

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

“To the Glory of God, and the Service of People”

November 17th, 2024 26th Sunday after Pentecost Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

“Take, O Take Me as I Am” From Ionian Community

Friendship Pads

Please print your name(s), pass the pad, pass it back, note the names of those worshipping with you and greet them by name after worship.

Concerns in the Life of the Church

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

“I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ”

J. S. Bach

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 146 adapted)

“This may only be a dream of mine, but I think it can be made real.” — Ella Baker

“Transform yourself to transform the world.” — Grace Lee Boggs

“Wage love.” — Charity Hicks

A new world is being birthed. Let us pray for and participate in God’s coming kingdom.

All: Come, Let us worship God.

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #139**

“Come, Though Almighty King”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable, and disengage from the work of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day, and a new world, because our present reality feels good enough. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to

**You are invited to stand in spirit or in body.*

live and work towards a world made just and equitable and new. . . . (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 Starla Taylor

1st Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 1.4-20

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

Time with Young Disciples

2nd Scripture Reading Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25

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

Anthem

"Take Time to be Holy"

Gilbert Martin

Sermon

"Holding Fast"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #449**

"My Lord, What a Morning"

***Affirmation of Faith**

(from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

Offering

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



GIVE NOW

Offertory

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" arr. Lloyd Larson

***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 #84** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude "Lead Me, Guide Me" *Doris Akers*
(Please remain seated until worship ends after the Postlude)

The Church Enters the Mission Field

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>
Deb Holtel's Granddaughter Sara	health concerns
Durham Bley (friend of Townsend family)	health concerns
<small>11/10/24</small> Ray Dawkins	health concerns
<small>11/03/24</small>	

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).

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the name of Christ, welcome home to the House of the Lord. *If you are visiting, we offer a special welcome and invite you to participate with us in mission and ministry. If you would like to become a member of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor. Visit our website (www.PickensPresbyterian.org) to begin receiving our newsletter.*

Church Events This Week:

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

YOUTH BAKE SALE: The PPC Youth will hold a bake sale next Sunday, November 24th, during Fellowship time. This will be to raise funds for Christmas shopping for items needed by our CDC. Questions: Contact Carole Reed or Anna Chastain.

PPC FOOD PANTRY: The Missions Committee thanks the Congregation for their generosity in donations to the food ministry. See the CliffNotes for a list of needs.

CDC NEWS: Breakfast With Santa – Saturday, December 14th, 8:30 – 10:30am in All Saints’ Hall. Volunteers needed to cook, serve, and cleanup. Event open to CDC families, church members and the community. See Thursday’s CliffNotes.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME: 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: During their December-Christmas Drive, they are collecting small gifts for each resident. **Due by Dec 10th in the Church Office Collection Box. See Thursday’s CliffNotes for gift suggestions.** Questions: Call/text Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or email warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last Sunday’s Giving: **\$2,370.00**

Weekly Amount Needed to meet Budget: **\$6,077.88**

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

SERVING:

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Pulpit Elder:	Starla Taylor	Debbie Teeple
Sanctuary Guild:	Louise Hope	Louise Hope
Ushers:	Dennis & Christa Schwab, Casey Stancell, Vickie Swaynghan	Dennis & Christa Schwab, Casey Stancell, Vickie Swaynghan
Refreshments:	Ivy Stoddard	Debbie Teeple
Camera Operation:	Ginger Chastain	Robert Simms
Sanctuary Flowers:	Nancy Goldsmith	Jane Townsend
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Pulpit Elder: Starla Taylor 1 Samuel 1.4-20 1 Samuel 2.1-10 Hebrews 10.11-14 (15-18) 19-25 Mark 13.1-8		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Pulpit Elder: Debbie Teeple Samuel 23.1-7 Psalm 132.1-12 (13-18) Revelation 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY Please answer the following question, tear off and place in the offering plate. What is your favorite hymn (by name)?