

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

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*Call to Worship

Come into the presence of the Most High God with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

For our Savior frees us from slavery.

Our Savior heals our diseases.

Our Savior is our peace.

You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Come, Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn #264

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

The Church Confesses

*Invitation to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

We love you, O Lord, with our prayers and our songs. Forgive us when we do not love you with our actions. You have called us to tend your sheep: to care for your people around the world, to share what we have, and to reflect your love. Forgive us, O Lord, when our love for you is shallow, when our love for our neighbors is empty, and when our love for ourselves is hard to find. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short, and by your forgiveness, free us 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 Joe Padgett

1st Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 7.1-14a

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

Psalter

"Psalm 89b"

(tune #210)

1. *The chosen of the Lord shall own
God's blessing full and free,
Uplifted by the arms of faith
For all the world to see.*

3. *The holy court which God ordained
Brings justice swift and sure;
To those who live beneath the law,
God's mercies will endure.*

2. *The steadfast truth and love of God
Outweighs the crush of hate;
The Lord bestows on faithful hearts
True joys to celebrate.*

4. *God's covenant forever stands
As truth for all to claim,
And generations yet to come
Will sing God's holy name.*

Morgan, Michael. *The Psalter for Christian Worship*, Revised Edition (p. 143).
Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Used by permission.

2nd Scripture Reading Ephesians 2.11-22

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

Special Music

"Down by the Riverside"

Arr. David McKeown

Anna Chastain – Clarinet, Alex Armock – Clarinet

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

"Resident Aliens"

The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

*Affirmation of Faith

(from *A Declaration of Faith*)

God sent his Son to proclaim release to those who are bound, to announce that God's promised kingdom is at hand, to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news. The Lord is moving toward the time when the glorious liberty of the children of God will be manifest throughout the whole creation. We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives.

We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever. We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or

demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.

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 #417**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Offering

Offertory

“Hymn of Promise” with “How Great Thou Art” arr. Lynette Maynard

***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 #432**

“Song of Hope”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

“His Eye Is On the Sparrow” arr. Dino Kartsonakis

(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 CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

*Ella Lee (New Great-Granddaughter of Chil Francis)

*Cheryl Dunhamhealth concerns

*Beckham Hayes Morris (Grandson of Butch and Dianna - born 7/7/2024)

Victims of Hurricane Beryl disaster relief

Samuel Hood (nephew of John and Jana Holland)health concerns

Father of Randall Fergusonhealth concerns

Buddy Marshhealth concerns
Katherine Acker Brookshealth concerns
Beverly Kellyhealth 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).

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.

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. They will also accept fabric that can be used 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.

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Last Sunday's Giving: **\$1,736.00**

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

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

Serving:

July 21, 2024

July 28, 2024

Pulpit Elder:	Joe Padgett	Cindy Townsend
Sanctuary Guild:	Peggy Torrey	Peggy Torrey
Ushers:	Kathy & David Chamlee, Della Black	Kathy & David Chamlee, Della Black
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	Carole Thomas	Ginger Chastain
Sunday Youth Meals:		
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Pulpit Elder: Joe Padgett 2 Samuel 7.1-14a Psalm 89.20-37 Ephesians 2.11-22 Mark 6.30-34, 53-56		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Pulpit Elder: Cindy Townsend 2 Samuel 11.1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3.14-21 John 6.1-21

Church Events This Week:

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

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
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
Monday, July 22	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Church Parlor
Tuesday, July 23	1:00pm	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	6:00pm	Upcountry Quilters Guild	All Saints' Hall
Wednesday, July 24	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:00am	Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies Bible Study	CDC Church Parlor
Thursday, July 25	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
Friday, July 26		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, July 27			
Sunday, July 28	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
	12:30-4:00pm	Hendricks Family Event	ASH

PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministers – All Members

Pastor – The Reverend Dr. David A. 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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