

Pickens Presbyterian Church



311 WEST MAIN STREET
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

August 10th, 2025

9th 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

Elder Jim Mahanes, Liturgist

Prelude

“Because Thou Hast Said”

HANOVER

***Call to Worship**

(based on Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16)

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.

By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

ALL: Come, Let us worship God, who calls and claims us.

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn # 487**

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves. Guide us back to harmonious relationships. Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace. . . . (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 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 Jim Mahanes

1st Scripture Reading

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20

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

Time with Young Disciples

Elder Tina LaFoy

2nd Scripture Reading

Luke 12.32-40

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

Special Music

"Down to the River to Pray"

Arr. Michael G. Sinshack

Vocal Duet: Rev. Terri Price and Starla Taylor

Sermon

"How is Your Portfolio?"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn # 268**

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

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)



GIVE NOW

Offertory

"What Does the Lord Require of You"

Jim Strathdee

***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 # 483**

"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

"He Keeps Me Singing"

arr. Glenda Austin

(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
David Hinkle (Husband of Cindy – CDC Teacher).....	hospice care
Hughes Hyatt (Son of friend of Marianne)	health concerns
Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza	
7/27/25 Faye Durham (Sister of Joe Padgett)	health concerns
7/20/25 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	

*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).

EXTRA GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Humanitarian Aid to Gaza. 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>

1ST ANNUAL HYMNFEEST: The Foothills Presbytery Music Ministry Leaders will present the 1st Annual HymnFest Mass Choir on **Sunday, August 24th, 4:30pm at John Knox Presbyterian, 35 Shannon Dr. in Greenville.** The program will feature choirs and musicians from across the presbytery. This is a free event.

MISSIONS: Would you like to grill hamburgers/hot dogs, bake cookies/brownies or help plan music for **Sunday, September 28th**, when Pickens Presbyterian Church, Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church and Pickens City Parks and Recreation host a **Pickens Faith Community Picnic from 1:00 to 5:00pm?** Please see Sharon or Jo Anne to let us know how you would like to be involved or just to let us know you plan to come for the fellowship, food and fun!

SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adults, have you been thinking about joining a Sunday School class? The Seekers class began a new short-term study last Sunday on "Non-Violence; Faith-based strategies for justice and peace". **Join us 9:30-10:30am in the Church Parlor.** See Jo Anne Gessell, Mark Taylor, Jan Sparks, or Kathy Chamlee for a copy of the readings. All are Welcome!

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 online at:** <https://tinyurl.com/FellowshipSnacks> or via the QR code in the CliffNotes.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last Sunday's Giving: **\$4,312.54.**

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

Year-to-Date Contributions: **\$177,661.25.**

Year-to-Date Expenses: **\$158,490.01.**

SERVING:**TODAY (August 10th)****AUGUST 17, 2025**

Elder of the Week:	Starla Taylor	Sharon Stark
Liturgist:	Jim Mahanes	Jeff Price
Sanctuary Guild:	Nancy Goldsmith	Nancy Goldsmith
Ushers:	Nancy Goldsmith,	Nancy Goldsmith,
Refreshments:	Sharon Stark	TBD
Camera Operation:	Carole Reed	Robert Simms
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Jo Anne Gessell	Sharon Stark
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Liturgist: Jim Mahanes Isaiah 1.1, 10-20 Psalm 50.1-8, 22-23 Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 Luke 12.32-40		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Liturgist: Jeff Price Isaiah 1.1, 10-20 Psalm 50.1-8, 22-23 Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 Luke 12.32-40