

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 worshippers 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

Sharon Stark

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

“Intrada”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Amen.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

All: Come, Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn #461

“God Is Here!”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

(a prayer by Martin Luther)

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. . . . (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 David McCormick

1st Scripture Reading Numbers 18.19-29

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

Time with Young Disciples

2nd Scripture Reading Mark 10.46-52

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

Anthem

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Sermon

"Reformed . . ."

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #282** *"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"*

***Affirmation of Faith** (from The Heidelberg Catechism)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Offering

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



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Offertory

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Joseph Parry / Shackley

***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 #422** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude "We Will Follow the Steps of Jesus" *Ada B. Everett*
(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

<u>Name (relationship)</u>	<u>Concern</u>
Arlee Coggins (Ginger Chastain's Grandmother)	health concerns
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

CELEBRATIONS

***McKendrey James Ashburn** born October 17 to Jim & DuPree Townsend Ashburn, Grandparents: Austin & Cindy Townsend, Great-grandmother: Jane Townsend.

**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.

BUILDING & GROUNDS WORKDAY: We will have a church workday on Saturday, November 9th, beginning at 8:30am. While we don't need any cleanup from the hurricane, we do have other projects that need attention: weed flower beds including weed trees. Bring pruners. Weed-eat border of upper parking lot. Bring weed eaters. Transplant Hostas outside ASH. Bring shovels. Paint window frames and gable vents. Supplies will be furnished. Re-stripe parking spaces and handicap markings. Supplies will be furnished. **Please come and help!**

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: The Church exceeded the 10 Cleanup buckets challenge! A total of **16 buckets** and **20 Hygiene Kits** were assembled from your donations. They have been delivered and will be distributed to disaster areas.

VETERANS BREAKFAST: Nov. 10 annual Veterans Day Breakfast and Program. The program begins at **8:30 am**. If you are a veteran, we want to put your name in our written program. **Use the tear-off at the bottom of page 7 and put it in the offering plate**, or call the office. This celebration is open to all the congregation, so please come and honor those who served our country. If you have a relative or friend who is a veteran, please invite them to join us. **Call the office at ext. 0** with their name so they can be recognized. **If you have questions, contact Roy Stoddard or Starla Taylor.**

PICKENS COMMUNITY HARVEST MEAL with Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church will be held **Saturday, November 16, 2024**. Volunteers are needed from **8:00am – 2:00pm** to prepare to serve the Community from 11:00am - 2:00pm. We are asked to provide **5 Turkeys** (20-22 lb), **12 gallons of Green Beans**, **Cranberry Sauce for 350 meals**, **150 desserts** (cookies, brownies, bars). See Allison Ranson or Sharon Stark to sign up. You can also email Allison at allison.ranson@gmail.com. We will receive perishable food and start prepping on 11/15/24 from 8:00am till completed in the kitchen. Non-perishable donations will be collected in ASH. **For additional information contact Sharon Stark, Bill Ranson, or Jo Anne Gessell.**

CDC NEWS: Our Child Development Center will participate in the **downtown Pickens Annual Halloween** event. The Toddlers & 2K students will trick or treat inside the CDC building on the morning of October 31st, so candy donations are needed. There is a “candy monster” in the CDC lobby to receive donations. A volunteer is needed at 8:30am to help pass out candy. **Contact the CDC if you are able to help.**

The **Annual Pumpkin Contest** is **October 28th – 31st**. Winner will be announced on Halloween. Members are welcome to come vote & will be posted on Facebook for voting.

Breakfast With Santa will be held on **Saturday, December 14th**, from **8:30 – 10:30am** in **All Saints' Hall**. **Volunteers are needed** to cook pancakes, sausage & bacon, serve food, drinks and clean up. Event is open to CDC families, church members and the community. **See Thursday's Cliffnotes. To volunteer, please contact the CDC. All are welcome!**

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.

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 & 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

Last Sunday's Giving: **\$13,139.00**

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

2024 Budget: \$316,050.00

Serving:	October 27, 2024	November 3, 2024
Pulpit Elder:	David McCormick	Joe Padgett
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Hendricks	Louise Hope
Ushers:	Ivy & Roy Stoddard, Casey Stancell,	TBD
Refreshments:	Liza Holder	Debbie Hendricks
Camera Operation:	Robert Simms	TBD
Sanctuary Flowers:	Allison Ranson	Cindy Townsend
Sunday Youth Meals:		
Communion Set-up:		Starla Taylor
Communion Servers:		Joe P, Mark T, Bill R, Starla T, Roy S
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Pulpit Elder: David McCormick Numbers 18.19-29 Job 42.1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34.1-8 (19-22) Hebrews 7.23-28 Mark 10.46-52		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Pulpit Elder: Joe Padgett Ruth 1.1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9.11-14 Mark 12.28-34

Church Events This Week:

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

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, October 27	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost (Reformation Sunday)	Sanctuary
Monday, October 28	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Church Parlor
Tuesday, October 29	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
Wednesday, Oct 30	8:30am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:00am	Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	4:30pm	Bible Study Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church Parlor Sanctuary
Thursday, October 31	8:30am	CDC Toddler/2K "in-house" Trick or Treat	CDC
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
Friday, November 1		<i>Office Closed</i>	
	6:00-8pm	Girl Scouts – Event Parking	Upper/Lower Lots
Saturday, November 2	8:00-4:30	Girl Scouts Yard Sale	Upper PPC Lot
	1:00-7:00	Girl Scouts – Event Parking	Upper/Lower Lots

Sunday, November 3	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 24 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Youth Fellowship	ASH

VETERANS DAY EVENT – Sunday, November 10th @ 8:30am: If you are a veteran or plan to invite a veteran to attend, we want to acknowledge you by putting names in our written program. Please use this tear-off and put it in the offering plate, or call the church office at 864-878-9422, ext 0, to sign up:

Veteran's Name: _____

Service Branch: _____

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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