

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

"Praise Our God Above"

Uladzimir Mironchyk

*Call to Worship

The steadfast love of God never ceases. *God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God.*

Weeping may linger for the night, *but joy comes with the morning, for you hear us when we cry.*

So we will praise you and will not be silent.

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn #478

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

The Church Confesses

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

You shower us with blessings, with chances to know your grace. Still, O Lord, we twist your promises and pray for blessings we can own. You call us to leave our selfish ways and follow your call to compassion. Still, O Lord, we choose shallow belief over transformative faith. You have told us that your love is enough, that the waters of mercy will not run dry. Still, O Lord, we choose fear instead of trust, hiding behind the illusion that we can survive on our own. Forgive us, Holy One, and by your forgiveness, offer us a chance to try again. . . . (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 Tina LaFoy

1st Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 1.1, 17-27

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

Psalter

"Psalm 130"

(tune #551)

1. *From the depths I cry to You,
Savior, Lord, my prayer
receive;*

*Who can stand the press of sin?
Those who in Your grace
believe.*

*Mark not my iniquity,
Lest the burden break my
heart;*

*Not my heart alone, but Yours;
In your mercy, bear my part.*

Morgan, Michael. *The Psalter for Christian Worship*, Revised Edition (p. 199). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation © 2010. Used by permission.

2. *For the Lord my soul awaits;
In God's word, my hope is
laid;*

*As the sentries by the dawn
For their patience are repaid.*

*Hope in God, O Israel;
God, whose steadfast love is
sure;*

*Who for us redemption brings;
God, whose mercies shall
endure.*

2nd Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 8.7-15

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

Special Music

"Canon in D"

Johann Pachelbel

Jayden Harden and Gilda Hendricks – Pianists

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

"Beating Around the Bush?"

The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

*Affirmation of Faith

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

***Hymn #408**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

Offering

Offertory

“Fairest Lord Jesus” arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

***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 #391**

“Take My Life”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

arr. John Carter

(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 in 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
*Father of Randall Ferguson	health concerns
*Buddy Marsh	health concerns
Katherine Acker Brooks	health concerns
Beverly Kelly	health concerns
Merle Hendricks (Cindy Blackwood’s Father)	health concerns

**new this week*

Peace in Ukraine. PDA support: gifts to [DR000156](#).

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.

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.

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.

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.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH: Our PPC Youth will be attending their High School Youth Conference at Montreat beginning next Sunday, July 7th – 13th. Five Youth and two Adult Counselors will be attending. If anyone would be willing to donate an Ingles gift card to help with the expense of gas and groceries, or make a frozen dish all would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of our Youth! If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Townsend, Carole Thomas or Anna Chastain.

DROP-IN CELEBRATION FOR JAY PENCE!

Where: At the Pence/Folger family homeplace – 1233 Walhalla Highway, Pickens.

When: Wednesday, July 10th. Drop-in between 2:00 – 6:00pm.

RSVP to Louise Hope: 864.414.8543, text or phone call.

“Dear Friends,

I hope you all can drop in on July 10th because it is the actual date marking what would have been Mom and Dad's 70th wedding anniversary. Since they were married in Pickens Presbyterian Church, I find it appropriate for friends from the congregation to come toast this occasion and share some memories. Also, my daughter Allene will be home from Prague (for a short time) and she suggested this time so she could visit with everyone! (It is also her birthday on July 15th, so I want to surprise her with a cake.)

I hope to see you all on this day! Thank you ahead of time for coming to help us CELEBRATE!!!!

Love, Louise”

CIRCLE MEMBERS: Ongoing support of the food pantry, Circle members are encouraged to buy one or more of the items listed below for clients who need to bake a cake for a special occasion. **The items for the cakes 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: July theme, Summer Beach_Days, and 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: Call or text Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or email 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: **\$1,470.00**

Weekly Amount Needed for Budget: **\$6,077.88**

2024 Budget: **\$316,050.00**

Serving:

June 30, 2024

July 7, 2024

Pulpit Elder:	Tina LaFoy	Debbie Teeple
Sanctuary Guild:	Allison Ranson	Peggy Torrey
Ushers:	Townsend, Liza Holder, Donna Owen	Kathy & David Chamlee, Della Black
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	Ginger Chastain	Robert Simms
Sunday Youth Meals:		
Communion Set-up:		Sharon Stark
Communion Servers:		Sharon S, Deb T, Jeff P, Tina La, Bill R
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u>		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u>
Pulpit Elder: Tina LaFoy 2 Samuel 1.1, 17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8.7-15 Mark 5.21-43		Pulpit Elder: Deb Teeple 2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12.2-10 Mark 6.1-13

Church Events This Week:

Online calendar: <http://PickensPresbyterian.org/Calendar>

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, June 30	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Worship Service – 6 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
Monday, July 1	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Church Parlor
Tuesday, July 2	8:30am	Jane B Morris Service Fund	Church Office
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
Wednesday, July 3	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:00am	Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
		Bible Study	Church Parlor
	12:00pm 3:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes Good Grief	Church Parlor
Thursday, July 4		<i>Office Closed – July 4th</i>	
Friday, July 5		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, July 6			
Sunday, July 7	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 7 th Sunday after Pentecost High School Youth leave for Montreat	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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