

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

"Alleluya, Sing to Jesus"

Arr. Henry Coleman

*Call to Worship

The psalmist encourages us to praise God for all the marvelous things God has done.

We join with all creation in praise, for God's love and faithfulness to us is endless.

We sing because God chooses us out of God's great love.

We choose God's love, which bears us in fullness beyond compare.

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn #460

"Holy God We Praise Your Name"

The Church Confesses

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

O God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of your love, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend. When we stumble over the gift of your grace, lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent. When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world, shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of an evening rain. When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace, show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ, your love incarnate. Forgive us, risen Christ, for all the ways we fall short, and teach us to be agents of resurrection in the world. . . . (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 Joe Padgett

1st Scripture Reading Psalm 98

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

Anthem

"In Remembrance of Me"

Courtney & Beryl Red

PPC Adult Choir

2nd Scripture Reading 1 John 5.1 – 6

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

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

"More Than Conquerors"

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 #505**

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

Offering and Change-for-Change Food Pantry Offering

Offertory

"I Surrender All"

Arr. Greg Howlett

***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 #335

"Though I May Speak"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Unto Thee, O Lord, Will I Sing"

Jan Ebeltjes

(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.*

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>
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.

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.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: Both pantries continue to be greatly utilized. The Little Free Pantry is emptied almost daily. The client based Food Pantry is working. Weeks vary but recently volunteers are serving 8-12 people a week. We have added items suggested by our clients: oil, tea bags, and personal hygiene items. We have also decreased usage in several items. If you are able to donate, the pantries need canned/packets of meat, canned/individual fruit and canned vegetables.

CIRCLE MEETINGS: The Sarah Emily and Eve Circles **will both meet this Tuesday, May 7th**, in All Saints' Hall. The Sarah Emily Circle will meet at 11:00am followed by their spring luncheon. The Eve Circle will meet at 5:30pm. Both Circles will study Lesson Nine in the Horizons Bible Study, “Sacred Encounters.”

CDC TEACHER APPRECIATION: Teacher Appreciation week is going to be held this coming week, May 6th – 10th. The theme is “Bees!” Throughout the week the center will shower our teachers with love by doing different things, such as: gifts, lunch, and goodies with donations that are given. If you would like to participate, please see the flyer on the email that was sent out Monday or on Thursday's Cliffnotes for some ways you can help us make this teacher appreciation week special. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by the CDC office or call (864) 878-9953. Teachers plant the seeds of knowledge that grow forever! *“Here at Pickens Presbyterian Church Child Development Center, we are proud and appreciate all our teachers!”*

PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING: Presbyterian Women choose one Sunday in the Spring to feature the work and contributions of women in our church, our denomination, and throughout the world. We invite you to join us for light refreshments **next Sunday, May 12th**, before worship and to consider making a donation to support special causes of the Women of the Church. This year marks the 36th birthday of Presbyterian Women. Special envelopes will be provided at that time.

WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY: For May: Snack Drive for our neighbors 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 10th 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

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: **\$1,625.00**
 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:

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

May 12, 2024

Starla Taylor

Cindy Wood

Ken & Judy Acker

Roger Gettys & Allison Ranson

Nancy Goldsmith

Robert Simms

No Youth Meeting

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Joe Padgett

Acts 10.44–48

Psalm 98

1 John 5.1–6

John 15.9–17

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Starla Taylor

Acts 1.15–17, 21–26

Psalm 1

1 John 5.9–13

John 17.6–19

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, May 5	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints’ Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 6 th Sunday of Easter	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH
Monday, May 6	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Parlor
Tuesday, May 7	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Sarah Emily Circle	All Saints’ Hall

	3:00pm	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	ASH
	5:30pm	Eve Circle	ASH
Wednesday, May 8	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, May 9	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	6:00pm	Pickens Co Beekeepers Assoc.	All Saints' Hall
Friday, May 10		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, May 11			
Sunday, May 12	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 7 th Sunday of Easter	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

Phone: 864.878.9422 ext. 2, 803.317.3331 (cell)

Clerk of Session: Kay Rentz

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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