

# 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**

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

**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.*

### **Preparation for Worship**

**Prelude**      *"Thou Shalt Bring Them In"*      *George F. Handel*

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

Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,  
*And meditate on God's word day and night.*

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
*Which yield their fruit in its season.*

*All: Come, Let us worship God.*

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

**\*Hymn #460**      *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

## The Church Confesses

### **Prayer of Confession**

*Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Help us to submit ourselves to you, resist evil, and draw near to your grace. . . . (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

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading**      Proverbs 31.10-31

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

## Time with Young Disciples

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** James 3.13—4.3

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

**Anthem** “*With Songs of Rejoicing*” Johann S. Bach

**Sermon** “*Have You Asked?*” Dr. David Torrey

### *The Church Responds in Faith*

**\*Hymn #341** “*Blessed Assurance*”

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

*In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage, to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples, to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”*

*With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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



GIVE NOW

**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**

**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 #335** “*Though I May Speak*”

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** “*O, How I Love Jesus*” American Melody

(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)*

### CONCERNS

<u>Name (relationship)</u>	<u>Concern</u>
*Ray Ferguson (Randall's Father).....	health concerns
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
Cathleen McCormick .....	health concerns
Samuel Hood (nephew of John and Jana Holland) .....	health concerns

### CELEBRATIONS

*\*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).**

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The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of **Ann Stancell** (Casey's Grandmother) on her dying to this life Saturday, Sep 14, 2024.

#### 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.

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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.

**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 45<sup>th</sup> 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 next Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup> in the Church Office Collection Box.**

Questions: Call/text Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or email [warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com](mailto:warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com)

**GENERAL FUND UPDATE:**

Last Sunday's Giving: **\$1,825.00**

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

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

<u>Serving:</u>	<u>September 22, 2024</u>	<u>September 29, 2024</u>
Pulpit Elder:	Joe Padgett	Debbie Teeple
Sanctuary Guild:	Cindy Wood	Cindy Wood
Ushers:	Tina LaFoy, Robert Simms, Chad & Meg Cole	Tina LaFoy, Robert Simms, Chad & Meg Cole
Refreshments:	Sharon Stark	Rocky Harden
Camera Operation:	Ginger Chastain	Robert Simms
Sanctuary Flowers:	Jo Anne Gessell	Kay Rentz
Sunday Youth Meals:		
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<b><u>Lectionary readings for today:</u></b> Pulpit Elder: Joe Padgett Proverbs 31.10–31 Psalm 1 James 3.13–4.3, 7–8a Mark 9.30–37		<b><u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u></b> Pulpit Elder: Debbie Teeple Esther 7.1–6, 9–10; 9.20–22 Psalm 124 James 5.13–20 Mark 9.38–50

**Church Events This Week:**

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

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
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 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	Stated Session Meeting	Session Room
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH

Monday, September 23	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Church Parlor
Tuesday, September 24	1:00pm	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	4:00pm	CDC Advisory Committee Meeting	Session Room
	6:30pm	Upcountry Quilters Guild	All Saints' Hall
Wednesday, Sept 25	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
Thursday, Sept 26	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	<b>DEADLINE</b> – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
Friday, September 27		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, September 28	8:00am-3:00pm	Girl Scout Yard Sale	Upper Parking
Sunday, September 29	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary

# PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ministers – All Members

Pastor Elect – 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

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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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