

# 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.*

**Prelude**

*"God so Loved the World"*

*John Stainer*

*from Psalm 118*

**\*Call to Worship**

We live in the radiance of your glory.

*Our worship comes from the gladness you have put in our hearts.*

We give you thanks for the peace of your salvation.

*Oh, hear the joy of our praise for your grace and mercy.*

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

**\*Prayer of Praise****\*Hymn #119**

*"The Strife is O'er"*

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

*What love you have given us, O God, that we should be called your children. What love you have given us, O Christ, that we should share a table with you. Forgive us when we act as if we were your only children: when we do not recognize your image in the faces of strangers, enemies, or friends; when we do not share our own tables, forgetting that we need each other. Forgive us, O Christ, maker of peace, and teach us to follow in your way. . . . (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 Robert Simms*

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading**

Psalm 4



## \*Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

*“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”* J. Wayne Kerr  
*(Please remain seated until worship ends with the end of the Postlude)*

## *The Church Enters the Mission Field*

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

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**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 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)*

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### 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>
*Buddy Marsh .....	health concerns
*Perry Thornton (David McCormick’s boss) .....	father’s health issues
*Jerry Blackly (Donna & Kerry Owen’s daughter-in-law’s father).....	health concerns
*Hank Owens .....	health concerns
Dawson Harden (Dixon’s Son).....	deployment
OD Hendricks.....	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, Raymond and Margaret Dawkins, 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.**

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**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.

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### 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.

**PPC FOOD PANTRY:** We received \$411.13 last Sunday for the Change-for-Change offering in support of the church’s food pantry, and the Little Free Pantry. **The Missions Committee thanks the Congregation for their donations** to our food ministry.

**CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY:** There will be a churchwide Spring cleanup on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30am. We’ll be cleaning sidewalks, flowerbeds, cemetery, and

indoor areas. Please give Jo Anne Gessell a heads up if you notice any places that need attention. Please bring yourself and blowers, pressure washers, and a helping spirit.

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER WORKDAY:** The CDC will have a Mulch Day on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30am. Items you will need to bring: Shovels, Pitchforks. Please contact Chasity Lesley at 864-878-9953, or stop by the CDC office to sign up. Any help to maintain the quality care for our children is always appreciated. Please come help spread mulch in the playground.

**WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY:** For May, holding a Snack Drive for our neighbors they serve and support in retirement facilities and homebound. They are collecting boxes of popcorn, chocolate melt away candy like kisses, lemonade mix, small packages of chips and cookies. Please NO NUTS or PEANUT BUTTER items due to allergies. **Due by May 10<sup>th</sup> 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](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: **\$3,650.00.**  
 Weekly Contributions Needed for Budget: **\$5,887.12.**  
 Year-to-Date Contributions: **\$88,993.93.**  
 Year-to-Date Expenses: **\$78,133.36.**

**Serving:**

Pulpit Elder:  
 Sanctuary Guild:  
 Ushers:

**April 14, 2024**

Robert Simms  
 Debbie Teeple  
 Ivy & Roy Stoddard,  
 Mark Taylor & Ken Townsend

**April 21, 2024**

Mark Taylor  
 Debbie Teeple  
 Ivy & Roy Stoddard,  
 Mark Taylor & Ken Townsend

Refreshments:

Camera Operation: Ginger Chastain

Anna Chastain

Sunday Youth Meals: Donna and Robert Simms

Deb Carmical and Kay Rentz

Communion Set-up:

Communion Servers:

**Lectionary readings for today:**

Pulpit Elder: Robert Simms  
 Acts 3.12–19  
 Psalm 4  
 1 John 3.1–7  
 Luke 24.36b–48

**Lectionary readings for next Sunday:**

Pulpit Elder: Mark Taylor  
 Acts 3.12–19  
 Psalm 4  
 1 John 3.1–7  
 Luke 24.36b–48

**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, April 14	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 of Easter	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting	ASH
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH
Monday, April 15	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, April 16	9:00am	Jane B Morris Service Fund	Church Office
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
Wednesday, April 17	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:00am	CDC Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
		Bible Study	ASH
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, April 18	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	<b>DEADLINE</b> – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	3:30pm	Sailboat Church Prayer Group	ASH
	6:00pm	CDC Nutrition Class	ASH
Friday, April 19		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, April 20			
Sunday, April 21	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	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](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

Presbyterian Women Moderator – Debbie Carmical

Sarah/Emily Circle Co-Moderators – Christa Schwab and Kay Tilley

Eve Circle Co-Moderators – Sherry Schell and Nancy Goldsmith

## 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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