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 worshipers to wear masks, if you are more comfortable doing so in a group situation, and of course, if you are sick please stay home and join us via livestream.

Chiming of the Hour
Choral Introit *"The First Song of Isaiah"* *J.N. White*
Friendship Pads
Please print your name(s), pass the pad, as it comes back, note the names of those worshipping with you and greet them by name after worship.
Concerns in the Life of the Church
Moment for Stewardship Mission Bill Ranson

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Preparation for Worship
Prelude *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Ronald A. Nelson*
***Call to Worship**
O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, ***for God's steadfast love endures forever.***
O give thanks to the God of gods, ***for God's steadfast love endures forever.***
O give thanks to the Lord of lords, ***for God's steadfast love endures forever.***
All: Come, Let us worship God.
***Prayer of Praise**
***Hymn #147** *"Blessing and Honor"*

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession
Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, "Come, follow me." Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus's call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives. . . . *(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 Tina LaFoy

1st Scripture Reading Genesis 28.10-22

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

Time with Young Disciples

2nd Scripture Reading Mark 10.17-31

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

Anthem *"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"* *Scholtes / Bock*

Sermon *"Radical Gratitude"* Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #399** *"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"*

***Affirmation of Faith** (from A Declaration of Faith)

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

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

GIVE NOW

Offertory *"O Master Let Me Walk with Thee" arr. Livvy Huisman*

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 #434** *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*

Congregational Meeting

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Tedd Smith*

(Please remain seated until worship ends after 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

Name (relationship)	**Concern**
*Deb Holtel's Granddaughter Sara	health concerns
Cody Tangeman (friend/coworker of David McCormick)	tree fell & destroyed house
Tim Nunley (Jessica's uncle)	health concerns
Café Justo and all who live in Mexican state of Sinaloa	safety
Ray Ferguson (Randall's Father)	health concerns
Connie Rogers (friend of Nancy Goldsmith)	health concerns
Hunter (terminally ill 16 year-old)	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**, **Samuel Hood** (nephew of John and Jana Holland), **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 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.

The Session has called a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** for **TODAY, Sunday, October 13th**, immediately following worship for the purpose of receiving a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee and electing Elders for the Class of 2027 and to elect the 2025 Nominating Committee.

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 is in the Narthex, Church Office, and Thursday's Cliffnotes. **Items can be dropped off directly at the CDC.**

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 Nov 10th in the Church Office Collection Box.** Questions: Call/text Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or email warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com

GIVING AND EXPENSE UPDATE:

Last Sunday's Giving: **$5,509.08.**
Weekly Contributions Needed for Budget**: $6,077.88.**
Year-to-Date Contributions: **$217,074.37.**
Year-to-Date Expenses: **$235,501.74.**

Serving:	**October 13, 2024**	**October 20, 2024**
Pulpit Elder:	Nancy Goldsmith/Tina LaFoy	Debbie Teeple
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Hendricks	Debbie Hendricks
Ushers:	Ivy & Roy Stoddard, Casey Stancell,	Ivy & Roy Stoddard, Casey Stancell,
Refreshments:	Judy Cook	Deb Holtel
Camera Operation:	Carole Thomas	Ginger Chastain
Sanctuary Flowers:	Jo Anne Gessell	Debbie Hendricks
Sunday Youth Meals:		
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		

Lectionary readings for today:	**Lectionary readings for next Sunday:**
Pulpit Elder: Tina LaFoy (reader) Job 23.1–9; 16–17 Psalm 22.1–15 Hebrews 4.12–16 Mark 10.17–31	Pulpit Elder: Debbie Teeple Job 38.1–7 (34–41) Psalm 104.1–9, 24, 35c Hebrews 5.1–10 Mark 10.35–45

Church Events This Week:

Online calendar: **http://PickensPresbyterian.org/Calendar**

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, October 13	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting	
	5:30pm	Young Adults	ASH
Monday, October 14	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Church Parlor
	1:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting	All Saints' Hall
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts	ASH
Tuesday, October 15	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	7:00pm	CDC Advisory Committee Meeting	ASH
Wednesday, Oct 16	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:00am	Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
		Bible Study	Church Parlor
	4:30pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, October 17	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	**DEADLINE** – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
Friday, October 18		*Office Closed*	
Saturday, October 19			
Sunday, October 20	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	Session Meeting	Session Room
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH

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	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
Tina LaFoy	Nancy Goldsmith	Joe Padgett
Donna Owen	David McCormick	Jeff Price
Debbie Teeple	Robert Simms	Sharon Stark
Cindy Townsend	Starla Taylor	

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

Betsey Chalmers

As a lifelong Presbyterian my faith has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. Both of my parents were active church members, my father as an Elder and my mother as Moderator of Presbyterian Women. I was a Trustee at a church in Cincinnati and sang in the Chancel Choir there and at several over churches over the years.

My academic interests were largely related to science. In college I majored in chemistry and found my first job as a pharmaceutical research chemist at Smith, Kline & French, now GlaxoSmithKline. My next job was with the Union Carbide Research Institute, where I worked on upstream development of new drug materials.

My husband's job took us to Dallas, PA, where I did seasonal tax work for H&R Block before our daughter, Kelly, was born. Then it was off to Cincinnati with a job transfer. Several years later I had the itch to go back to work and found my real calling in technical information at Procter & Gamble. My first assignment was in Internal Files where I managed company research reports and used Wiswesser line notation to enter chemical structures into computer retrievable files. I discovered an interest in patents and made this area the focus of my nineteen-year career with the company. My only claim to fame is that I did the original patent search for Dawn detergent. My husband David and I accepted an assignment in Kobe, Japan where P&G was building a research center for the Asia/Pacific region. I set up the technical library and managed the budget for P&G Research Japan.

David's retirement at the end of our two and a half years in Japan brought us to South Carolina and Keowee Key. Some church members might remember David was British by birth. He was convinced that South Carolina was another foreign assignment.

We felt at home at Pickens Presbyterian Church the first Sunday we attended in 1992. For eight years I was the church treasurer and am now on the Financial Oversight Committee. David was an Elder. He is buried in the church cemetery, and his Bible is in the Prayer Room. His spirit is very much a part of this church for me.

Vickie Swayngham

I was born in Liberty SC, the fifth daughter of Bud and Irene Robinson Clardy. Four years after my birth, my only brother was born. We all grew up attending Liberty First Baptist, where I was baptized.

After my children, Sarah and Jason, were born, PPC was the church where we chose to raise our family.

I have been a member of PPC for more than 30 years, and during that time I taught both Sunday School and Bible School, and have taken on the responsibility of caring for the flower beds outside the administration offices. Presently, I am a member of the Fellowship and Care Committee. My service to the church also included serving on the Meals on Wheels Board, during which time I also delivered meals.

Operating my own small business, Head First Hair Salon, in Pickens for 37 years has given me the opportunity to stay in touch and be active in our community. It has also given me the opportunity to tell others about our church.

After much prayer and consideration, it is my desire to continue serving my church family by becoming an elder. I love PPC dearly and hold to the doctrine and mission that have so strengthened my beliefs.

Austin Townsend

I was born in Winston Salem, NC. We lived in Columbia, SC for 13 years and was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church. My family moved to Pickens, SC in June of 1974 and we joined Pickens Presbyterian Church that year.

I was actively involved in youth groups. I graduated Pickens High School in 1979.

I have a BS in Administrative Management from Clemson and an Associate's degree in Computer Programming from Greenville Tech.

I married Cindy Smiley Townsend in July 1990 and we have three wonderful children – DuPree, Lauren and Miller. I have three grandchildren and one more grandchild due October 9th.

I've been an Elder with the church, served on the Nominating Committee and a former Board member of the CDC. I was also active with MOC (Men of the Church) breakfast group.

I worked in management in the textile industry for 28 years. I'm currently with BMW MC in Greer and a board member of Bethlehem-Roanoke Water District.