

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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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

"Basse et Dessus de Trompette" Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

***Call to Worship**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!

How good it is to sing praises to our God.

For God is gracious, healing the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds.

God's understanding is beyond measure. Praise the Lord!

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

Prayer of Praise**Hymn #259**

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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

Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in, to hide from the injustices of the world, to protect ourselves and our own, to turn off the evening news full of bad news. Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring, of turning our backs on those in need. Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action. Renew us, Holy God, by your grace. Strengthen us to follow Christ's call. . . . (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 Isaiah 40.21-31

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

Anthem

"Be Present at Our Table, Lord"
PPC Adult Choir

Robert Lau

2nd Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 9.16-23

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

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

"When You Cannot Not Do It"
The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Hymn #291**

"O God of Earth and Altar"

Offering and Change-for-Change Food Pantry Offering

Offertory

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" *Joseph M. Scriven*

***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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God:

. . . we will celebrate victory with him.

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all people and nations. . . .

The Lord's Prayer (debtors/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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *and forget not all God's benefits.*

*Hymn of Commitment #371

"Lift High the Cross"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Arr. Anne Krentz Organ
(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>
*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, John Owens, Jo Ann Taylor, Melvin Tolliver (Deb Holtel's uncle), John & Tiffanie Torrey (David's brother and sister-in-law), Israel/Gaza conflict.

The Memorial Service for Gary Sparks will be held on Saturday, February 10th, at 2:00pm at PPC. Please continue to keep Jan and family in your prayers.

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.

CIRCLE MEETINGS: The Sarah Emily and Eve Circles **will both meet this Tuesday, February 6th.** The Sarah Emily Circle will meet in the Church Parlor at 10:00am, and the Eve Circle will meet in All Saints' Hall at 5:30pm. Both Circles will study Lesson Six in the Horizons Bible Study, “Sacred Encounters.”

PPC FOOD PANTRY: We are receiving the Change-for-Change and Coupon Cans special offering during Worship this morning and on each 1st Sunday, for financial support of the church's food pantry, and the Little Free Pantry. **The Missions Committee thanks the Congregation for their generosity** in donations of goods and contributions to the food boxes and little food pantry. Both missions are being greatly utilized by our community.

MISSION COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: The committee is working on two items:

- 1) Moving away from a premade box of food to a client choice Pantry. Client Choice Pantries are completely centered on the user and their family needs. In this method they choose which food items they want from a list of available food, then it is filled by volunteers. This method prevents waste, treats users with dignity and ensures they are receiving the items they need & will eat.
- 2) A Toddler Reading & Singing Program for the Child Development Center (CDC) for Congregation involvement.

Please prayerfully consider being involved in one of the activities as we expand our community missions. Contact Sharon Stark, Mark Taylor or Deb Holtel. Volunteers are needed to:

- Handout Food Boxes (Mon & Wed, 8:30-12:00)
- Assist in keeping Little Food Pantry stocked (supplies located in CE Building)
- Toddler Reading & Singing Program (Wed & Tues or Thurs, 10:00-10:30, books provided)
- Prepare notes of encouragement to put in food boxes.

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 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:

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

Last Sunday’s Giving: **\$2,500.00.**

Serving:

Pulpit Elder:

Sanctuary Guild:

Ushers:

Refreshments:

Camera Operation:

Sunday Youth Meals:

Communion Set-up:

Communion Servers:

February 4, 2024

Tina LaFoy

Ginger Chastain

David & Kathy Chamlee,
Della Black & Dianna Morris

Carole Thomas

Carole Thomas

Tina LaFoy

Cindy Townsend

Donna O, Cindy T, Debbie T,
David Mc, Joe P

February 11, 2024

Sharon Stark

Ginger Chastain

David & Kathy Chamlee,
Della Black & Dianna Morris

Ginger Chastain

Starla Taylor

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Tina LaFoy

Isaiah 40.21–31

Psalms 147.1–11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9.16–23

Mark 1.29–39

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Sharon Stark

2 Kings 2.1–12

Psalms 50.1–6

2 Corinthians 4.3–6

Mark 9.2–9

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 4	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints’ Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 5 th Sunday after Epiphany	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH
Monday, Feb 5	9:00am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Parlor
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	Ed Bldg/ASH
Tuesday, Feb 6	9:00am	Kerosene Fuel Fund	Church Office
	10:00am	Greenville Museum Mobile for CDC Children	ASH
	10:00am	Sarah Emily Circle	Church Parlor
	3:00pm	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	ASH

	4:30pm	Onsite Prayer Group	ASH
	5:00pm	CDC Advisory Board Meeting	Session Room
	5:30pm	Eve Circle Meeting	ASH
Wednesday, Feb 7	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 8	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	6:00pm	Pickens Co. Beekeepers Assoc.	ASH
Friday, Feb 9		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, Feb 10	2:00pm	Memorial Service for Gary Sparks	Sanctuary
Sunday, Feb 11	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – Transfiguration Sunday	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	All Committee Meetings	TBD
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	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 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

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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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