

# 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**

*"Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior" ADORO TE DEVOTE*

### **\*Call to Worship**

Let every voice shout      *Every knee bow*  
 Every mouth proclaim      *Every life announce*  
 Every generation tell      *Every community give witness*  
 Every church bring to life      *The glory of God, alive among us!*  
*All: Come, Let us worship God.*

### **\*Prayer of Praise**

### **\*Hymn #479**

*"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"*

## The Church Confesses

### **\*Invitation to Confession**

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

*Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other "gods" — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, of racial and ethnic privileging, of gender exclusivity, and of nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might learn to love as you love and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children. . . . (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 Cindy Townsend*

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading** 2 Samuel 11.1-15

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

**Psalter**

*"Psalm 14"*

(tune #269)

1. *The foolish heart denies the  
Lord,  
And mocks divine decree;  
The harvest of its work is vain,  
Its deeds bring misery.*

2. *From heav'n God looks upon  
our hearts  
To measure good and shame;  
The wicked glory in themselves,  
While we exalt God's name.*

3. *They live their evil days as kings,  
Their scorn brings them to dust;  
And from our shackles God will forge  
A scepter for the just.*

Morgan, Michael. *The Psalter for Christian Worship*, Revised Edition (p. 39).  
Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Used by permission.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** Ephesians 3.14-21

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

**Special Music**

*"Poor, Wayfaring Stranger"*  
PPC Strings and Singers

*Trad. Spiritual*

*Deborah Hendricks, Bill Ranson, Starla Taylor, Kay Tilley,  
Cindy Wood, O.D. Hendricks, Joe Padgett, Robert Wood*

**Time with Young Disciples**

**Sermon**

*"Benediction"*

**The Reverend Dr. David Torrey**

## The Church Responds in Faith

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

(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 in 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.*

**\*Hymn #289**

*“O God of Every Nation”*

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr. Charlie Miller*

**\*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 #366**

*“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*“And Can It Be?”*

*Thomas Campbell*

*(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.*

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**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](mailto: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)*

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## **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)*

<u><b>Name (relationship)</b></u>	<u><b>Concern</b></u>
*Allison Ranson.....	health concerns
Cheryl Dunham.....	health concerns
Ella Lee Trammell.....	(new great-granddaughter of Chil Francis)
Beckham Hayes Morris.....	(grandson of Butch and Dianna - born 7/17/2024)
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

*\*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, Beverly Kelly, Scott Kelly, Drema LaFoy (Tina’s mother) and Tina, Mary Dawn Mills (Niece of Ray & Margaret Dawkins), Tommy Owen, Jo Ann Taylor, Melvin Tolliver (Deb Holtel’s uncle), John & Tiffanie Torrey (David’s brother & sister-in-law), Mary Hellen Ward (sister of Ray Dawkins).**

The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of Merle Hendricks, father of Cindy Blackwood and uncle of OD Hendricks, on his dying to this life on Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

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**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.

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**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.

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE:** Your support continues to be a blessing to the Food Pantries and the CDC Reading Buddies. We are in need for more volunteers! If you are able please consider the Food Pantry on Monday or Wednesday mornings for 2-4 hours. Or being a Reading Buddy at 10:30 at the CDC on Mondays through Thursdays. You would be sharing this Mission opportunity with others! Please see Sharon or Mark for more information.

**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:** August Drive collecting bibs, walker bags, and wheelchair bags. May be purchased or handmade items. 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/text Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or email [warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com](mailto:warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com)

**CIRCLE MEMBERS:** Ongoing support of the food pantry, members are encouraged to buy one or more items listed below for clients who need to bake a cake for a special occasion. **The items for the cakes:** 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: **\$3,361.00**  
Weekly Amount Needed for Budget: **\$6,077.88**  
2024 Budget: **\$316,050.00**

**Serving:****July 28, 2024****August 4, 2024**

Pulpit Elder:	Cindy Townsend	Cindy Townsend
Sanctuary Guild:	Peggy Torrey	Deb Holtel
Ushers:	Kathy & David Chamlee, Della Black	Dianna & Butch Morris
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	Ginger Chastain	Robert Simms
Sunday Youth Meals:		
Communion Set-up:		Donna Owen
Communion Servers:		1 – Starla, 2 – Roy, 3 – Rocky 4 – Allison, 5 – Ken T
<b><u>Lectionary readings for today:</u></b> Pulpit Elder: Cindy Townsend 2 Samuel 11.1–15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3.14–21 John 6.1–21		<b><u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u></b> Pulpit Elder: Cindy Townsend 2 Samuel 11.26–12.13a Psalm 51.1–12 Ephesians 4.1–16 John 6.24–35

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

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
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 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
	12:30-4:00pm	Hendricks Family Event	ASH
Monday, July 29	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Church Parlor
Tuesday, July 30	9:00am	Jane B Morris Service Fund	Church Office
	1:00pm	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
Wednesday, July 31	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, August 1	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	<b>DEADLINE</b> – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
Friday, August 2		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, August 3			
Sunday, August 4	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary



# PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministers – All Members

Pastor – The Reverend Dr. David A. Torrey [pastor@pickenspresbyterian.org](mailto:pastor@pickenspresbyterian.org)

Parish Associate – The Reverend Beverly Kelly

Church Administrator/Treasurer – Mrs. Cyndi Banks [admin@pickenspresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@pickenspresbyterian.org)

Church Administrative Assistant – Ms. Linda Banks [office@pickenspresbyterian.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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