

# Pickens Presbyterian Church

311 WEST MAIN STREET  
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024      Fourth Sunday of Advent      Eleven o'clock

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## *A Service of Lessons & Carols* *The Church Gathers*

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Choral Introit**

*“Gloria”*

*Traditional Liturgical*

**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**

**Lighting the Advent Candle**

Bill and Allison Ranson

**Advent Wreath Song #12, v.4**

People Look East

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim*

*One more light the bowl shall brim,*

*Shining beyond the frosty weather,*

*Bright as sun and moon together.*

*People, look east and sing today:*

*Love the star is on the way.*

**Advent Prayer of Praise**

## *The Church Proclaims God's Word*

**Prelude**

*“Invitation to a Miracle Overture”*

*Joseph M. Martin*

**“A Processional of Hope”**

*based on Emmanuel and Leon*

*Narrator – Allison Ranson*

**“Joy Arising”**

*based on Kings of Orient and Ukrainian Bell Carol*

*Narrator – Jeff Price*

**“Your Light Has Come”**

*Words and Music by Jon Page incorporating*

*Tempus Adest Floridum*

*Narrator – Ivy Stoddard*

**“My Soul Rejoices in the Lord”**

*Music by Joseph M. Martin incorporating*

*Great Physician and Hyfrydol*

*Donna Simms – Soprano Soloist*

*Narrator – Jeff Price*

**“A Celtic Cradle Carol”**

*Tune: SUOGAN Arr. Joseph M Martin*

*Rev. Terri Price – Soprano Soloist*

*Narrator – Ivy Stoddard*

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

**“Alleluia! Christ Is Born”**

*Music by Joseph M. Martin incorporating  
Sicilian Mariners*

*Narrator – Jeff Price*

**“Would I Miss the Miracle?”**

*Words by P. Stewart; Music by D. Nolan*

*Narrator – Allison Ranson*

**“A Gloria Gathering”**

*Based on familiar Christmas Carols*

*Alex Armock – Flute*

### **The Church Responds in Faith**

**Offering**

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



**GIVE NOW**

**Offertory**

**“Overture ‘Invitation to a Miracle’”**

*Joseph M. Martin*

**\*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 # 31**

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

**“Hallelujah Chorus’ from Messiah”**

*G.F. Handel*

*Dr. Marianne Holland, Interim Choir Director*

*Steve Ellison, Piano Accompanist*

*(Please remain seated until worship ends after the Postlude)*

### **The Church Enters the Mission Field**

## **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](http://www.PickensPresbyterian.org)) to begin receiving our newsletter.*

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**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Share prayer concerns in worship, on the pew 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>
*Teresa LaFoy (Tina's Sister-in-law) .....	health concerns
*Howard Harden .....	health concerns
*Mark Taylor .....	health concerns
<small>12/15/24</small> .....	
Kat & Jaime Horton (friends of Ada Monroe) .....	housing issues in FL
<small>12/8/24</small> .....	
Claire Born (Louise Hope's cousin) .....	health concerns
<small>11/24/24</small> .....	
Sara Milliken (Deb Holtel's Granddaughter).....	health concerns
<small>11/10/24</small> .....	

The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of Bill and Barbara Caruthers on the dying to this life of their son, John, on December 12, 2024.

## CELEBRATIONS

*\*new this week*

### LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERN LIST

**Bert Allison, Jeanne Bowen, Katherine Acker Brooks, Barbara & Joe Christopher, Raymond & Margaret Dawkins, Jane Gillespie, Samuel Hood** (nephew of John & Jana Holland), **Beverly Kelly, Scott Kelly, Drema LaFoy** (Tina's mother) & **Tina, Mary Dawn Mills** (Niece of Ray & Margaret Dawkins), **Tommy Owen, 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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### Church Events This Week:

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

***MANY THANKS** to Dr. Marianne Holland, Steve Ellison and our PPC Adult Choir for all of the hard work and dedication in preparing the music for today's Service of Lessons and Carols. Also, thanks to those who are serving as readers for the service today: Jeff Price, Allison Ranson, and Ivy Stoddard. And to Alex Armock for sharing his musical talents again with us.*

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING:** This special offering will be collected during Offertory today. The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we lift up past, present, and future leaders of the church. God has blessed the church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering provides support for Presbyterian church workers and their families in their time of need and leadership development and education for communities of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. **Please see the bulletin insert for more information. You can also go to: <https://pcusa.org/donate/cj999999-christmas-joy-offering>.** If giving online, please include the name of our congregation.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** We hope all will be able to attend our **Christmas Eve Communion Service at 4:00pm, and the Candlelight & Communion Service at 11:00pm** this Tuesday evening.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The church office will be closed on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas holiday.

**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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 12, 2025 at the end of worship to address changes in the Pastor's Terms of Call necessitated by changes implemented by the PC(USA) Board of Pensions.

**WARMTH & COMFORT MINISTRY:** January Drive, they are collecting toiletries of body wash, shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant, travel or full sizes. They are also collecting new newborn dolls for dementia patients. **Due by Jan 10<sup>th</sup> in Church Office Collection Box. See Thursday's CliffNotes for gift suggestions.** Questions: Call/text Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or email [warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com](mailto:warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com)

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Last Sunday's Giving: **\$1,358.00**

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

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

**SERVING:**

**DECEMBER 22, 2024**

**DECEMBER 29, 2024**

Pulpit Elder:	Cindy Townsend	Debbie Teeple
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Teeple	Debbie Teeple
Ushers:	The Townsend Family, Leo Tilley	The Townsend Family, Leo Tilley
Refreshments:	Meg Cole	
Camera Operation:	Robert Simms	Anna Chastain
Sanctuary Flowers:	<i>Poinsettias</i>	<i>Poinsettias</i>
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<b><u>Lectionary readings for today:</u></b> Pulpit Elder: Cindy Townsend Micah 5.2-5a Luke 1.46-55 <i>or</i> Psalm 80.1-7 Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-45 (46-55)		<b><u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u></b> Pulpit Elder: Debbie Teeple 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.41-52