

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

January 4th, 2026

Second Sunday after Christmas

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour
Choral Introit
Friendship Pads

“O Night Divine”

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 Carole Reed, Liturgist

Prelude

“Swiss Noel”

Claude Daquin

***Call to Worship**

(Jeremiah 31)

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

Give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people.”

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion;

They shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

With expectation and joy as we begin a new year, let us worship the living God!

ALL: With expectation and joy for a new year, come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

Hymn #28

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

(adapted from Jeremiah 31:7-9, 13)

We cry out: “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel,” for we are a people in need of saving. You promise to gather your people, but we confess that we want to put limitations on who is saved. We want you to save those we define as strong and beautiful and wise; You call the blind and the lame, the children and those in labor. Forgive us, O Holy God, for our prejudice and narrow vision. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Forgive us for doubting your promise and declining your invitation. By your Spirit, renew us. Turn our mourning into joy and our sorrow into gladness that we might return to you and your way. . . . (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 Carole Reed

1st Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31.7-14

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

Time with the Children of God

Elder Tina LaFoy

2nd Scripture Reading John 1:1-18

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

Anthem

"Sleep Little Lamb"

Joseph M Martin & Stan Pethel

Sermon

"Gathered Home"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn # 309** "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Service of Ordination and Installation

Sentences of Scripture

1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

For Ruling Elders to be Ordained and Installed

For Ruling Elders Previously Ordained to be Installed

Profession of Faith

. . . With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions

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Prayer of Ordination and Installation, and the Laying on of Hands

Declaration of Installation

Welcome by the Session Members



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Offering

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

Offertory

“We Three Kings”

arr. Larry Shackley

*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.

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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 # 275

“God of Our Life”

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

arr. Glenda Austin

(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

- *Gerald Cook.....health concerns
- *Jay Clark.....health concerns

*Tim Byrdhealth concerns
 *Mike Goldsmithhealth concerns
 12/21/25.....
 Martha Brookshealth concerns
 12/14/25.....
 Brown University Shooting victims
 Christa Schwab.....health concerns
 11/30/25.....
 Lynda Richards (Karleyanne's mother).....health concerns
 Donna Gessell (Jo Anne's sister)health concerns
 Continual.....
 Hurricane Melissa victims..... recovery
 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, 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), Kay Tilley, 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>

CIRCLE MEETINGS: The Sarah Emily (10:00am) & Eve Circles (5:30pm) will meet **Tuesday, January 6th**, & will study Lesson 5, "The Gift of the Woman Who was Poor" in "*Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ*", by Rhashell D. Hunter. The Eve Circle will share Supper following the lesson.

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: **\$3,843.**

<u>SERVING:</u>	<u>TODAY (January 4th)</u>	<u>January 11th, 2026</u>
Elder of the Week:	Ken Townsend	Austin Townsend
Liturgist:	Carole Reed	Ken Townsend
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Teeple	Debbie Teeple
Ushers:	Chad & Meg Cole, Della Black	Chad & Meg Cole, Della Black
Refreshments:	Meg Cole	Meg Cole
Camera Operation:	TBD	TBD
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Debbie Teeple	Vickie Swaynham
Communion Set-up:	Austin Townsend	
Communion Servers:	Mark, Tina, Donna, Sharon, Jeff	

Lectionary readings for today:

Liturgist: Carole Reed

Jeremiah 31.7–14

Psalm 147.12–20

Ephesians 1.3–14

John 1.(1–9), 10–18

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Liturgist: Ken Townsended

Isaiah 42.1–9

Psalm 29

Acts 10.34–43

Matthew 3.13–17