

# Pickens Presbyterian Church



In Joy!

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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

*"To the Glory of God, and the Service of People"*

**Youth Sunday**  
**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**

Jessie Cole

**Prelude**

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* J Scriven / C Converse

*Jayden Harden – Piano*

**Concerns in the Life of the Church**

Ethan Briley

**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.)*

**\*Call to Worship**

Emmaleigh Stone

Come as you are, broken and burdened,

*And find healing in God's goodness.*

Come as you are, gifted and beloved,

*And find purpose in God's calling.*

Come as you are, weary and wary,

*And find comfort in God's embrace.*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

*And worship God with joy!*

**\*Prayer of Praise**

Emmaleigh Stone

**\*Hymn #267**

*“All Things Bright and Beautiful”*

**The Church Confesses**

**Invitation to Confession**

Jessie Cole

**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**

Jessie Cole

. . . proclaim the good news to one another: *in the love of Christ, we are forgiven and freed to try again. Amen.*

**\*Corporate Passing of the Peace**

Jessie Cole

**\*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**

*Emmaleigh Stone*

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading** Luke 6.27 – 28

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

**Anthem**

*“Reckless Love”*

*by Cory Asbury*

*PPC Youth with Robert Wood on guitar*

**Time with Young Disciples**

*PPC Youth*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** Matthew 22.37 – 40

*Jayden Harden*

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

**Sermon**

*“Love is Love”*

**Jayden Harden**

### *The Church Responds in Faith*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Jayden Harden & Emmaleigh Stone*

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,*

*Who gathers, protects, and cares,*

*For the church through Word and Spirit.*

*We believe that we need one another and upbuild one another,  
admonishing and comforting one another;*

*That we suffer with one another*

*For the sake of righteousness;*

*Pray together;*

*Together serve God in this world*

*We believe that God,*

*In a world full of injustice and enmity,*

*Is in a special way the God of the destitute,*

*The poor and the wronged.*

*We believe God calls the church to follow God in this;*

*For God brings justice to the oppressed*

*And gives bread to the hungry.*

*Amen.*

**\*Hymn**

*“I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy”*

*by G W Cooke*

*I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy; Down in my heart (where?)*

*Down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart*

*I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy; Down in my heart (where?)*

*Down in my heart to stay!*

*I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus; Down in my heart (where?)*

*Down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart*

*I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus; Down in my heart (where?)*

*Down in my heart to stay!*

*I've got the peace that passes understanding; Down in my heart (where?)*

*Down in my heart (where?) Down in my heart*

*I've got the peace that passes understanding; Down in my heart (where?)*

*Down in my heart to stay!*

**Offering  
Offertory**

Cameron White

*"I've Got Peace Like a River" African-American spiritual*

*The congregation is invited to join in singing our offertory.*

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,*

*I've got peace like a river in my soul.*

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,*

*I've got peace like a river in my soul.*

*I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,*

*I've got love like an ocean in my soul.*

*I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,*

*I've got love like an ocean in my soul.*

*I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,*

*I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.*

*I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,*

*I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.*

**\*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**

Cameron White

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** (debts/Debtors) *Jessie Cole*

*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 #369**

*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Ethan Briley

**\*Postlude (sing twice)**

*"Sanctuary"*

Scruggs & Thompson

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary*

*Pure and Holy, tried and true*

*With thanksgiving I'll be a living*

*Sanctuary for you*

**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*

**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.

***Many thanks to all who helped at the workday last Saturday. Many areas were attended to, indoor and out.***

**TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY:** The theme this year is "In Joy!" Our PPC Youth will be leading the worship service this morning! They have worked faithfully in planning the liturgy, music, and the senior sermon. We're glad you're here to support our Youth!!

**SPECIAL OFFERING:** The congregation will have an opportunity this morning to contribute to a special offering which will assist with costs of the Youth Montreat Summer Conferences. Conferences are always extra special opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth for our youth.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES:** For us to have accurate contact information on file and to be able to keep in contact with one another, Linda will be making calls to verify your information in the next few weeks. If you would prefer to verify your information

with her beforehand, you may email her at the church office: [office@pickenspresbyterian.org](mailto:office@pickenspresbyterian.org) or call her at: 864-878-9422, ext. 0.

**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: **\$692.00**  
 Weekly Amount Needed for Budget: **\$5,887.12**  
 2024 Budget: **\$306,130.00**

**Serving:**

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

**April 28, 2024**

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

**May 5, 2024**

Joe Padgett  
 Cindy Wood  
 Ken & Judy Acker  
 Roger Gettys & Allison Ranson  
 Ginger Chastain  
 Deb Carmical & Kay Rentz  
 Joe Padgett  
 Allison R, Ken T, Ken A,  
 Donna O, Cindy T

**Lectionary readings for today:**

Pulpit Elder: Tina LaFoy

**Lectionary readings for next Sunday:**

Pulpit Elder: Joe Padgett  
 Acts 10.44–48  
 Psalm 98  
 1 John 5.1–6  
 John 15.9–17

**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 28	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints’ Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – Youth Sunday	Sanctuary
Monday, April 29	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 30	9:00am	Jane B Morris Service Fund	Church Office
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
Wednesday, May 1	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:00am	CDC Children’s Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
		Bible Study	ASH

Thursday, May 2	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	<b>DEADLINE</b> – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	6:00pm	CDC Infant/Toddler Training	ASH
Friday, May 3		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, May 4			
Sunday, May 5	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Sanctuary
	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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