

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

November 16th, 2025 23rd 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), & contact information, pass the pad, pass it back, note the names of your neighbors and greet them by name after worship.

Concerns in the Life of the Church

Elder Sharon Stark, Liturgist

Prelude

“Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire”

arr. Lyndell Leatherman

***Call to Worship**

(from Psalm 18.3, 46)

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you. And also with you.

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #434**

“Today We All are Called to Be Disciples”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we are troubled by the events of our lives and the state of this world. Headlines are full of wars, insurrections, suffering, earthquakes, famines, and death. These things are enough to shake our faith and undermine our confidence in your promise. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Deliver us from speculation that distracts us from faithful living and loving service. Forgive us when we doubt your promises. Help us to endure that we may gain our souls, always bearing witness to your love and grace in 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.

The Church Proclaims God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Sharon Stark

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

1st Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65.17-25

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

Time with Young Disciples

Elder Tina LaFoy

2nd Scripture Reading

Luke 21.5-19

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

Anthem

"Canon of Praise"

J Pachelbel, Arr. H. H. Hopson

Sermon

"When?"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

*Hymn #379

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

*Affirmation of Faith

(from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering

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



GIVE NOW

Offertory

"If You Will Only Let God Guide You"

George Neumark

*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 #447

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"The Song of a Soul Set Free"

A.H. Ackley

(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)

Name (relationship)	Concern
*Angie Case (friend of Liza)	health concerns
*Lisa Suffern (April's Mother-in-law)	health concerns
11/9/25	
Donna Gessell (Jo Anne's sister)	health concerns
Heather Cirelli (friend of Kathy Chamlee)	health concerns
Mike & David Goldsmith	health concerns
Hurricane Melissa victims	recovery
11/2/25	
Hank Owens	health concerns
Burnett Kelly	health concerns
Bill Ranson	health concerns
10/26/25	
Nigerian Christians	
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).

The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of **Summer Burrow** (Lee Black's mother) who died to this life on Thursday, November 6, 2025.

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".

Hurricane Melissa. PDA support: gifts to [DR000194](#).

*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>

FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE: We will join Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church in providing a Harvest Meal to the Community on November 22nd. A big Thank You to all who are providing turkeys. We still need a few more desserts. Or you can still participate by coming by 11am-2pm to gather with friends and enjoy an early Thanksgiving Meal. See Sharon or Jo Anne if you can help.

The Café Justo Coffee Ministry is on hold because they are unable to take orders until further notice. We will let you know when it resumes.

BAKE SALE: Our PPC Youth will host their Annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale next Sunday, November 23rd. Please bring a baked good to sell and plan to stock up on delicious homemade treats! **All proceeds will help make Christmas special for needy CDC families.** Reach out to Anna or Carole with any questions.

CDC BOOK FAIR: Our Child Development Center's Annual Book Fair will be held this coming week Monday – Friday, November 17-21. Volunteers are needed to help check out

families from 3:00-5:45pm, and can contact the CDC office at 864-878-9953 to sign up. CDC Director Chasity Lesley reports that the sales goal is \$1700, and if not reached, the fair will sadly not be able to continue going forward.

ANGEL TREE: Please send shoulders up photo to Donna Simms at rdajsimms@mac.com of your children or grandchildren (12 grade and under) who you would like to have included on this year's angel tree in ASH. Please send photos by December 6th. Alternative, you can ask Robert to take the picture at church.

WARMTH & COMFORT MINISTRY: December Drive: Stockings and Cards, Bows for Doors. Stocking items include toiletries. Please, **No** mouthwash with alcohol, **or** hard candies or Caramels. Due Dec.10. We will have a stuff the stocking event to put all together before the 15th. **Due by December 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: **\$10,356.**

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

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

SERVING:

TODAY (November 16th)

November 23rd, 2025

Elder of the Week:	Nancy Goldsmith	Robert Simms
Liturgist:	Sharon Stark	Starla Taylor
Sanctuary Guild:	Louise Hope	Louise Hope
Ushers:	Dianna and Butch Morris	Dianna and Butch Morris
Refreshments:	Meg Cole	TBD
Camera Operation:	Ginger Chastain	Anna Chastain
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Cindy Wood	Dianna Morris
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Liturgist: Sharon Stark Isaiah 65.17-25 Isaiah 12 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Liturgist: Starla Taylor Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43