Pickens Presbyterian Church

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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

October 5th, 2025 17th Sunday after Pentecost Eleven o'clock

World Communion Sunday

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit *"The First Song of Isaiah"* *Jack Noble White*

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 Tina LaFoy, Liturgist

Prelude *"Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary"* *John M Moore, arr Tedd Smith*

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 24:1, 116:12-13)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, ***the world and those who live in it.***

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #276** *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner 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)

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

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 Tina LaFoy

1st Scripture Reading Lamentations 3.19-26

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

Time with Young Disciples Elder Tina LaFoy

2nd Scripture Reading Luke 17.5-10

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Special Music *"I Must Tell Jesus" Elisha A. Hoffman, arr. by Larry Shackley*

Charlene Means - Piano

Sermon *"How Much is Enough?"* Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn # 438** *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering and Change-for-Change Food Pantry Offering

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

GIVE NOW

Offertory *"He's God the Whole World in His Hands" Spiritual, arr Fred Bock*

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**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God: . . .

when you bring in your promised kingdom, we will celebrate victory with him.

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all people and nations.

. . . And so we pray as Jesus Christ our Lord taught us to pray, saying, ***"Our Father…"***

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People *(As we are one body, let us wait to eat and drink together)*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all God's benefits.

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn #432** *"Canto de Esperanza"*

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *"Springs of Living Water" John W Peterson, arr Tedd Smith*

(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.* We invite you to 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**
*Brenda Fishpaw (Tina LaFoy's aunt)	health concerns
*Ray Ferguson (Randall Ferguson's father)	hospice
*Randall Ferguson	health concerns
*Shirley (Cousin of Deb Holtel)	health concerns
*Mike and David Goldsmith	health concerns
10/5/25	
Heather Sciorelli (friend of Kathy Chamlee)	health concerns
Jeannie Bowen	health concerns
9/21/25	
Perry Dyer (relative of Darrell Cook)	health concerns
9/07/25	
Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza	

**new this week*

CELEBRATIONS

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERN LIST

Bert Allison, **John Blackwood**, **Caroline Bowen**, **Katherine Acker Brooks**, **Barbara & Joe Christopher**, **Margaret Dawkins**, **Steve Ellison**, **Shawn Erickson** (Ron & Sylvia's son), **Jane Gillespie**, **Howard Harden**, **Samuel Hood** (John & Jana Holland's nephew), **Beverly & Burnett 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

The Missions Committee thanks everyone who helped with the Community Picnic with GEBC. It was a fun event with great food, music and games!

Thank you to Donna Simms for providing the instruments from "around the world" for our World Communion Day exhibit.

MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE: Charlene Means would like to share the inspiration behind some of the music that she is using for the service. "I am using music from different areas of the World since it is World Communion Sunday. Please read the words that other Christians throughout the world use in their Communion Services." "'**Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**' is a Jamaican folk melody, adapted by Doreen Potter in 1975. It's a 'communion calypso' affirming the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians." **See: Hymn #514. "'Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises'** Originally created in the Sotho language, this ecstatic South African hymn reached English by way of a Swedish translation. It is a powerful hymn connecting what happens at the Lord's Table with our mission in the world."

PPC FOOD PANTRY: Today we receive the Change-for-Change special offering to support our Emergency Food Pantry and Little Free Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING is today, World Communion Sunday. This PCUSA Special Offering is for peacemaking and mission efforts. Our congregation keeps 25% will be given to **The Legacy Home**, Pickens County's men's 12 Step recovery program providing key insights and spiritual training for addicts in early sobriety. They seek to provide a bridge from addiction back into mainstream society.

CIRCLE MEETINGS: The Sarah Emily (10:00am) and Eve Circles (5:30pm & light supper afterwards) **will both meet Tuesday, October 7th**, and will study Lesson 2 in "*Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ"*, by Rhashell D. Hunter.

POTLUCK LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY: Fellowship & Care Committee will host a potluck lunch on Oct 12th. Following the luncheon, Tina LaFoy will give a program regarding Family Promise and Meals on Wheels of Pickens County. **Use the tear-off below to register.**

AMBLER ELEMENTARY DRIVE: Louise Hope is collecting gently used shoes for a fundraiser at Ambler Elementary School. No holes. Worn is fine. Anything! All sizes. They are being sent to children in Haiti and other less developed countries. Leave them in All Saints' Hall or Office by Thursday, October 10th. Questions? Louise: 864.414.8543.

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last Sunday's Giving: **$11,700.01.**
Weekly Amount Needed to meet Budget**: $6,148.**
2025 Budget: **$319,714.**

Please leave in the offering plate. **Reply no later than today, October 5th. You may also reply to the Cliffnotes from Thursday.**

Attending: _____**will attend the Luncheon on October 12th, 2025.**

SERVING:	**TODAY (October 5th)**	**October 12th, 2025**
Elder of the Week:	Austin Townsend	Jeff Price
Liturgist:	Tina LaFoy	Ken Acker
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Holtel	Deb Holtel
Ushers:	Ivy and Roy Stoddard	Ivy and Roy Stoddard
Refreshments:	TBD	TBD
Camera Operation:	Anna Chastain	TBD
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Debbie Hendricks	Debbie Teeple
Communion Set-up:	Austin Townsend	
Communion Servers:	1.Vickie 2. Tina 3. Sharon 4. Deb T 5. Austin	

Lectionary readings for today:	**Lectionary readings for next Sunday:**
Liturgist: Tina LaFoy Lamentations 1.1-6 Lamentations 3.19-26 or Psalm 137 Timothy 1.1-14 Luke 17.5-10	Liturgist: Ken Acker Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7 Psalm 66.1-12 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 18.1-8