

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

"To the Glory of God, and the Service of People"

August 24th, 2025

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

"Behold, 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 Sharon Stark, Liturgist

Prelude

"Oh, Worship the King"

J. Michael Haydn, Arr. E Pankow

***Call to Worship**

(from Psalm 71)

In you, O God, we seek refuge; *In Your justice, deliver us.*

Be a rock of refuge for us, *a strong fortress, because You are our rock and fortress.*

For you, O Lord, are our hope and trust. *Our praise is continually of You.*

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #2236 (insert)**

"Gather Us In"

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

O God, our creator, sustainer and redeemer, we confess our feelings of exile and alienation, and we wonder where you are. We fear your absence when, in fact, you are most present to us. Restore in us a sense of your comfort and care. Renew our strength so that we might realize our calling as disciples of Jesus. . . . (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 Sharon Stark

1st Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 1.4-10

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

Time with Young Disciples

Elder Tina LaFoy

2nd Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12.18-29

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

Special Music

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Isaac Watts

Donna Simms – Soprano Soloist

Sermon

"Standing Up For God"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn # 282**

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

***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

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Arr. Paul Porter

***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 #525**

"Here I Am, Lord"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

*"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" W. J. Kirkpatrick, arr. M. T. Turner
(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

<u>Name (relationship)</u>	<u>Concern</u>
*Steve Ellison	health concerns
Howard Harden	health concerns
Regenia Williams (Darrell Cook's sister)	health concerns
Jane Townsend	health concerns
8/10/25	
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

**new this week*

CELEBRATIONS

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERN LIST

Bert Allison, John Blackwood, Caroline 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, 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, featuring choirs and musicians from across the presbytery, this afternoon 4:30pm at John Knox Presbyterian, 35 Shannon Dr. in Greenville.

CIRCLE KICK-OFF DINNER: The PPC Presbyterian Women Circles will be having their annual dinner at 5:30pm on Tuesday, September 2nd, at the Pickens Pizza Inn to Kick-Off the new Circle year. Both Circles will be using the Horizons study: "*Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ*", by Rhashell D. Hunter. Debbie Carmical will present an introduction and Lesson 1. The cost of the book will be: \$15.00.

MISSIONS: UPDATE - COMMUNITY PICNIC: We still need volunteers to bake cookies/brownies for **Sunday, September 28th**, when Pickens Presbyterian Church, Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church and Pickens City Parks and Recreation host a Pickens Faith Community Picnic at the Pickens Amphitheater from 1:00 until 5:00pm. Please see Sharon or Jo Anne. **We will have a work day on Saturday, September 27th from 9am to 12 noon, to prepare for the picnic on Saturday.** Please come and help as we get ready for fellowship, food and fun at the picnic.

WARMTH & COMFORT MINISTRY: September - November Drive: Items of warmth: hats, gloves, scarves, blankets, socks, lap quilts, or monetary donations to purchase items for the residents. **Items must be new or handmade due to state regulations.** **Due November**

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: **\$3,291.**

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

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

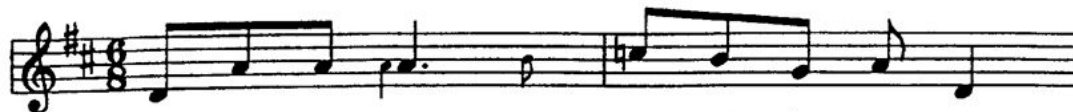
SERVING:

TODAY (August 24th)

AUGUST 31, 2025

Elder of the Week:	Austin Townsend	Ken Townsend
Liturgist:	Sharon Stark	Tina LaFoy
Sanctuary Guild:	Nancy Goldsmith	Nancy Goldsmith
Ushers:	Nancy Goldsmith,	Nancy Goldsmith,
Refreshments:	Starla Taylor	TBD
Camera Operation:	Anna Chastain	Robert Simms
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Liza Holder	<i>In-House Arrangement</i>
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Liturgist: Sharon Stark Jeremiah 1.4-10 Psalm 71.1-6 Hebrews 12.18-29 Luke 13.10-17		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Liturgist: Tina LaFoy Jeremiah 2.4-13 Psalm 81.1, 10-16 Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16 Luke 14.1, 7-14

Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
 2. We are the young — our lives are a mys - t'ry,
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
 4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
 we are the old — who yearn for your face,
 here we will take the bread of new birth,
 not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, but



see in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
 we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. ____
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race. ____
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth. ____
 now is the King - dom, now is the day. ____



Gath - er us in — the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in — the
 Gath - er us in — the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in — the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in — all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. ____
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. ____
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. ____
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone. ____

WORDS: Marty Haugen (Matt. 5:13)
 MUSIC: Marty Haugen

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