

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 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" **Johann Cruger**

***Call to Worship**

Come into my house and worship, says our God.

Happy are those who feel at home in God's house.

Come into my presence and be at peace, says our God.

Happy are those who enjoy God's gift of serenity.

Come and let your life be joined to mine, says our God.

Happy are those who abide in God's love.

Come and be God's honored guest, for all are welcome in God's house.

Happy are we, the dearly loved of a faithful God.

All: Come, Let us worship God.

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #446** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

The Church Confesses***Invitation to Confession*****Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Holy One of God. Even as we confess you are Lord, we admit that we struggle to follow you. Your teachings demand commitment, but we lack energy and imagination. Sometimes we wish we could just go away from you. But to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. Risen Christ, have mercy on us. Choose us yet again. Send your Spirit to empower our witness and work . . .
(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 Debbie Teeple

1st Scripture Reading Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18

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

Psalter

"Psalm 84"

(tune #522)

1. *How lovely is Your dwelling place,
Lord of hosts, to me;
Within the grandeur of Your courts
My soul desires to be.*
2. *The sparrow finds a safe retreat,
Secure she takes her rest;
And in Your shelter, for her young
The swallow builds her nest.*
3. *How blessed are they who in Your
house
Live out their faithful days;
Their hearts with springs of joy are
filled,
Their lips with songs of praise!*
4. *To make my home with You, O Lord,
My hopeful heart aspires;
For there one day outshines the years
Spent for my own desires.*
5. *Lord, You are both sun and shield,
My sure defense shall be;
How great the happiness is theirs
Who trust, and are set free!*

Morgan, Michael. *The Psalter for Christian Worship, Revised Edition* (p. 134). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation © 2010. *Used by permission.*

2nd Scripture Reading Ephesians 6.10-20

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

Special Music

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

H. W. Baker

Rev. Terri Price and Starla Taylor – Vocal Duet

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon

"All Dressed Up, Where to Go?"

The Reverend Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (*Traditional, p. 14*)

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

***Hymn #504**

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Offering

(Use the QR Code to the right for Online Giving)



GIVE NOW

Offertory

“We Are an Offering”

arr. Fred Bock

***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 #447**

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” arr. Anna Laura Page

(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)

CONCERNS

<u>Name (relationship)</u>	<u>Concern</u>
*Roy & Ivy Stoddard.....	health concerns
Victims of Hurricane Debby	disaster relief
Chapell Hughes (friend of Kay Rentz).....	health concerns
Kerry Owen.....	health concerns
Cathleen McCormick.....	health concerns
Allison Ranson	health concerns
Cheryl Dunham.....	health concerns
Samuel Hood (nephew of John and Jana Holland).....	health concerns

CELEBRATIONS

***Theo Quinn Chamlee** (1st grandson of David and Kathy - born 8/19/2024)

*new this week

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).

EXTRA GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Humanitarian Aid to Israel/Palestine. PDA support: gifts to [DR000081](#).

Hurricane Beryl Relief. PDA support: gifts to [DR000194](#).

Hurricane Debby Relief. PDA support: gifts to [DR000169](#).

***NOTE: Make checks payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

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.

Also, All members who unlock an outside door to any of the church buildings, Please be sure that the door is re-locked upon leaving.

CDC NEWS: The CDC is entering its 45th year of providing faith-based childcare to the community of Pickens County. It is our goal to provide affordable childcare that allows families to work and strengthen their careers. The CDC is currently seeking donations to strengthen our 2025 budget. A complete list of needed items is available in the Narthex, Church Office, and in Thursday's Cliffnotes. **Items can be dropped off directly at the CDC or the Church Office.**

CDC T-SHIRTS: The CDC is currently ordering T-Shirts with a small "pocket" CDC logo on the front and a large logo on the back. Prices ranges: \$8 - \$24. Order forms available in the Narthex, Church Office and on Cliffnotes. **NOTE: Checks to be payable to: Hannah Gantt.** Drop orders at the CDC or Church Office. Let's promote this important ministry to our community. **Deadline: Next Sunday, September 1st.**

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH: The Fellowship & Care Committee invites all to lunch following the morning worship service today!

CIRCLE KICK-OFF DINNER: The PPC Women of the Church (PW) will be having their annual dinner at 5:30pm on Tuesday, September 3rd, at the Pickens Pizza Inn to Kick-Off the new Circle year. Debbie Carmical will present an introductory lesson and Chapter 1. This is a great time to get involved! Both Circles will be using the book: *In All Things: A Nine Week Devotional Study on Unshakeable Joy*, by Melissa B Kruger. The cost of the book will be: \$12.83.

YOUTH KICK-OFF: Our PPC Youth will kick off their new year on Sunday, September 8th. Anyone who would be interested in hosting the Youth for this event please contact Cindy Townsend, Carol Thomas or Anna Chastain. **Volunteers are also needed to serve as a Youth Leader twice a month.** Please contact Cindy Townsend.

GIRL SCOUT YARD SALE: Girl Scout Troup #1591 will be holding a Yard Sale on Saturday, September 28th, from 8:00am – 3:00pm in the PPC Upper Parking. This event is to help raise money for their trip to Savannah, GA to learn about their Girl Scout roots!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: Your support continues to be a blessing to the Food Pantries and the CDC Reading Buddies. We need more volunteers! If you are able, please consider the Food Pantry on Monday or Wednesday mornings for 2-4 hours. Or, be a Reading Buddy at 10:30 Mondays through Thursdays at the CDC. You would be sharing this Mission opportunity with others! See Sharon, Mark, or Cliffnotes 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: September – November drive, they are collecting **Items of Warmth:** blankets, throws, socks, shawls, lap quilts, gloves, and scarves, new or handmade. **Due by November 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/text Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or email 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 lid, Container of Frosting, Small cooking oil, Package of birthday candles. Questions, see Deb Holtel.

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Last Sunday's Giving: **\$2,750.34**

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

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

<u>Serving:</u>	<u>August 25, 2024</u>	<u>September 1, 2024</u>
Pulpit Elder:	Debbie Teeple	Starla Taylor
Sanctuary Guild:	Deb Holtel	Cindy Wood
Ushers:	Dianna & Butch Morris, Deb Holtel, Leo Tilley	Tina LaFoy, Robert Simms
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	Ginger Chastain	Robert Simms
Sanctuary Flowers:	Jo Anne Gessell	Dianna Morris
Sunday Youth Meals:		
Communion Set-up:		David McCormick
Communion Servers:		1 – Ken A, 2 – Donna, 3 – Cindy, 4 – Debbie T, 5 – David Mc
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Pulpit Elder: Debbie Teeple 1 Kings 8.(1, 6, 10–11) 22–30, 41–43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6.10–20 John 6.56–69		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Pulpit Elder: Starla Taylor Song of Solomon 2.8–13 Psalm 45.1–2, 6–9 James 1.17–27 Mark 7.1–8, 14–15, 21–23

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

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, August 25	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:00am	Fall Kick Off	All Saints' Hall
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	ASH
	11:00am	Worship Service – 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
Monday, August 26	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Church Parlor
Tuesday, August 27	1:00pm	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	4:00pm	CDC Grow Outdoors Event	All Saints' Hall
Wednesday, August 28	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:00am	Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
		Bible Study	Church Parlor
	3:00pm	Good Grief	Church Parlor
	4:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	5:00pm	CDC Advisory Committee Meeting	Session Room
Thursday, August 29	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
Friday, August 30		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, August 31			
Sunday, September 1	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:00am	Fall Kick Off	All Saints' Hall
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 15 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
	2:00pm	Morris Family Bridal Shower	ASH

PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministers – All Members

Transitional 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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