

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

July 20th, 2025

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour
Choral Introit

“Behold, I Make All Things New”

From 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

“We Now Implore the Holy Spirit”

D. Buxtedude

***Call to Worship**

God calls us here to worship. We carry many worries and are distracted by many things, but here, in this time and place, we are invited to set them aside, to be fully present. Let's pause and take a deep breath.

We remember who we are: *We are the body of Christ.*

We remember whose we are: *We are God's beloved children.*

We remember our chief purpose: *To glorify and enjoy God forever.*

ALL: Come, Let us worship God.

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #263**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions.

We are distracted by the news, quick to point fingers and pass judgment, but reluctant to examine the ways we benefit from the injustice in our world.

We are distracted by our fears. We fear the loss of health, safety, and financial security. Instead of proclaiming your abundance, we live with a mindset of scarcity.

We are distracted by our tasks, by calendars that shape our priorities, leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important.

We confess our distraction, even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it because it's easier than sitting at Jesus's feet, learning what it means to follow him.

We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship. Forgive us. Help us discern and choose the better path as we seek to follow Christ. . . . (silent, personal confession) Amen.

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

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 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

1st Scripture Reading

Amos 8.1-12

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

Time with Young Disciples

Elder Tina LaFoy

2nd Scripture Reading

Colossians 1.15-28

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

Special Music

"Praise Ye the Lord, from 'Standing on the Promises'"
Jayden Harden and Mrs. Gilda Hendricks – Piano Duet

Arr. Nathan Arnold

Sermon

"Famine on the Land"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #2130 (insert)**

"The Summons"

***Affirmation of Faith**

(from A Declaration of Faith)

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with our family in Christ the Lord's goodness. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.

Offering

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



GIVE NOW

Offertory

"We Sing to You, O God"

John Darwall

***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**

"Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

***Charge and Benediction**

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
*Greg Grindstaff (Stepfather of Ashley Lamb).....	health concerns
*Leo Tilley.....	health concerns
*Ellen Morris (Sister of Jane Gillespie and Faye Padgett).....	health concerns
*Larry Dyer (Friend of Darrell Cook).....	health concerns
7/13/25 Pat Boney	health concerns
7/06/25 Texas, North Carolina, New Mexico flood victims	recovery
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 *new this week	

CELEBRATIONS**LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERN LIST**

Bert Allison, John Blackwood, Caroline Bowen, Jeannie Bowen, Katherine Acker Brooks, Barbara & Joe Christopher, Margaret Dawkins, Shawn Erickson (Ron & Sylvia's son), Jane Gillespie, Samuel Hood (John & Jana Holland's nephew), Beverly Kelly, Scott Kelly, Drema LaFoy (Tina's mother) & Tina, Brad Michael (Bob Michael's Son), Hank Owens, Susan Steedman (Sarah Mahanes' Mother), Kay Tilley, Bev Timerding (Deb Holtel's sister), Melvin Tolliver (Deb Holtel's uncle), John & Tiffanie Torrey (David's brother & Sister-in-law).

The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the Family and Friends of **David Gravely** on his dying to this life on July 10, 2025.

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.

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

Welcome to Mrs. Gilda Hendricks and Jayden Harden as they share their musical talents with us today.

MISSIONS: Mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 28th**. Pickens Presbyterian Church, Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church, and Pickens City Parks and Recreation will host a Pickens Faith Community Picnic. Please join us from **1:00 to 5:00pm at the Pickens Amphitheater** for fellowship, food and fun. More information to follow.

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 10th in Church Office Collection Box.* **Questions:** 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: **\$3,255.**

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

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

SERVING:

TODAY (July 20th)

JULY 27, 2025

Elder of the Week:	Jeff Price	Starla Taylor
Liturgist:	Mark Taylor	Starla Taylor
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Hendricks	Debbie Hendricks
Ushers:	Meg and Chad Cole	Meg and Chad Cole
Refreshments:	Meg Cole	Meg Cole
Camera Operation:	Ginger Chastain	Robert Simms
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Vickie Swaynham	Meg Cole
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Liturgist: Mark Taylor Amos 8.1–12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1.15–28 Luke 10.38–42		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Liturgist: Starla Taylor Hosea 1.2–10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2.6–15 [16–19] Luke 11.1–13

The Summons

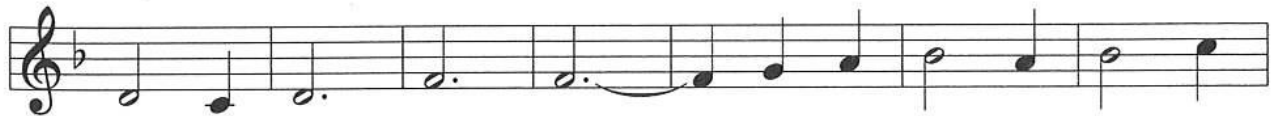
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1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ____ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ____ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ____ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ____ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ____ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ____ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ____ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ____ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, ____ will you let my name be known, ____ will you
 stare ____ should your life at - tract or scare? ____ Will you
 clean, ____ and do such as this un - seen, ____ and ad -
 found ____ to re - shape the world a - round, ____ through my
 go ____ where your love and foot - steps show. ____ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ____
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ____
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ____
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ____
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ____

2025 Year to Date Contributions vs. Expenses vs. Full Year Budget

YTD Contributions (6/30/2025)	
General Contributions	\$119,188
Designated Contributions	\$13,620
Total income	\$132,808

YTD Expenses (6/30/2025)		2025 Budget	% Spent
Building & Grounds	\$18,976	\$49,840	38%
Christian Education	\$3,181	\$4,400	72%
Fellowship and Care	\$290	\$1,200	24%
Mission and Outreach	\$12,872	\$26,273	49%
Office and Adminstration	\$26,353	\$64,145	41%
Personnel	\$75,252	\$169,207	44%
Worship	\$1,890	\$4,650	41%
Total expenses	\$138,814	\$319,715	43%

Year to Date Cash Flow	
Income minus expenses	-\$6,006

Percent of Year to Date Spend

