

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

January 17th, 2026

Baptism of the Lord

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour
Choral Introit
Friendship Pads

“Grace”

Carolyn Hamlin

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 Ken Townsend, Liturgist

Prelude

“Enter Now, O Holy Spirit”

Per Rathje

***Call to Worship**

(from Psalm 148)

The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

May the Lord bless us with God's Peace!

The voice of the Lord proclaimed Jesus as God's beloved.

In our own baptisms, we are claimed as God's beloved.

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

Hymn #466

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. . . . (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

1st Scripture Reading Isaiah 42.1-9

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

Elder Ken Townsend

Time with the Children of God

Elder Tina LaFoy

2nd Scripture Reading Acts 10.34-43

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

Anthem "Peace Like A River / Amen!"

arr Douglas E Wagner

Sermon "Peter, Are You Sure?"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

*Hymn # 316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. Amen.

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

GIVE NOW



Offertory "Lamb of God"

Twila Paris

*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 # 423 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude "At the Font We Start Our Journey" arr. Charles H. Webb

(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. – Philipians 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)

<u>Name (relationship)</u>	<u>Concern</u>
<small>1/11/26</small> *Hoyt Hardee (Colby's grandfather)	health concerns
<small>1/04/26</small> *David Chamlee.....	health concerns
*Kathy Chamlee.....	health concerns
Donna Gessell (Jo Anne's sister)	health concerns
<small>12/28/25</small> Gerald Cook.....	health concerns
Jay Clark.....	health concerns
Tim Byrd.....	health concerns
Mike Goldsmith	health concerns
<small>12/21/25</small> Martha Brooks	health concerns
<small>12/14/25</small> Brown University Shooting victims	
<small>Continual</small> Nigerian Christians	
Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza	
<i>*new this week</i>	

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, Mike & David Goldsmith, Howard Harden, Samuel Hood (John & Jana Holland's nephew), Beverly & Burnett Kelly, Drema LaFoy (Tina's mother), Brad Michael (Bob Michael's Son), Hank Owens, Susan Steedman (Sarah Mahanes' Mother), Bev Timerding (Deb Holtel's sister), Melvin Tolliver (Deb Holtel's uncle), John & Tiffanie Torrey (David's brother & wife).

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:

Annual MLK Prayer Breakfast Celebration: We will join Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church in hosting the community breakfast on **January 19th at 9:00am**. Please join us for the program and/or help prepare and serve breakfast. After Worship on **Sunday, January 18th**, we will **have some prepping to do** in our kitchen. And **on the 19th we will meet at GEBC at 7:30am** to help prepare breakfast. Please let Sharon know how you can help.

Thanks to all who participated in the Poinsettia Offering, (supporting the Jane B. Morris Service/Fuel Fund with donations of \$470!) and in our Family Promise Giving Tree. Towels, washcloths, kitchen dishcloths & sponges, dish drains, dishes, hampers, shower curtains & liners, rug sets, blankets, and toaster were some of the items donated to Family Promise. Remember you can donate to both anytime of the year!

Café Justo Coffee has resumed shipping and Jonathan has placed a very large order. For those unaware, Café Justo is a grower owned coffee cooperative based in southern Chiapas Mexico formed to address the poverty and migration from Mexico to the U.S.A. (<https://justcoffee.org>) **We'll announce when the coffee arrives!**

LITTLE FREE PANTRY: I wish to thank everyone who has been supporting The Little Free Pantry (LFP). Here is some information about what we strive to do with this mission: The LFP's main purpose is to provide a few small meals every day for the unhoused, along with other needed items. (See the list of items provided in the Cliffnotes) We make sure that the items require little to no cooking and don't require a can opener. Volunteers fill the LFP once a day. Please consider supporting the Little Free Pantry or volunteering if you aren't doing so already. Thank you, Deb Holtel

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: **\$4,730.61**

Weekly Amount Needed to meet Budget: **\$6,243.**

2026 Budget: **\$324,598.**

SERVING:	TODAY (January 11th)	January 18th, 2026
Elder of the Week:	Austin Townsend	Sharon Stark
Liturgist:	Ken Townsend	Debbie Teeple
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Teeple	Debbie Teeple
Ushers:	Chad & Meg Cole, Della Black	Chad & Meg Cole, Della Black
Refreshments:	Meg Cole	Meg Cole
Camera Operation:	Robert Simms	Anna Chastain
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Vickie Swaynham	<i>In-House Arrangement</i>
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
Lectionary readings for today:		Lectionary readings for next Sunday:
Liturgist: Ken Townsend Isaiah 42.1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10.34-43 Matthew 3.13-17		Liturgist: Debbie Teeple Isaiah 49.1-7 Psalm 40.1-11 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 John 1.29-42