

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

June 29th, 2025

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour
Choral Introit

“Behold, I Make All Things New”

Iona Community

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

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

***Call to Worship**

(from Psalm 77.11-13)

I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;

I will remember your wonders of old.

I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy.

What god is so great as our God?

ALL: Come, Let us worship God.

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #489**

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you claimed us as your own in our baptisms and called us to be your covenant people. We confess we do not live as people created in your image, nor do we lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Yet, Jesus still calls, “Follow me,” and we offer excuses because we can’t do that. Jesus calls us to new life in the Spirit, and we cling to our old habits and tired traditions. Gracious God, forgive our sins. Open our ears and hearts to hear Jesus’s call and give us grace and strength to respond in faith and 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.*

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

(Please turn to the person in front of you, behind you, and beside you to share Christ's 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 Robert Simms

1st Scripture Reading

2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14

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

Time with Young Disciples

Elder Tina LaFoy

2nd Scripture Reading

Galatians 5.1, 13-25

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

Special Music

"Be Still, My Soul"

J. Sibellus

Donna Simms – Soprano Soloist

Sermon

"Be Careful What You Ask For"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #720 (Insert)**

"Jesus Calls Us"

***Affirmation of Faith**

(from "A Declaration of Faith")

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

Offering

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



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Offertory

"Abide with Me"

arr. Sylvia Oines

***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 #363**

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

"Blest Are They"

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

(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
*Lorraine Moore (Friend of Rocky Harden) ..	health concerns
*Howard Harden ..	health concerns
*Chasity Lesley ..	health concerns
*Joey Gould (son of Mike & Laurie Gould – friends of Goldsmiths) ..	end of life issues
*President Trump ..	Leadership challenges
*Larry Milliken (Relative of Deb Holtel) ..	passed recently
6/29/25 Emily Callaham Collins ..	health concerns
6/22/25 Bev Timerding (Deb Holtel’s sister) ..	continued health concerns
6/01/25 Rocky Harden III ..	health concerns
5/25/25 Kay Tilley ..	health concerns
John Blackwood ..	health concerns
*new this week	

CELEBRATIONS

Marriage of June Simms and Adam Marsh on June 14, 2025 at Fellowship Bible Church in Greenville.

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, Bob Michael (& Son), Hank Owens, 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>

WARMTH & COMFORT MINISTRY: July Drive: *pens, pencils, stationery, sketch pads, finger paint, etc.* Due by July 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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last Sunday's Giving: **\$5,394.**

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

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

SERVING:

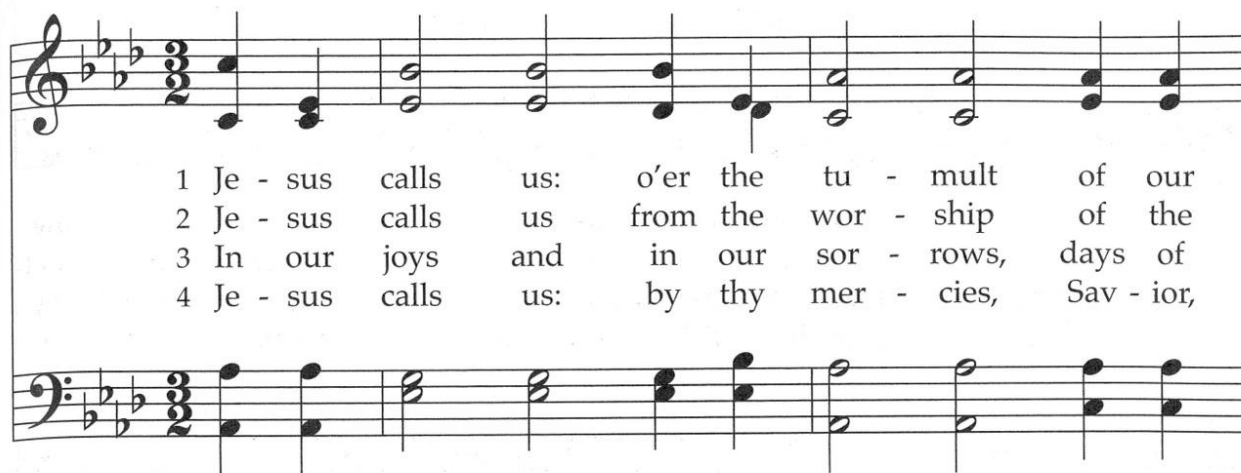
TODAY (June 29th)

JULY 6, 2025

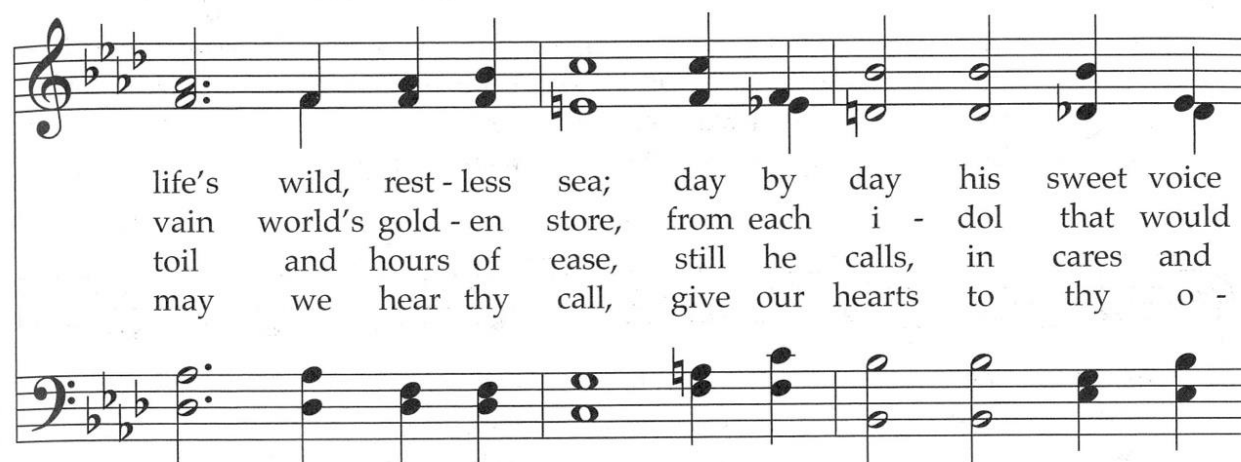
Pulpit Elder:	Robert Simms	Vickie Swaynham
Liturgist:		Jeff Price
Sanctuary Guild:	Peggy Torrey	Debbie Hendricks
Ushers:	Sharon Stark, Jim Mahanes	Meg and Chad Cole
Refreshments:	Deb Holtel	
Camera Operation:	Ginger Chastain	Anna Chastain
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Deb Holtel	Debbie Teeple
Communion Set-up:		Nancy Goldsmith
Communion Servers:		1-Vickie, 2-Tina, 3-Sharon, 4-Deb T, 5-Donna
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Pulpit Elder: Robert Simms 2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77.1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5.1, 13-25 Luke 9.51-62		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Pulpit Elder: Jeff Price 2 Kings 5.1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6.[1-6] 7-16 Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

Jesus Calls Us


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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.