

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

January 26th, 2025

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

“Take, O Take Me as I Am” From the Iona 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

Prelude

“Arise, My Soul”

Robert J. Powell, 1932-2025

***Call to Worship**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the teachings of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
The law of the Lord is more precious than fine gold;
the goodness of God is sweeter than honey.

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #466**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, hear our prayer. Your good news is for all people. Forgive us when we limit it to people like ourselves. Your grace is for all people. Forgive us when we hoard it, unable to believe in your abundance. Your love is for all people. Forgive us when we ignore it, fearing that we might be unworthy of your grace.

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

Move us to see the world as you know it: bursting at the seams with your mercy and your love. . . . (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.*

(Please turn to the person in front of you, behind you, and beside you to share the peace with them)

***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 Sharon Stark

1st Scripture Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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

Time with Young Disciples

Elder Tina LaFoy

2nd Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-21

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

Anthem

"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

Jim Strathdee

PPC Adult Choir

Sermon

"Starting Today"

Rev. Terri Price

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #436**

"We Are Your 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)



GIVE NOW

Offertory

"We Are an Offering"

Dwight Liles

***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)

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 #332

"Live Into Hope"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Nearer, My God, to Thee"

arr. Joel Raney

(Please remain seated until worship ends after the Postlude)

The Church Enters the Mission Field

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the name of Jesus the 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.*

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>
*Lauren Carter (cousin of Darrell Cook)	health concerns
*Angie Thomas (cousin of Darrell Cook)	health concerns
*Jennifer Ludlum (cousin of Darrell Cook).....	health concerns
<small>1/26/25</small> *Lynda Still (Butch & Liza's older sister)	health concerns
*Margaret Dawkins.....	health concerns
*Carolyn Yarborough.....	health concerns
<small>1/19/25</small> James Camp and family (June Harden's cousin).....	CA wildfires
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Faye Padgett.....	health concerns
Jan Sparks	health concerns
Susan Steedman (Sarah Mahanes' Mother).....	health concerns
Pricilla Paquet (Friend of Darrell Cook).....	health concerns
<small>1/12/25</small> Renee and Ricky McJunkin (CDC Teacher)	health concerns
Cindy and David Hinkle (CDC Teacher).....	health concerns
<small>1/27/25</small> Howard Harden	health concerns
<small>12/15/24</small>	

CELEBRATIONS

**new this week*

Peace in Ukraine. PDA support: gifts to [DR000156](#).

Humanitarian Aid to Israel/Palestine. Text PDAIP to 41444, or check payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with “**DR000081-Israel/Palestine**” on the memo line.

US Hurricane Relief (Helene, Milton, +). PDA support: gifts to [DR000169](#).

US Wildfires Relief – Southern CA. PDA support: gifts to [DR000165](#).

*Make all checks payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with DR support number on memo line.

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).

CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK: Online calendar: <http://PickensPresbyterian.org/Calendar>

WARMTH & COMFORT MINISTRY: February Drive: Valentine Cards and body and hand lotions. Cards may be handmade or purchased. **Due by Feb 5th in Church Office Collection Box.** **Questions: Contact Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com**

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.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last Sunday’s Giving: **\$4711.00**

Weekly Amount Needed to meet Budget: **\$6,148.**

2025 Budget: **\$319,714.**

SERVING:

JANUARY 26, 2025

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Pulpit Elder:	Vickie Swayngham	Vickie Swayngham
Sanctuary Guild:	Allison Ranson	Ivy Stoddard
Ushers:	Sharon Stark & Jim Mahanes, Tori & Jessie Cole	TBD
Refreshments:	Ivy Stoddard	Ron Jones and Vickie Swayngham
Camera Operation:	Anna Chastain	Carole Reed
Sanctuary Flowers:	Jo Anne Gessell	Cindy Townsend
Communion Set-up:		Vickie Swayngham
Communion Servers:		1-Sharon, 2-Vickie, 3-Jeff, 4-Betsey, 5-Robert
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Pulpit Elder: Vickie Swayngham Nehemiah 8.1–3, 5–6, 8–10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12.12–31a Luke 4.14–21		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Pulpit Elder: Vickie Swayngham Jeremiah 1.4–10 Psalm 71.1–6 1 Corinthians 13.1–13 Luke 4.21–30