, Scott Kelly, Mary Dawn Mills (Niece of Raymond & Margaret Dawkins), Tommy Owen, Jo Ann Taylor, Melvin Tolliver (Deb Holtel's uncle), John & Tiffanie Torrey (David's brother and sister-in-law), Israel/Gaza conflict.

**NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION:**

*An enormous thank you to all who provided help during this time of difficulty after Gary's passing from this life, specifically those who provided transportation, meals, advice, hugs, strength, and prayers. And especial thanks to the friends' group for the music and to those who provided food for the reception. Your mission of warmth and support has been felt and appreciated far beyond our church family.*

*- Jan Elaine Sparks*

## 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.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS:** Please join your church family in reading “*Local Pilgrim: A Wandering, Wondering Daily Devotional*” written by Teri McDowell Ott, Editor of the Presbyterian Outlook, and others. There will be printed copies in the bulletin each week as in the past, and a link to the full devotional booklet will also be in our weekly Cliffnotes.

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE:** The Toddler Program for the Child Development Center will begin in March. A few more volunteers are needed to assist in the Client Choice Pantry (Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30-12:30) so it can start in March. **Please contact Sharon Stark if interested in hearing more.**

**WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY:** For their March drive they will be collecting Easter cards and St. Patrick’s Day themed items such as party hats, shamrock décor, etc. Due by March 10<sup>th</sup>. The Collection Box is located in the main Church Office. “*We thank you in advance for any and all help!*” Contact Tammy Ferguson with any questions: Call or text 864-238-4652 or email [warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com](mailto:warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com)

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

### **GENERAL FUND UPDATE:**

Last Sunday’s Giving: **\$3,121.00.**  
2024 Budget: **\$327,648.50**

### **Serving:**

Pulpit Elder:

Sanctuary Guild:

Ushers:

Refreshments:

Camera Operation:

Sunday Youth Meals:

Communion Set-up:

Communion Servers:

### **February 18, 2024**

Cindy Townsend

Ginger Chastain

David & Kathy Chamlee,  
Della Black & Dianna Morris

Nancy Goldsmith

Robert Simms

### **February 25, 2024**

Cindy Townsend

Ginger Chastain

David & Kathy Chamlee,  
Della Black & Dianna Morris

Anna Chastain

### **Lectionary readings for today:**

Pulpit Elder: Sharon Stark

2 Kings 2.1–12

Psalm 50.1–6

2 Corinthians 4.3–6

Mark 9.2–9

### **Lectionary readings for next Sunday:**

Pulpit Elder: Cindy Townsend

Genesis 9.8–17

Psalm 25.1–10

1 Peter 3.18–22

Mark 1.9–15

### **Church Activities and Events This Week:**

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

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, Feb 18	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints’ Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	Session Meeting	Session Room
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH

Monday, Feb 19	9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Food Pantry Centering Prayer Girl Scouts	Church Office Parlor ASH/Ed Bldg
Tuesday, Feb 20	4:30pm	Onsite Prayer Group	ASH
Wednesday, Feb 21	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, Feb 22	12:00pm 1:00pm	<b>DEADLINE</b> – Bulletin & Cliffnotes Gentiva Hospice Support Group	Church Parlor
Friday, Feb 23		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, Feb 24			
Sunday, Feb 25	9:30am 10:15am 10:30am 11:00am 5:30pm	Sunday School Adult Choir Rehearsal Fellowship Time Worship Service – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent Youth Fellowship	Sanctuary All Saints' Hall Sanctuary ASH

# PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministers – All Members

Transitional Pastor – The Reverend Dr. David Torrey [dtorrey219@gmail.com](mailto:dtorrey219@gmail.com)

Parish Associate – The Reverend Beverly Kelly

Church Administrator/Treasurer – Mrs. Cyndi Banks [admin@pickenspresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@pickenspresbyterian.org)

Church Administrative Assistant – Ms. Linda Banks [office@pickenspresbyterian.org](mailto: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](mailto: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

**Phone:** 864.878.9422 ext. 2, 803.317.3331 (cell)

**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 (Moderator),

**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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