

Pickens Presbyterian Church

The
Season
of
Lent



311 WEST MAIN STREET
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

"Andante dolce" from Symphony I"

William Boyce

*Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of the Lord's deeds with songs of joy.

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn #191

"God is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

The Church Confesses

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The gifts you give us: the breath of life, the food we eat, the community that supports us. Everything we have is a gift from you.

Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us to live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray.

Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives may show the fullness of your love for all people. . . .

(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 Debbie Teeple

1st Scripture Reading

Numbers 21.4-9

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

Anthem

"Out of the Depths I Cry"
PPC Adult Choir

G.F. Handel

2nd Scripture Reading

John 3.14-21

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

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

"There Be Beasties Thar!"

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 #417**

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Offering

Offertory

"Cross Medley"

Arr. Mark Edwards

***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 #281

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"O How He Loves You and Me"

Kurt Kaiser

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

The Church Departs and Service Begins

**You are invited to stand in spirit or body.*

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>
*OD Hendricks	health concerns
*Paul Oaks (Roger's nephew).....	health concerns
*Casey Anthony (Liza & Butch's sister)	health concerns
*Ricky Anthony (June's brother-in-law)	health concerns
Mary Hellen Ward (sister of Raymond Dawkins)	health concerns
<u>Julian McCorkle</u>	<u>health concerns</u>

**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.

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.

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: **\$9,935.00.**

Weekly Contributions Needed for Budget: **\$5,887.12.**

Year-to-Date Contributions: **\$52,488.20.**

Year-to-Date Expenses: **\$42,680.97.**

EASTER LILY FUND: We are accepting memorials and honorariums for the Easter Lily Fund again this year through next Sunday, March 17th. The two Easter lilies that will decorate our pulpit will help support our Jane B. Morris Service Fund. Special offering envelopes are provided in the pew racks. **Memorials and Honorariums will be listed on a special bulletin insert on March 24th and 31st.**

EASTER EGG DONATIONS: Our Child Development Center is asking for donations of plastic Easter eggs, and candy or small items such as stickers to stuff the eggs. **This will be for the Annual Egg Hunt on Thursday, March 28th, 2024,** for the Tiny Tots, Toddlers, 2K, 3K, and 4K classrooms. **Please have the items at the CDC by Tuesday, March 26th.** We truly appreciate your help in making this day fun and memorable for the children!

LOOKING AHEAD - FLOWERING THE CROSS: We will be flowering the cross after Easter breakfast. Please bring flowers to decorate the cross that morning. All are welcome to participate.

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 and a link to the full devotional booklet is in our weekly Cliffnotes.

WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY: For their April drive, they are collecting adult and children's coloring books with spring themes, colored pencil packets, glue sticks, construction paper, crossword puzzle books, large print Bibles, large print books, finger paints, and magazines. **Due by April 10th. The Collection Box is in the main Church Office.** "*We thank you in advance for any and all help!*"

Contact Tammy Ferguson with questions: Call/text 864-238-4652 or email warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday on March 28th @ 6:15pm with a simple meal of soup, bread and fruit followed by worship @ 7:00pm with Communion.

Good Friday on March 29th @ 7:00pm

Easter Sunrise on March 31st @ 8:00-8:45am

Easter Breakfast @ 9:00-9:45am – featuring a full breakfast

Easter Worship @ 11:00am

Please use the tear-off below to indicate how many will be present for the special meals, and leave in the offering plate. **Please reply no later than March 24th.**

Maundy Thursday: Family: _____ # Attending: _____
Easter breakfast: Family: _____ # Attending: _____

Serving:

Pulpit Elder:
Sanctuary Guild:
Ushers:

March 10, 2024

Debbie Teeple
Kathy Chamlee
Dennis & Christa Schwab,
Leo Tilley & Vickie Swayngham

March 17, 2024

Joe Padgett
Kathy Chamlee
Dennis & Christa Schwab,
Leo Tilley & Vickie Swayngham

Refreshments:

Camera Operation: Robert Simms

Ginger Chastain

Sunday Youth Meals: Ken Townsend

Communion Set-up:

Communion Servers:

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Debbie Teeple
Numbers 21.4–9
Psalm 107.1–3, 17–22
Ephesians 2.1–10
John 3.14–21

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Joe Padgett
Jeremiah 31.31–34
Psalm 51.1–12 *or* Psalm 119.9–16
Hebrews 5.5–10
John 12.20–33

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, March 10	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 4 th Sunday in Lent	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting	ASH
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH
Monday, March 11	9:00am	Food Pantry	Church Office
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Parlor
	1:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting	ASH
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	ASH/Ed Bldg
Tuesday, March 12	1:00pm	Finance/Admin Committee Meeting	Church Office
Wednesday, March 13	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, March 14	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	1:00pm	Gentiva Hospice Support Group	ASH
	6:00pm	Pickens Co Beekeepers Assoc.	ASH
Friday, March 15		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, March 16			
Sunday, March 17	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 5 th Sunday in Lent	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	Session Meeting	Session Room
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH

Sermon Notes:

PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministers – All Members

Transitional Pastor – The Reverend Dr. David Torrey pastor@pickenspresbyterian.org

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

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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