

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

Friendship Pads *(Please print your name(s) and pass the pad to the next person, then pass it back, note with whom you're worshipping and greet them by name after worship.)*

Concerns in the Life of the Church

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Choral Introit "This Is the Day the Lord has Made"

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "Christ, You Are the Fullness" Korean melody

***Call to Worship**

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

Our creator promised from the beginning that we would not be alone.

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

Our redeemer proclaimed that everyone is welcome.

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

Our sustainer speaks to us still.

All: Come, Let us worship God.

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #324** "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

You call out to us, Holy God, from city streets, town squares and cattle gates, but we refuse to listen. Preoccupied with our projections of you, we fail to see how these thoughts disrupt our communion with each other. You offer an outstretched hand to join you in transforming our lives, but we deny such a dance with Divinity is possible, choosing complacency to your counsel. Forgive us, Lord of Love, when we ignore your unremitting call to live in the way of love. By your mercy, may we heed your call to examine our foolishness so we may live as fools for Christ's sake. . . . (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 Robert Simms

1st Scripture Reading Proverbs 1.20-33
The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

2nd Scripture Reading James 3.1-12
The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem "With a Voice of Singing" *Martin Shaw*

Sermon "Fresh or Brackish?" *Dr. David Torrey*

The Church Responds in Faith

***Affirmation of Faith** (from The Confession of 1967)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful [people]. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

***Hymn #2130, pg 7** "The Summons"

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



GIVE NOW

Offertory "O Day of God" *KING'S LYNN*

***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 and Let It Be Consecrated"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" *arr. Sylvia Oines*
(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>
*Ricky Bridges (friend of Darryl Cook)	health concerns
*Connie Rogers (friend of Nancy Goldsmith).....	health concerns
*Hunter (16 year-old who is terminally ill)	health concerns
I-75 Shooting Victims in Kentucky.....	consolation
Shooting Victims' families at Apalachee High School	consolation
Cathleen McCormick	health concerns
Samuel Hood (nephew of John and Jana Holland)	health concerns

CELEBRATIONS

*Birth of **Janie Graham Templeton** on Mon, 9/9 (Great-granddaughter of Della Black)
**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 Debby Relief. PDA support: gifts to [DR000169](#).

***NOTE:** Checks made 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.

PPC FOOD PANTRY: The Missions Committee thanks the Congregation for their generosity in donations to the food ministry. The pantries need canned/packets of meat, canned/individual fruit and canned vegetables.

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

GIRL SCOUT YARD SALE: Girl Scout Troup #1591 will hold a Yard Sale on Saturday, September 28th, from 8:00am – 3:00pm in the PPC Upper Parking. Other items being sold at the yard sale include plants and hot dog plates as well. This event raises money for their trip to Savannah, GA to learn about their Girl Scout roots!

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 collecting Items of Warmth. **Due by November 10th in the Church Office Collection Box.**

Questions: Call/text Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or email warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com

CIRCLE MEMBERS: Ongoing support of the food pantry, items for cakes. Questions, see Deb Holtel.

GENERAL FUND UPDATE:

Last Sunday's Giving: **\$3,456.00**
 Weekly Amount Needed for Budget: **\$6,077.88**
 2024 Budget: **\$316,050.00**

Serving:	September 15, 2024	September 22, 2024
Pulpit Elder:	Robert Simms	Joe Padgett
Sanctuary Guild:	Cindy Wood	Cindy Wood
Ushers:	Tina LaFoy, Robert Simms, Chad & Meg Cole	Tina LaFoy, Robert Simms, Chad & Meg Cole
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	Carole Thomas	Ginger Chastain
Sanctuary Flowers:	Cindy Wood	Jo Anne Gessell
Sunday Youth Meals:		
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Pulpit Elder: Robert Simms Proverbs 1.20–33 Psalm 19 James 3.1–12 Mark 8.27–38		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Pulpit Elder: Joe Padgett Proverbs 31.10–31 Psalm 1 James 3.13–4.3, 7–8a Mark 9.30–37

Church Events This Week:

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

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, September 15	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
	1:00pm	Chastain Family Event	ASH
	5:30pm	Young Adult Meeting	ASH

Monday, September 16	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Church Parlor
	1:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting	ASH
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	ASH
Tuesday, September 17	1:00pm	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
Wednesday, Sept 18	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:00am	Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
		Bible Study	Church Parlor
	2:00pm	Finance Committee Meeting	All Saints' Hall
	4:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, Sept 19	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
Friday, September 20		<i>Office Closed</i>	
	4:30pm	CDC Family Night	All Saints' Hall
Saturday, September 21			
Sunday, September 22	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	Stated Session Meeting	Session Rm
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH

The Summons

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1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ____ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ____ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ____ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ____ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ____ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ____ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ____ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, ____ will you let my name be known, ____ will you
 stare ____ should your life at - tract or scare? ____ Will you
 clean, ____ and do such as this un - seen, ____ and ad -
 found ____ to re - shape the world a - round, ____ through my
 go ____ where your love and foot - steps show. ____ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ____
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ____
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ____
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ____
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ____

PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministers – All Members

Pastor Elect – 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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