

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

December 8th, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour
Choral Introit
Friendship Pads

“Gloria”

Traditional Liturgical

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

The Holder Family
People Look East

Advent Wreath Song #12, v.2

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the rose is on the way.*

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

“Pastoral Symphony’ from Messiah”

G.F. Handel

Advent Prayer of Praise

***Hymn # 2**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess we prefer the crooked paths where we think we can hide from you. We’d rather you didn’t examine us too closely, all we do and fail to do. Yet you are coming not to judge, but to save us from our sins and our love of sinning. So come, Lord, by crooked path or straight, to enter our aching hearts. In the certainty of your grace we make our prayers. . . . (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.*

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 Jeff Price

1st Scripture Reading Malachi 3.1-4

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

Time with Young Disciples

2nd Scripture Reading Luke 3.1-6

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Anthem

"Joy Arising"

Based on Tunes Kings of Orient and Ukrainian Bell Carol

Sermon

"What are WE Crying Out?"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn # 3** *"Comfort, Comfort You My People"*

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional, p. 14)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

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



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Offertory

"Wexford Carol"

Trad. Irish Carol

***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 # 13**

“Prepare the Way”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. Cindy Berry

(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 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>
Jane Townsend	health concerns
<small>12/1/24</small>	
Joe Christopher.....	health concerns
Claire Born (Louise Hope’s cousin).....	health concerns
<small>11/24/24</small>	
Deb Holtel’s Granddaughter Sara	health concerns
<small>11/10/24</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).

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>

POINSETTIA FUND: Accepting memorials and honorariums for the Poinsettia Fund through today, December 8th. The poinsettias that decorate the chancel during Advent represent our Jane B. Morris Service/Fuel Fund that the gifts support. Special envelopes are in the pew racks. **Memorials and Honorariums will be listed on a bulletin insert December 15th and 22nd.**

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: Please join your church family in reading **“Patterns of Divine Possibility: An Advent Search”** by Teri McDowell Ott, Editor of the Presbyterian Outlook. There are printed copies of the full devotional available in the Narthex, and a link is included in our weekly Cliffnotes.

ANGEL TREE: If you want your children or grandchildren (12th grade and under) included on this year's angel tree in ASH. Please send a head photo to Donna Simms at rdajsimms@mac.com. Or, Robert may take the picture at church.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – SPECIAL EVENTS & SERVICES:

Lessons and Carols – 11:00am on December 22nd

Christmas Eve Communion – 4:00pm on December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion – 11:00pm on December 24th

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: December-Christmas Drive, they are collecting small gifts for each resident. **Due by Dec 10th 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

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Last Sunday’s Giving: **\$7,195.00.**

Weekly Contributions Needed for Budget: **\$6,077.88.**

Year-to-Date Contributions: **\$254,184.05.**

Year-to-Date Expenses: **\$267,461.87.**

SERVING: DECEMBER 8, 2024 DECEMBER 15, 2024

Pulpit Elder:	Jeff Price	Tina LaFoy
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Teeple	Debbie Teeple
Ushers:	The Townsend Family, Leo Tilley	The Townsend Family, Leo Tilley
Refreshments:	Allison Ranson	Christa Schwab
Camera Operation:	Carole Reed	Ginger Chastain
Sanctuary Flowers:	Sharon Stark	Cindy Wood
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		