

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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Arr. Charles Callahan

*Call to Worship

Let us join our voices with the saints whose lives inspire.

We are here today, aspiring to claim the life of faith with courage.

We are ready to worship and give thanks for whose we are.

In our worship, we share God's message with the world.

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn #261

"God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us"

The Church Confesses

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to "me and mine."

You offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. . . . (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 Joe Padgett

1st Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31.31-34

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

Anthem

"Gift of Love"

Hal Hopson

Ladies Ensemble of the PPC Adult Choir

2nd Scripture Reading John 12.20-33

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

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

"A Question of Timing"

The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Affirmation of Faith**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community.

This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other.

Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

***Hymn #468, See Pg 7**

"In My Life Lord, Be Glorified"

Offering

Offertory

"Higher Ground"

Charles H. Gabriel

***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 #538**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

*“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee” Georg Neumark
(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>
*Dawson Harden (Dixon’s Son)	deployment
OD Hendricks	health concerns
Carey Anthony (Liza & Butch’s sister)	health concerns
Ricky Anthony (June’s brother-in-law)	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. 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), Mary Hellen Ward (sister of Raymond Dawkins), 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.

Today, the Men’s Chorus, led by Robert Wood, are singing at the Dacusville Methodist Church. We appreciate their sharing of talent with our friends in Dacusville.

NOTICE: The side door at the top of the handicapped ramp will remain locked at all times due to problems with the lock on the door. PLEASE use the Narthex doors to enter the Sanctuary.

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: **\$15,802.98.**
2024 Adjusted Budget: **\$306,130.00**

EASTER LILY OFFERING: We are accepting memorials and honorariums for the Easter Lily Offering through today. This offering will help support our Jane B. Morris Service Fund to assist those in our community with emergency utility and fuel assistance. Special offering envelopes are in the pew racks. **Memorials and Honorariums will be listed on a special bulletin insert on March 24th and 31st.**

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE: Our PPC Youth will be holding their Annual Bake Sale next Sunday, March 24th, to help with the cost of their Montreat Conferences. Donations of baked goods are needed! The sale will be held during Fellowship time and following Worship. **Please contact Cindy Townsend, Robert Simms, Carole Thomas, Anna Chastain, or Ginger Chastain if you have any questions.**

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: Support for the food pantries continues to be generous! We began our Client Choice Pantry on Monday, March 11th, please pray for this mission as we try to center on the client & their family needs. We still need volunteers on Monday & Wednesday mornings to assist, please consider helping for a few hours.

Can you hear the joyful noise? The CDC reading program started this past week!

EASTER EGG DONATIONS: The 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 flower the cross after Easter breakfast. Please bring flowers to decorate the cross that morning. All are welcome to participate.

PPC EASTER EGG HUNT: There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following our Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, March 31st. All participating are asked to meet in ASH at 10:00am. We also are in need of candy and plastic fillable egg donations. Donations may be left in the labeled basket that will be in All Saints' Hall.

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

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.

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: _____

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 Egg Hunt @ 10:00am

Easter Worship @ 11:00am

Serving:

Pulpit Elder:

Sanctuary Guild:

Ushers:

Refreshments:

Camera Operation:

Sunday Youth Meals:

Communion Set-up:

Communion Servers:

March 17, 2024

Joe Padgett

Kathy Chamlee

Dennis & Christa Schwab,
Leo Tilley & Vickie Swaynham

Ginger Chastain

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March 24, 2024

Jeff Price

Kathy Chamlee

Dennis & Christa Schwab,
Leo Tilley & Vickie Swaynham

Anna Chastain

No Youth Meeting

Lectionary readings for today:

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

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Jeff Price

Mark 11.1–11 or John 12.12–16

Psalm 118.1–2, 19–29

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 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
Monday, March 18	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Parlor
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	ASH/Ed Bldg
Tuesday, March 19	5:00pm	CDC BTCF Meeting	Session Room
Wednesday, March 20	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:00am	CDC Children's Chapel	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	Bible Study	ASH
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, March 21	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	1:00pm	Gentiva Hospice Support Group	ASH
	4:00pm	Sailboat Church Prayer Group	ASH
Friday, March 22		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, March 23			
Sunday, March 24	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time & Youth Bake Sale	All Saints' Hall

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In My Life

Lord, Be Glorified



1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.



In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

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

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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 (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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