

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

"Let All Things Now Living"

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

*Call to Worship

God calls. *God gathers.*

God challenges. *God moves.*

God liberates. *God comforts.*

God guides. *God saves.*

All: Let us worship God who is involved in every moment of our lives!

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn #420

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

The Church Confesses

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you call us to live as your beloved children and to care for each other, yet we often fail to love others and pursue our selfish desires. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, then guide us so that we stand strong in our commitment to sharing your love. We pray this in our awareness of your amazing grace and bountiful mercy. Amen. . . . (silent, personal confession)

*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

Ephesians 1.3-14

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

2nd Scripture Reading Mark 6.14-29
The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

Special Music “Our Great Saviour” Arr. Harkness
June and Donna Simms – Vocal Duet

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon “Gray Areas”
The Reverend Preston Shealy

The Church Responds in Faith

***Affirmation of Faith** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)
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, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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 #388** “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Offering

Offertory “I Need Thee Every Hour” arr. Joel Raney

***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”

Congregational Meeting

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

“I Will Praise Him”

arr. Marilyn Ham

(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)

<u>Name (relationship)</u>	<u>Concern</u>
*Victims of Hurricane Beryl.....	disaster relief
*Samuel Hood (nephew of John and Jana Holland).....	health concerns
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.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday, July 14th, at the end of the worship service for the following purpose: To receive the report of the PNC and take action on the recommendation of the PNC to call a Candidate for the position of Installed Pastor of Pickens Presbyterian Church, and any business related to the recommendation. Guests are invited to stay for the meeting if they desire.

WELCOME REV. SHEALY: Please welcome Rev. Preston Shealy to the pulpit this morning. A native of Camden, South Carolina, and a graduate of Clemson University, Preston retired to Clemson in 2020 after thirty-five years of ministry in the Presbyterian Church USA. He now serves as a Parish Associate at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church in Clemson and is active in Foothills Presbytery including serving as the liaison to the Pickens Presbyterian PNC. Preston served churches in Illinois, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Ohio. Debbie, his wife, is a physical therapist at Roger C Peace Rehabilitation Hospital and an elder at Fort Hill. Preston and Debbie enjoy hiking in the area parks and travelling (usually with "Our Nest," their travel trailer) throughout the United States and Canada with a special emphasis on our beautiful National Parks. Preston and Debbie have two children: Paige recently moved to Clemson and Matthew lives in Cleveland.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: If anyone would like to provide fresh flowers in the Sanctuary alternating with our artificial arrangements, please contact Debbie Teeple to add your name to the flower schedule. They don't have to be home grown, and the church has plenty of vases to choose from. Text Debbie Teeple at 864-380-7986 or email at dteple2k@yahoo.com. Thank you for your participation.

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.

WARMTH AND COMFORT MINISTRY: For their August Drive they are collecting bibs, walker bags, and wheelchair bags. They may be purchased or handmade items. We will also accept fabric that we can use to make them. **Due August 10 in the Church Office Collection Box. Please see Thursday's Cliffnotes for pattern links.** 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

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.

GIVING AND EXPENSE UPDATE:

Last Sunday's Giving: **\$3,693.17.**

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

Year-to-Date Contributions: **\$164,291.49.**

Year-to-Date Expenses: **\$162,955.39.**

Serving:**July 14, 2024****July 21, 2024**

Pulpit Elder:	Sharon Stark	Joe Padgett
Sanctuary Guild:	Peggy Torrey	Peggy Torrey
Ushers:	Kathy & David Chamlee, Della Black	Kathy & David Chamlee, Della Black
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	Anna Chastain	Carole Thomas
Sunday Youth Meals:		
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Pulpit Elder: Sharon Stark 2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1.3-14 Mark 6.14-29		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Pulpit Elder: Joe Padgett 2 Samuel 7.1-14a Psalm 89.20-37 Ephesians 2.11-22 Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

Church Events This Week:Online calendar: <http://PickensPresbyterian.org/Calendar>

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, July 14	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 8 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
	12:00pm	Congregational Meeting	
	3:00pm	LaFoy Family Event	ASH
Monday, July 15	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Church Parlor
Tuesday, July 16	10:30am	Jane B Morris Service Fund	Church Office
	1:00pm	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	7:00pm	CDC Advisory Board Meeting	Session Room
Wednesday, July 17	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:00am	Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	3:00pm	Bible Study Good Grief	Church Parlor Church Parlor
Thursday, July 18	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
Friday, July 19		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, July 20	10:00am- 4:00pm	Harden Family Event	All Saints' Hall
Sunday, July 21	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 9 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: Kay Tilley

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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