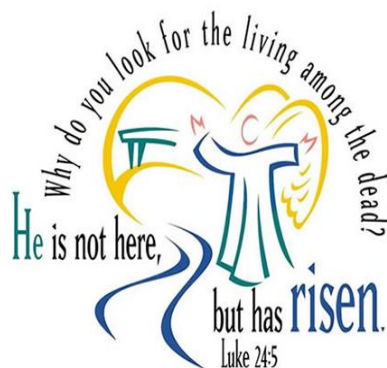


Pickens Presbyterian Church



311 WEST MAIN STREET
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

April 20th, 2025

Easter Sunday

Eleven o'clock

Resurrection of the Lord

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour
Choral Introit

“Lift High the Cross”

Nicholson

Descant: Alex Armock – Flute

Friendship Pads

Please print your name(s), and contact information, 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

“Allegro Maestoso”

George F. Handel

***Call to Worship** *(with increasing gusto)*

Jesus Christ is risen today! *Alleluia!*

Our triumphant, holy day! *Alleluia!*

Praise our God, ye heavenly host! *Alleluia!*

ALL: Come, let us worship God.

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #123**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

You call us to hope, Savior God, but we despair. You call us to work for peace, but we doubt its power. You call us to community, but we judge and shun. Transform us, Holy One, by the joy of this Easter. Let us celebrate this day as a new beginning and a new life. . . . (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 Christ's peace with them)

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

***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 Mark Taylor

1st Scripture Reading Isaiah 65.17-25

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

Time with Young Disciples

2nd Scripture Reading Luke 24.1-12

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

Anthem "Christ Is Arisen"

Kenneth Jennings

PPC Adult Choir, Trumpets – Adam Marsh & Alex Armock, French Horn – June Simms

Sermon "Remember"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #439** "In Christ There Is No East or West"

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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



GIVE NOW

Offertory "Lamb of God"

Twila Paris

***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 #122** "Thine Is the Glory"

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response** "Go Now in Peace" Don Besig and Nancy Price

Postlude "Resurrection Praise" arr. Patti Drennan

(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 register for our newsletter.*

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)

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)

CONCERNS

Name (relationship)	Concern
*Bev (Deb Holtel's sister).....	health concerns
4/20/25	
*Bob Michael (CDC Board Member).....	Son's health concerns
4/13/25	
Myanmar Earthquake Victims	recovery
Storm and Flooding Victims	recovery
3/30/25	
Allene & Patrick (Louise's Daughter & Son in Law)	pregnancy loss
Janet White (Deb Holtel's cousin)	health concerns
Neveah Harden.....	health concerns
3/30/25	
Marilyn Simmons & Family (Bob Allison's sister)	severe rainy season flooding in Peru
Barbara Amick (Raymond Dawkins' sister).....	health concerns
3/23/25	

CELEBRATIONS

**new this week*

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERN LIST

Bert Allison, Jeannie Bowen, Katherine Acker Brooks, Barbara & Joe Christopher, Raymond & Margaret Dawkins, Shawn Erickson (Ron & Sylvia's son), Jane Gillespie, Samuel Hood (nephew of John & Jana Holland), Beverly Kelly, Scott Kelly, Drema LaFoy (Tina's mother) & Tina, Susan Steedman (Sarah Mahanes' Mother) Melvin Tolliver (Deb Holtel's uncle), John & Tiffanie Torrey (David's brother & Sister-in-law).

EXTRA GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Humanitarian Aid to Israel/Palestine. Text PDAIP to 41444, or gifts to “**DR000081-Israel/Palestine**”.

US Hurricane Relief. PDA support: gifts to [DR000169](#).

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

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

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

Today, the PPC Adult choir will be wearing different robes, a gift from Anderson First Presbyterian Church and Seneca Presbyterian Church. Also, the sanctuary choir chairs have been recovered after many years of use. Please check this past Thursday's Connection Cliffnotes for the full story of this wonderful gift. Many thanks to our instrumentalists who assisted with Sunrise and 11 a.m. service: Robert Wood, O.D. Hendricks, Joe Padgett, June Simms, Adam Marsh, Alex Armock and Anna Chastain (Good Friday Service).

EASTER GIVING: We will be collecting the **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Special Offering today**. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. **The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.** For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. Please see the bulletin insert for more information. Special envelopes are available in the pew racks.

Find out more at the web site: <https://pcusa.org/donate/og999999-one-great-hour-sharing>.

OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed tomorrow, April 21st, for Easter Monday.

CDC EARTH DAY GARDEN EVENT: Volunteers are needed to help the CDC kick off their garden this coming Monday and Tuesday, April 21st and 22nd. If you would like to help, please reach out to Chasity at the CDC, and please plan to arrive by 9:45am.

WARMTH & COMFORT MINISTRY: May Drive: Anything flowers!: washcloths, hand towels, plastic cups, anything with flowers on them. **No glass items please. Due by May 10th 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.

PPC FOOD PANTRY: With warmer weather we have seen an increase in use and are in need of canned/packets of chicken or tuna and canned/individual fruit. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this mission.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last Sunday's Giving: **\$3,917.**

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

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

SERVING:

APRIL 20, 2025

APRIL 27, 2025

Pulpit Elder:	Mark Taylor	Austin Townsend
Sanctuary Guild:	Dianna Morris	Dianna Morris
Ushers:	Ivy & Roy Stoddard	Ivy & Roy Stoddard
Refreshments:	<i>Easter Breakfast</i>	Allison Ranson
Camera Operation:	Carole Reed	Robert Simms
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	<i>Easter Lilies</i>	Allison Ranson
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
Lectionary readings for today: Pulpit Elder: Mark Taylor Isaiah 65.17-25 Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15.19-26 or Acts 10.34-43 Luke 24.1-12		Lectionary readings for next Sunday: Pulpit Elder: Austin Townsend Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31