

# 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

*"Come and Find the Quiet Center"*

*B.F. White*

### \*Call to Worship

*from Psalm 118*

We come to God, our holy shepherd, as we come to a green meadow.

*God prepares a place for us, and we give glory in God's presence.*

How excellent is this dwelling place under the eyes of God's care.

*We turn to God in joy. Our good shepherd provides for all our needs.*

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

### \*Prayer of Praise

### \*Hymn #417

*"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*

## The Church Confesses

### \*Invitation to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

*Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. . . . (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 Mark Taylor*

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

Psalm 23

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

**Anthem** "Go Now in Peace" Don Besig and Nancy Price  
PPC Adult Choir

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** 1 John 3.16 – 24  
The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

**Time with Young Disciples**

**Sermon** "Our Worst Critic"  
The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

**The Church Responds in Faith**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

*We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.*

*Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.*

**\*Hymn #172** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

**Offering**  
**Offertory** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Arr. Sylvia Oines

**\*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)

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

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

*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 #129** "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** "Have You Been to Calvary?" Baker/Phillips  
(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)*

<b><u>Name (relationship)</u></b>	<b><u>Concern</u></b>
*Drema LaFoy (Tina's mother) .....	health concerns
Buddy Marsh .....	health concerns
Perry Thornton (David McCormick's boss) .....	father's health issues
Hank Owens .....	health concerns
Dawson Harden (Dixon's Son) .....	deployment

*\*new this week*

The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of Jerry Blakely (Britney Owen Blakely's father-in-law) on his dying to this life on Sunday April 14, 2024.

**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.

**YOUTH SUNDAY: Next Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, our youth will be leading us in worship.** Please make plans to attend this very special service. We will be collecting an offering to help pay for our Montreat summer conference. Stay after worship to have a slice of cake to celebrate our seniors!

**WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY:** For May, 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. **Deliver by May 10<sup>th</sup> in the Church Office Collection Box.** *"Thank you in advance for any and all*

help!" Questions: Tammy Ferguson – Call/text 864-238-4652 or [warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com](mailto:warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com)

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME:** 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: **\$445.00**  
 Weekly Amount Needed for Budget: **\$5,887.12**  
 2024 Budget: **\$306,130.00**

**Serving:**

Pulpit Elder:  
 Sanctuary Guild:  
 Ushers:

**April 21, 2024**

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

**April 28, 2024**

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

Refreshments:

Camera Operation: Anna Chastain Carole Thomas  
 Sunday Youth Meals: Donna and Robert Simms *No Youth Meeting*

Communion Set-up:

Communion Servers:

**Lectionary readings for today:**

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

**Lectionary readings for next Sunday:**

Pulpit Elder: Tina LaFoy  
 Acts 8.26–40  
 Psalms 22.25–31  
 1 John 4.7–21  
 John 15.1–8

**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, 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
Monday, April 22	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 23	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	5:00pm	CDC Advisory Board Meeting	Session Room
	6:30pm	Upcountry Quilters Guild	ASH
Wednesday, April 24	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 25	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	<b>DEADLINE</b> – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
Friday, April 26		<i>Office Closed</i>	

Saturday, April 27

Sunday, April 28

9:30am Sunday School  
10:15am Adult Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am Fellowship Time  
11:00am Worship Service – Youth Sunday

Sanctuary  
All Saints' Hall  
Sanctuary

**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

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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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