Pickens Presbyterian Church

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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 *"The Heavens Declare His Glory" Robert J. Powell*

***Call to Worship** from *Psalm 118*

How good it is for us to come together as kindred spirits.

Hallelujah! Our doubts are answered, and we feel the presence of Christ.

The risen Christ speaks to us and gives us peace.

Hallelujah! Let our worship be the sign of our belief.

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

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #115** *"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

The Church Confesses

***Invitation to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

O Lord our God, we think our best should happen when we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious, content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside.

Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not into the world you so love and into which we are sent. Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places but never in places of brokenness, crisis and defeat.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of Christ's resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. . . . *(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 Starla Taylor*

1st Scripture Reading Psalm 133

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

Anthem *"We Gather at Your Table, Lord"* *Walter Ehret*

PPC Adult Choir

2nd Scripture Reading 1 John 1.1 — 2.2

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

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon *"This Little Light of Ours"*

The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Affirmation of Faith** **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Hymn #503** *"Come, Risen Lord"*

Offering and Change-for-Change Food Pantry Offering

Offertory *"Because I Have Been Given Much" Arr. Todd Billingsley*

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**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***
Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to the Lord.***
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God:
. . . we will celebrate victory with him.
Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all people and nations. . . .

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul, ***and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!***
Bless the Lord, O my soul, ***and forget not all God's benefits.***

***Hymn of Commitment #412** *"Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds"*

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *"Jesus Is the Song" Arr. Mark Edwards*

(Those who are able may remain standing for the Postlude)

<u>The Church Departs and Service Begins</u>

**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)

Name (relationship)	Concern
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**, **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**.

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.

PPC FOOD PANTRY: We are receiving the Change-for-Change and Coupon Cans special offering during Worship this morning and on each 1st Sunday, for support of the church's food pantry, and the Little Free Pantry. **The Missions Committee thanks the Congregation for their generosity** in donations of goods and contributions to the food ministry. Both missions are being greatly utilized by our community.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY: There will be a churchwide Spring cleanup on Saturday, April 20th, 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.

EASTER GIVING: We received $750.00 through the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering on Easter Sunday. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need: **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** receives 32%, **Hunger Program** receives 36%, and **Self-**

Development of People receives 32%. Thank you for opening your hearts, to share through this offering.

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: **$5,180.56.**
Weekly Amount Needed for Budget: **$5,887.12**
2024 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

Serving:	**April 7, 2024**	**April 14, 2024**
Pulpit Elder:	Starla Taylor	Robert Simms
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Teeple	Debbie Teeple
Ushers:	Ivy & Roy Stoddard, Mark Taylor & Ken Townsend	Ivy & Roy Stoddard, Mark Taylor & Ken Townsend
Refreshments:	Sharon Stark	
Camera Operation:	Robert Simms	Ginger Chastain
Sunday Youth Meals:	Sharon Stark	Donna and Robert Simms
Communion Set-up:	Debbie Teeple	
Communion Servers:	Tina La, Bill R, Starla T, Roy S, Debbie T	

Lectionary readings for today:
Pulpit Elder: Starla Taylor
Acts 4.32–35
Psalm 133
1 John 1.1–2:2
John 20.19–31

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:
Pulpit Elder: Robert Simms
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**

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, April 7	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 2nd Sunday of Easter	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH
Monday, April 8	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Parlor
	1:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting	
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	ASH/Ed Bldg
Tuesday, April 9	10:30pm	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	1:00pm	Administration Committee Meeting	ASH
Wednesday, April 10	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 11	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	**DEADLINE** – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	6:00pm	Pickens Co Beekeepers Assoc.	ASH
Friday, April 12		*Office Closed*	
Saturday, April 13	10:00am	LaFoy/Sanders Family Event	All Saints' Hall
Sunday, April 14	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 3rd Sunday of Easter	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting	ASH
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH

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	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Tina LaFoy	Nancy Goldsmith	Joe Padgett
Donna Owen	David McCormick	Jeff Price
Debbie Teeple	Robert Simms	Sharon Stark
Cindy Townsend	Starla Taylor	

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