

# Pickens Presbyterian Church



311 WEST MAIN STREET  
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Eleven o'clock

## **The Church Gathers**

**Chiming of the Hour**  
**Choral Introit**

*“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”*

*J. Berthier*

**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**

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

*Welsh Tune*

**\*Call to Worship**

Christ has set us free.

*Free to serve, Free to welcome and include,*

*Free to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

*ALL: Come, Let us worship God.*

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**\*Hymn #476**

*“O Worship the King”*

## **The Church Confesses**

**Prayer of Confession**

*Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience and kindness but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes.*

*We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your rightful path. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways.*

*Set us free in Jesus to be your servants in our community. . . . (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)*

**\*Gloria Patri #579**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was*

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

*in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

## **The Church Proclaims God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Elder Starla Taylor

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading**

Amos 7.7-17

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

**Time with Young Disciples**

Elder Tina LaFoy

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading**

Luke 10.25-37

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

**Special Music** *"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus / Come Thou, Fount of Every Blessing"*

*Cindy & Robert Wood, and Ava Taylor – Vocalists*

**Sermon**

*"And Who . . . ?"*

Dr. David Torrey

## **The Church Responds in Faith**

**\*Hymn #367**

*"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

(from the Belhar Confession)

*We believe*

*that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;*

*that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;*

*that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;*

*that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.*

**Offering**

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



**GIVE NOW**

**Offertory**

*"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*

*arr. Jane Holstein*

**\*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 #485**

*"To God Be the Glory"*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"*

*arr. Lloyd Larson*

*(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](http://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](mailto: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**

<b>Name (relationship)</b>	<b>Concern</b>
*Pat Boney .....	health concerns
*Texas flood victims.....	recovery
7/06/25 .....	
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 .....	

\*new this week

### **CELEBRATIONS**

#### **LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERN LIST**

**Bert Allison, John Blackwood, Jeannie Bowen, Katherine Acker Brooks, Barbara & Joe Christopher, 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), Kay Tilley, 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 Flood Relief.** PDA support: gifts to [DR000191](#).

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

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

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**WARMTH & COMFORT MINISTRY: August Drive: *BIG TEAM SPORTS CHALLENGE!***  
*Collecting items with favorite sports teams. Please, NO GLASS. Need new items if giving clothing. Local High School, College, or favorite NFL team. They will tally to see which team has the most collected for our elderly. Due by August 10<sup>th</sup> in Church Office Collection Box. Questions: Contact Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or [warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com](mailto: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: **\$6,223.25.**

Weekly Contributions Needed for Budget: **\$6,148.**

Year-to-Date Contributions: **\$130,407.26.**

Year-to-Date Expenses: **\$138,814.71.**

### **SERVING:**

### **TODAY (July 13<sup>th</sup>)**

### **JULY 20, 2025**

Elder of the Week:	Vickie Swaynham	Jeff Price
Liturgist:	Starla Taylor	Mark Taylor
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Hendricks	Debbie Hendricks
Ushers:	Meg and Chad Cole	Meg and Chad Cole
Refreshments:	Judy Cook	
Camera Operation:	Carole Reed	Ginger Chastain
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Dianna Morris	<i>In-House Arrangement</i>
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<b><u>Lectionary readings for today:</u></b> Liturgist: Starla Taylor Amos 7.7–17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1.1–14 Luke 10.25–37		<b><u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u></b> Liturgist: Mark Taylor Amos 8.1–12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1.15–28 Luke 10.38–42