

# 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**

*"My Song Is Love Unknown"*

*John D. Edwards*

**\*Call to Worship**

Every time we gather in God's name, we learn something new.

*What will be God's gift of revelation to us today?*

We enter this time of worship joyfully, assured of God's new mercies.

*Celebrating these blessings to come, we bring our love to God.*

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

**\*Prayer of Praise****\*Hymn #488**

*"The God of Abraham Praise"*

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

*O God, you have made us your covenant people, marked us as your own, and charged us for lives of service. Forgive us when we live as if success were the worthiest aim or independence the highest virtue. Call us once more to take up our crosses, and show us how to follow you. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again. . . . (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 17.1-7, 15-16

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

Anthem

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O Lord"*

Carl Mueller

PPC Adult Choir

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading Romans 4.13-25

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

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

*"Standing on the Promises"*

The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

## The Church Responds in Faith

\*Affirmation of Faith

*from* The Brief Statement of Faith

*In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.*

*We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.*

*Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.*

*God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.*

\*Hymn #354

*"Guide My Feet"*

Offering

Offertory

*"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"*

Frances J. Crosby

\*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 #387**

*“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*“He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Tho’t!”*

*Joseph H. Gilmore*

*(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)*

<b><u>Name (relationship)</u></b>	<b><u>Concern</u></b>
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.

The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of Bobby Driscoll (relative of Karen Brown) on his dying to this life Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

## 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.

*Many Thanks to Vickie Swaynham and Ron Jones for placing the Lenten rose in our sanctuary for the enjoyment of the congregation. This year is the third year that Vickie and Ron have shared the lovely spring flowers from their yard with our church and it is greatly appreciated.*

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS:** We hope you have been enjoying reading from “*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: Thanks to all the volunteers.** Mark Taylor will be contacting you about the CDC reading project. Plans are to start the first week in March. Sharon Stark will be working to get the new pantry process in place, hopefully mid-month. Please remember our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Pantry offering will be next Sunday. **The pantry is in need of meat items like can chicken, tuna, beef stew or chicken dumplings and fruit juices.**

**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: **\$6,747.00.**

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

### **Serving:**

Pulpit Elder:

Sanctuary Guild:

Ushers:

Refreshments:

Camera Operation:

Sunday Youth Meals:

**Communion Set-up:**

Communion Servers:

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

Pulpit Elder: Cindy Townsend

Genesis 9.8–17

Psalms 25.1–10

1 Peter 3.18–22

Mark 1.9–15

### **February 25, 2024**

Cindy Townsend

Ginger Chastain

David & Kathy Chamlee,  
Della Black & Dianna Morris

Sharon Stark

Anna Chastain

Deb Teeple & Mary Gaillard

### **March 3, 2024**

Jeff Price

Kathy Chamlee

Dennis & Christa Schwab,  
Leo Tilley & Vickie Swaynham

Carole Thomas

Jeff Price

Nancy G, Mark T, Sharon S,  
Robert S, Jeff P

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

Pulpit Elder: Jeff Price

Exodus 20.1–17

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 1.18–25

John 2.13–22

**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 25	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH
Monday, Feb 26	9:00am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Parlor
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	ASH/Ed Bldg
Tuesday, Feb 27	9:00am	Jane B Morris Service Fund	Church Office
	4:30pm	Onsite Prayer Group	ASH
	6:30pm	Upcountry Quilters Guild	ASH
Wednesday, Feb 28	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, Feb 29	12:00pm	<b>DEADLINE</b> – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	1:00pm	Gentiva Hospice Support Group	Church Parlor
Friday, March 1		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, March 2			
Sunday, March 3	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH

**Sermon Notes:**

# PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministers – All Members

Transitional Pastor – The Reverend Dr. David Torrey [pastor@pickenspresbyterian.org](mailto:pastor@pickenspresbyterian.org)

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

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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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