

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

December 29th, 2024 First Sunday of Christmas Eleven o'clock

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

Prelude

“Christmas Pastorale”

Marco Enrico Bossi

Lighting the Christmas Candles

David and Peggy Torrey

Christmas Wreath Song #41 *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

Christmas Prayer of Praise

***Hymn #31**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, we confess we neglect to seek your wisdom for our lives. Instead, we think more highly of ourselves and our own knowledge, choosing to go our own way in this world. We let the cares and concerns of this world crowd out the promise of your Word, that you are with us always. We confess we face the future with uncertainty and misgivings. Help us put our trust in you so we may live faithful and obedient lives, as we depend on the wisdom of your Holy Spirit and the love of Christ to shape our lives and actions. . . . (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.

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

The Church Proclaims God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Debbie Teeple

1st Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26

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

Time with Young Disciples

2nd Scripture Reading Luke 2.41-52

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Special Music

"Gesù Bambino"

Yons

Dr. Marianne Holland – Pianist

Sermon

"The Give-Away"

Dr. David Torrey

by Ray Buckley

The Church Responds in Faith

*Hymn # 22

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

*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

"Manger Songs"

arr. Jeff Bennett

*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 #29

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Once In Royal David's City"

Henry John Gauntlett

(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>
Howard Harden..... <small>12/15/24.....</small>	health concerns
Kat & Jaime Horton (friends of Ada Monroe) <small>12/8/24.....</small>	housing issues in FL

CELEBRATIONS

Sara Milliken (Deb Holtel’s Granddaughter)..... successful surgery and recovery
11/10/24.....

**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).

Church Events This Week: Online calendar: <http://PickensPresbyterian.org/Calendar>

OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st.

CIRCLE MEETINGS: The Sarah Emily and Eve Circles **will both meet on Tuesday, January 7th**, in All Saints’ Hall at 10:00am, and 5:30pm, respectively. The Sarah Emily Circle will study Lesson Four in: *In All Things*, the Eve Circle will be studying Lesson Five.

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: collecting toiletries — body wash, shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant, travel or full sizes. They are also collecting new newborn dolls for dementia patients. **Due by Jan 10th in Church Office Collection Box. Questions: Call/text Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com**

ELDER CLASS OF 2027: During our worship on Sunday, January 12th, the following will be ordained and/or installed into the **Elder Class of 2026:** Betsey Chalmers, **Elder Class of 2027:** Vickie Swaynham, Austin Townsend, Ken Townsend. We are grateful to God

for the service of the **Elder Class of 2024**: Tina LaFoy, Donna Owen, Debbie Teeple, and Cindy Townsend. We are also extremely grateful for the service of Joe Padgett.

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: **\$4,075.00**

Weekly Amount Needed to meet Budget: **\$6,352.40**

2025 Budget: **\$330,324.75**

SERVING: DECEMBER 29, 2024 JANUARY 5, 2025

Pulpit Elder:	Debbie Teeple	
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Teeple	Allison Ranson
Ushers:	The Townsend Family, Leo Tilley	
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	Anna Chastain	
Sanctuary Flowers:	<i>Poinsettias</i>	<i>Poinsettias</i>
Communion Set-up:		Starla Taylor
Communion Servers:		
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Pulpit Elder: Debbie Teeple 1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.41-52		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Pulpit Elder: Jeremiah 31.7-14 Psalm 147.12-20 Ephesians 1.3-14 John 1.(1-9) 10-18