

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 "Savior of the Nations, Come" arr. Mark Sedio

***Call to Worship**

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord.

Holy One, hear my voice.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits.

In God's word I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning. For with the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #142** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

The Church Confesses

***Invitation to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be. . . . (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 Sharon Stark

1st Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 8.4-20

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

Psalter

"Psalm 138"

(tune #430)

1. *O Lord, my heart will sing,
I give You thanks and praise,
And in Your holy temple bow
Throughout my days.
Your steadfast faithfulness and love,
O God, let shower from above.*

2. *God answered when I called,
Responding to my need;
The rulers of the earth shall name
You Lord indeed!
The proud will fall, their boasts are vain,
The meek of earth shall o'er them
reign.*

3. *Though dangers gather round,
O, Lord, preserve my life;
And by Your strong and forceful arm
I conquer strife.
God will give heed, my hopes fulfill,
And keep the vow to love me still.*

Morgan, Michael. The Psalter for Christian Worship, Revised Edition (p. 208). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Used by permission.

2nd Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

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

Special Music

"Amazing Grace"

Arr. Richard Stolzman

Anna Chastain – Clarinet

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

"Don't Lose Hope"

The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Affirmation of Faith**

Adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified. God raised this Jesus from the dead.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to

witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn #399** “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

Offering Offertory “Wondrous Grace Hath Blest My Soul” arr. W. Elmo Mercer

***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**

***Hymn of Commitment #369** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude “The Church’s One Foundation” arr. Cindy Berry
(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>
*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
Catherine (friend of Nancy Goldsmith).....	health concerns
John Thomas (Carole’s Uncle).....	health concerns
Yancey Anders (friend of Butch Morris).....	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

“Gig” Alexander, 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.

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 would like to 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: As part of our 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. If anyone has questions, please direct them to Deb Holtel.

WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY: For June, they are holding a Toiletries Drive for our neighbors they serve and support in retirement facilities and homebound. They are collecting hand lotions, body lotions, deodorant, shampoos, conditioners. **Small sizes only. Deliver by June 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

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.

GIVING AND EXPENSE UPDATE:

Last Sunday’s Giving: **\$3,563.00.**

Weekly Contributions Needed for Budget: **\$6,077.88.**

Year-to-Date Contributions: **\$151,020.91.**

Year-to-Date Expenses: **\$126,231.46.**

Serving:

Pulpit Elder:

Sanctuary Guild:

Ushers:

Refreshments:

Camera Operation:

Sunday Youth Meals:

Communion Set-up:

Communion Servers:

June 9, 2024

Sharon Stark

Allison Ranson

Jim Mahanes, Sharon Stark,
Liza Holder, Donna Owen*Postponed*

Robert Simms

June 16, 2024

David McCormick

Allison Ranson

Jim Mahanes, Sharon Stark,
Liza Holder, Donna Owen*Postponed*

Anna Chastain

Lectionary readings for today:

Pulpit Elder: Sharon Stark

1 Samuel 8.4–11 (12–15) 16–20 (11:14–15)

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4.13–5:1

Mark 3.20–35

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Pulpit Elder: David McCormick

1 Samuel 15.34–16.13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5.6–10 (11–13) 14–17

Mark 4.26–34

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 9	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
Monday, June 10	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 11	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
Wednesday, June 12	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:00am	CDC Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
		Bible Study	Church Parlor
Thursday, June 13	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
Friday, June 14		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, June 15			
Sunday, June 16	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Worship Service – 4 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary

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:

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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