

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671**

“To the Glory of God, and the Service of People”

Father's Day
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

"Brethen, We Have Met"
Men's Chorus

William Moore

***Call to Worship**

God sees with Holy eyes, *not what the world sees, but what God sees.*

God sees with Holy eyes, *little things becoming great things through faith.*

God sees with Holy eyes, *and our lives become a test of faith, not knowing the end, but trusting the journey.*

God sees with Holy eyes, *and the love of Christ urges us forward, to live as God calls.*

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #293**

"This Is My Father's World"

The Church Confesses

***Invitation to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, you are a blessing to all people yet we choose sides and pit "us" against "them." Forgive our divisiveness. Forgive our exclusion.

Forgive the ways we fail to seek and share your abundance. Help us build the Beloved Community you desire for us, where all your children may live in peace. . . . (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 David McCormick

1st Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 15.34-16.13

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

Psalter

"Psalm 20"

(tune #289)

*1. Lord, hear our supplication,
For trouble is at hand;
And be to us a strong defense
When foes against us stand.
Remember then our tributes,
Each sacrifice we bring;
Accept them as Your honor due,
Our Shepherd and our King.*

*2. The Lord shall with a victor's
crown
Adorn the servant's head;
God's foes proclaim their own conceit,
I praise my Lord instead.
Their pride falls to destruction,
Yet I am ever brave,
Assured God's purpose is to judge,
God's mercy is to save.*

Morgan, Michael. *The Psalter for Christian Worship*, Revised Edition (p. 47). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Used by permission.

2nd Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5.6-17

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

Special Music

*"His Grace Is Sufficient"
Men's Chorus*

Moise Lister

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

"Moving Forward"
The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Affirmation of Faith**

(from the Belhar Confession)*

We believe

- that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.*
- that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;*
- that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;*

- *that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.*

***Hymn #274**

“O God of Earth and Space”

Offering

Offertory

*“What a Day That Will Be”
Men’s Chorus*

Jim Hill

***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 #436**

“We Are Your People”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

*“Amazing Grace”
Men’s Chorus*

Edwin Excell

(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>
*Katherine Acker Brooks.....	health concerns
*Beverly Kelly	health concerns
*Merle Hendricks (Cindy Blackwood’s Father).....	health concerns
Sherwin (Deb Holtel’s cousin)	health concerns
Someone for whom fear and anxiety are very real.....	peace
Shannon Nolan (Jimmy’s Uncle).....	health concerns

Jeri Sue Pilgrim (friend of Ken Acker).....health concerns
John Thomas (Carole's Uncle)health concerns
Jeff Black.....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

Bert Allison, Jeanne Bowen, Katherine Acker Brooks, Barbara & Joe Christopher, Raymond and Margaret Dawkins, Jane Gillespie, Scott Kelly, Drema LaFoy (Tina's mother) and Tina, 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.

We extend a special Thank You to the Men's Chorus, with coordination by Robert Wood, who will be providing Special Music throughout the worship service this morning. The PPC Men's Chorus consists of: Bob Allison, Steve Pace, Jeff Holder, Ron Jones, OD Hendricks, Charlie Helton, Bill Ranson, Burnett Kelly, David Torrey, Wesley Bolding and Robert Wood.

NOTE FROM THE SESSION: All members who need to unlock an outside door to any of the church buildings, Please be sure that the door is re-locked upon leaving.

VBS TIME!: We invite the congregation to volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School this year, **Monday – Wednesday, June 24th – 26th** from **8:30-10:30am**. To be held at the CDC. Bible study and Music outside at the atrium, crafts and snacks in their room. A quote from Audrey Hepburn: “*As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands - one for helping yourself and one for helping others.*” Thank you. To volunteer or for more information, contact Cindy Townsend 864-650-1240.

REMINDER: All Saints' Hall is temporarily closed for floor replacement in ASH, the lower hallway and Choir Room areas. Any events or meetings scheduled during that time will either be relocated or postponed. We'll update you if changes to the timeline occur.

CIRCLE MEMBERS: Ongoing support of the food pantry, Circle members are encouraged to buy one or more of the items listed below to put together cakes for clients who need to bake a cake for a special occasion. **The items for the cakes can be purchased at Dollar Tree, or local grocery stores, and consist of:** Cake mix, Large foil pan with a tall lid, Container of Frosting, Small bottle of cooking oil, Package of birthday candles. Questions, see Deb Holtel.

WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY: For July, they are holding Summer Beach Days, and are collecting Beach themed Music CD's, Hawaiian shirts, leis, plastic coconut or pineapple cups, Hawaiian Punch, or anything pertaining to beach and summer fun for our elderly friends to enjoy! **Due by July 10th in the Church Office Collection Box.** Even the smallest donation adds up. *"We thank you in advance for any and all help!"* Questions see Tammy Ferguson: Call or text 864-238-4652 or email warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com

FELLOWSHIP TIME POSTPONED: Fellowship time will be postponed until the flooring project is complete. We still need volunteers. 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: **\$1,036.00**
 Weekly Amount Needed for Budget: **\$6,077.88**
 2024 Budget: **\$316,050.00**

Serving:

Pulpit Elder:

Sanctuary Guild:

Ushers:

Refreshments:

Camera Operation:

Sunday Youth Meals:

Communion Set-up:

Communion Servers:

June 16, 2024

David McCormick

Allison Ranson

Jim Mahanes, Sharon Stark,
Liza Holder, Donna Owen

Postponed

Anna Chastain

June 23, 2024

Starla Taylor

Allison Ranson

Jim Mahanes, Sharon Stark,
Liza Holder, Donna Owen

Postponed

Carole Thomas

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: David McCormick

1 Samuel 15.34–16.13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5.6–17

Mark 4.26–34

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: Starla Taylor

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23) 32–49
and Psalm 9:9–20

or

1 Samuel 17:57–18:5, 10–16
and Psalm 133

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

Mark 4:35–41

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, June 16	9:30am	Sunday School	
	9:45am	Men's Chorus Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Worship Service – 4 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
Monday, June 17	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Church Parlor
	1:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting	Church Parlor
Tuesday, June 18	9:00am	Jane B Morris Service Fund	Church Office
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
Wednesday, June 19	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:00am	CDC Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
		Bible Study	Church Parlor
	3:00pm	Good Grief	Church Parlor

Thursday, June 20	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	3:30pm	Sailboat Church Prayer Group	Session Room
Friday, June 21		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, June 22			
Sunday, June 23	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Worship Service – 5 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	Session Meeting	Session Room

CONFESSION OF BELHAR

How should the church respond when sin disrupts the church’s unity, creates division among the children of God, and constructs unjust systems that steal life from God’s creation? Members and leaders of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa faced these questions under apartheid, a system of laws that separated people by race from 1948–1994.

Apartheid formed a racially stratified society. Those with the lightest skin tones were offered the greatest protection and opportunity. Non-“white” persons were separated into three categories; each skin tone step away from the “white” category represented a decrease in governmental protections and opportunities. Racial separation was established by law and enforced through violence. Nonwhite citizens lived with constant and intrusive police presence and interference in the daily functions of life. Those who protested risked punishment, imprisonment, and even death.

The roots of apartheid go back in South African culture and church for several centuries. The Dutch Reformed Church embodied racial separation when it formed three “mission” churches in the late nineteenth century, each categorized by its racial identity. The Dutch Reformed Mission Church was formed for people designated as “coloured” (biracial). The church’s complicity with racial separation kept Christians from worshipping and coming to the Lord’s Table together. The white Dutch Reformed Church (DRC) created an elaborate biblical interpretation and ideology that supported racial separation and then the formal apartheid policies. The Dutch Reformed Church’s active participation and theological defense of apartheid moved the global church to name apartheid a status confessionis — a conviction that the Gospel was at stake and thus the faith needed to be proclaimed.

Leaders of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church wrestled with this situation theologically and practically. One outcome of their struggles was the emergence of the Confession of Belhar in the early 1980s.

The Uniting Reformed Church of Southern Africa (URCSA), the church that succeeded the Dutch Reformed Mission Church after apartheid, has offered the Confession of Belhar to the global Reformed family as a gift, believing that the themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice issue a call from God to the whole church toward holy action, transformation, and life.

The Special Committee on the Confession of Belhar recommended that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) add Belhar as part of its Constitution because it believed the clarity of Belhar’s witness to unity, reconciliation, and justice might help the PC(USA) speak and act with similar clarity at a time when it faces division, racism, and injustice.

PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministers – All Members

Transitional Pastor – The Reverend Dr. David Torrey pastor@pickenspresbyterian.org

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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

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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

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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