Pickens Presbyterian Church

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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

November 2, 2025 21st Sunday after Pentecost Eleven o'clock

Communion Sunday

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour
Choral Introit *"Grace"* *Carolyn Hamlin*

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 *"Near to the Heart of God"* *Cleland B McAfee, arr Tedd Smith*

***Call to Worship**
The changing colors of leaves, the laughter of children playing dress-up, the flowers and trees that become food for foraging creatures:
Lord, your creation boasts of your goodness.
The Sunday school teachers who taught us your Word, the stranger who asked us if we were okay, the parent who showed us right and wrong, the neighbor who dropped by to say hello:
Lord, your creation boasts of your love.
Let us join together as a community and worship our Creator, the author of everything that is beautiful.
ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**
***Hymn (insert)** *"The Summons"*

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession
Holy and gracious God, you are the author of every good thing. Forgive us for the ways we fall short of the beautiful story you invite us to join. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we put ourselves in the center. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of ugliness, from the macro to the micro. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our hope, our God. . . . *(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.

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

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
1st Scripture Reading **2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12**
The Word of God for the People of God. ***Thanks be to God.***
Time with Young Disciples Elder Tina LaFoy
2nd Scripture Reading **Isaiah 1.10-18**
The Word of God for the People of God. ***Thanks be to God.***
Anthem *"Heavenly Medley"* *Traditional*
OD Hendricks, Ron Jones, Joe Padgett, Robert Wood
Congregation sing chorus 2 times: *"When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!"*
Then sing chorus 2 times: *"When the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder I'll be there!"*
Sermon *"Traditions"* Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #504** *"Draw Us in The Spirit's Tether"*
***Affirmation of Faith** (A Brief Statement of Faith)
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering and Change-for-Change Food Pantry Offering
(Use the QR Code to the right for Online Giving)
GIVE NOW
Offertory *"Cherish That Name"* *Larry Wolfe, arr Carol McMillen*
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**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table and The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***
Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up 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, . . . 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.
. . .

The Lord's Prayer (debts/Debtors)

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.

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"

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 #272** *"God of the Sparrow"*

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *"This Is My Father's World" Franklin Sheppard, arr Gary McCoy*

(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**
*Heather Cirelli (friend of Kathy Chamlee)	health concerns
*Mike Goldsmith	health concerns
*Hurricane Melissa victims	recovery
11/2/25	
*Hank Owens	health concerns
*Burnett Kelly	health concerns
*Steve Ellison	health concerns
Bill Ranson	health concerns
10/26/25	
Bev Timerding (Deb Holtel's sister)	health concerns
Nigerian Christians	
Mike & Shirley (Deb Holtel's cousin)	health concerns
10/12/25	
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**".
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

CIRCLE MEETINGS: The Sarah Emily (10:00am) & Eve Circles (5:30pm) **will meet Tuesday, November 4th**, & will study Lesson 3 in "*Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ"*, by Rhashell D. Hunter.

VETERANS EVENT: Next Sunday, November 9th, we will hold our annual Veterans Day Breakfast and Program that will begin at 9:00am in All Saints' Hall. If you are a veteran, we want to recognize you by listing your name in the program. This celebration is open to all, so we need for you to sign up to help determine our breakfast needs. **To list a veteran or to attend the breakfast, please use the tear-off below and place in the offering plate, or call the church office at ext. 0. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help cook, serve food, and clean up, contact Nancy Goldsmith, or Vickie Swayngham.

FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE: **This Sunday we receive the Change-for-Change special offering to support our Emergency Food Pantry and Little Free Pantry**. The Food Pantry activity has increased with most being first time clients. Unfortunately, it is anticipated that this trend will continue. Thank you for your generosity which has allowed both pantries to provide food. If you have ideas on how we can further meet the needs of those who struggle with hunger please let Missions know.

Please plan to attend a program by Dave Simmons, South American Mission, on Wednesday, November 12th, at 5:30 pm. Dave and Marilyn will be visiting our Church to provide an update on their activities. A light dinner will be served.

We will join Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church in providing a Harvest Meal to the Community on November 22nd. We served 350 plates last year and are planning for 400 this year. That means more turkeys to cook! **You can participate by:** cooking or donating turkeys, donating cans of cranberry sauce, making desserts, prepping on Nov 21st, or working the Drive Thru. **See Sign-up sheet in ASH, or let Sharon or Jo Anne know how you can help.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last Sunday's Giving: **$10,332.**
Weekly Amount Needed to meet Budget**: $6,148.**
2025 Budget: **$319,714.**

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VETERANS DAY EVENT – NEXT Sunday, November 9th @ 9:00am:
→→→If you are a VETERAN or plan to invite a veteran to attend, please use this tear-off and place in the offering plate, or call the church office at **864-878-9422, ext 0**, to sign up:

Veteran's Name: _____ Service Branch: _____

→→→If you plan to ATTEND the Veterans Day breakfast . . . (same as above)

Name: _____ Number attending #: _____

→→→To HELP Cook, Serve, Clean Up for the breakfast that morning:
Name:_____ Cook:____ Clean: ____ Serve:____

SERVING:	**TODAY (November 2nd)**	**November 9th, 2025**
Elder of the Week:	Ken Townsend	Betsey Chalmers
Liturgist:	Sharon Stark	Jim Mahanes
Sanctuary Guild:	Louise Hope	Louise Hope
Ushers:	Dianna and Butch Morris	Dianna and Butch Morris
Refreshments:	TBD	*Veterans Day breakfast*
Camera Operation:	Carole Reed	Robert Simms
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	JoAnne Gessell	Liza Holder
Communion Set-up:	Sharon Stark	
Communion Servers:	David Mc, Starla, Jeff, Mark, Ken T	

Lectionary readings for today:	**Lectionary readings for next Sunday:**
Liturgist: Sharon Stark Habakkuk 1.1–4 Psalm 119.137–144 2 Thessalonians 1.1–4, 11–12 Luke 19.1–10	Liturgist: Jim Mahanes Haggai 1.15b-2:9 Psalm 145.1-5, 17-21 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17 Luke 20.27-38

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The Summons

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

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un-seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com-pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad-mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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