

Pickens Presbyterian Church



**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, note with whom you're worshipping and greet them by name after worship.)

Preparation for Worship

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

Palm Processional *(During the Prelude, Worshipers are invited to process down the center aisle to place their palms in the basket in front of the Communion Table, and return to their seats by the side aisles)*

Prelude

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Karl Osterland

***Call to Worship**

With crowds from ancient times we cry, ***Hosanna!***

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you in the house of the Lord!

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #88**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

The Church Confesses

***Invitation to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. . . . (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 Jeff Price

1st Scripture Reading Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29

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

Anthem

"Hosanna! Hosanna!"

arr. Timothy Mayfield

PPC Adult Choir

2nd Scripture Reading Mark 11.1-11

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

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

"Hosanna!"

The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Affirmation of Faith**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

***Hymn #276**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Offering

Offertory

"Worthy of Worship"

Mark Blankenship

***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 #142**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

*"Forty Days and Forty Nights" Lyndell Leatherman
(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 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)

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)

<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.

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.

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.

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE: Our PPC Youth will be continuing their Annual Bake Sale following Worship this morning. Thank you for helping support our Youth with the cost of their Montreat Conferences!

PIANO RECITAL TODAY: Jayden Harden will be performing in her senior recital along with the other music students of Mrs. Gilda Hendricks. The recital will be held in the Pickens Presbyterian sanctuary this afternoon at 3:00pm, and is open to the public.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Girl Scout Troup #1591 will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt following our Worship service this morning. All participating meet in ASH at 12:15pm.

EASTER EGG DONATIONS: The Child Development Center asks for donations of plastic Easter eggs, and candy or small items such as stickers to stuff the eggs for the **Annual Egg Hunt this Thursday, March 28th, 2024**, for the Tiny Tots, Toddlers, 2K, 3K, and 4K classrooms. **All items are due at the CDC by this 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 next Sunday. Everyone is invited to bring flowers to decorate the cross that morning. All are welcome to participate.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: The final insert is included in the bulletin today and a link to the full devotional booklet is in our weekly Cliffnotes.

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. **Use tear-off.**

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. **Use tear-off next page.**

Easter Worship @ 11:00am

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Last Sunday's Giving: **\$2,142.00.**

Weekly Amount Needed for Budget: **\$5,887.12**

2024 Adjusted Budget: **\$306,130.00**

WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY: For April, they are collecting adult and children's coloring books with spring themes, colored pencils, glue sticks, construction paper, crossword puzzle books, large print Bibles, large print books, finger paints, and magazines. **Due by April 10th in the Collection Box in the 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

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

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

EASTER GIVING: We will be collecting the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Special Offering next Sunday. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. **The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.** From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. **Please see Sunday's insert for more information. Special envelopes will be available in the pew racks.** Let us open our hearts, to share through this offering the love of Christ through ministries of justice, compassion, and joy.
 Find out more at the web site: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/oghs/>

Serving:

Pulpit Elder:
 Sanctuary Guild:
 Ushers:
 Refreshments:
 Camera Operation:
 Sunday Youth Meals:
 Communion Set-up:
 Communion Servers:

March 24, 2024

Jeff Price
 Kathy Chamlee
 Dennis & Christa Schwab,
 Leo Tilley & Vickie Swaynham
 Girl Scout Troup #1591
 Anna Chastain
No Youth Meeting
March 28th: Starla T, Debbie T

March 31, 2024

Cindy Townsend
 Kathy Chamlee
 Dennis & Christa Schwab,
 Leo Tilley & Vickie Swaynham
 Carole Thomas
No Youth Meeting

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Jeff Price
 Mark 11.1-11 or John 12.12-16
 Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Cindy Townsend
 Acts 10.34-43 or Isaiah 25.6-9
 Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24
 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 or Acts 10.34-43
 John 20.1-18 or Mark 16.1-8

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 24	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – Palm/Passion Sunday	Sanctuary
	12:00pm	Youth Bake Sale continues	ASH
	12:15pm	Easter Egg Hunt	ASH
	3:00pm	Gilda Hendricks Piano Recital	Sanctuary
Monday, March 25	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Parlor
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	ASH/Ed Bldg

Tuesday, March 26	10:30pm 6:30pm	CDC Reading Buddies Upcountry Quilters Guild	CDC ASH
Wednesday, March 27	8:30am 10:00am 10:30am 4:30pm	Food Pantry CDC Children's Chapel CDC Reading Buddies Bible Study Choir Rehearsal	Education Bldg All Saints' Hall CDC ASH Sanctuary
Thursday, March 28	10:30am 12:00pm 6:15pm	CDC Reading Buddies DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes Maundy Thursday Meal & Communion Service	CDC ASH
Friday, March 29	7:00pm	<i>Office Closed</i> Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Saturday, March 30			
Sunday, March 31	8:00am 9:00am 9:45am 10:00am 11:00am	Easter Sunrise Service Easter Breakfast Instrument Rehearsal Choir & Instrument Rehearsal Worship Service – Easter Sunday	ASH Patio All Saints' Hall Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary

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

(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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