



Service of Worship and
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Pickens Presbyterian Church
311 WEST MAIN STREET
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

December 24th, 2025 Christmas Eve
Communion Service 4:00 & 11:00 PM

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Preparation for Worship

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship, first in silence, then as we listen to the prelude.

Prelude

"Selected Carols"

Lighting the Advent Candle

(4:00pm) Peggy & David Torrey
(11:00pm) Donna & Robert Simms

And we all say together, *Let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

✠ **Advent Wreath Song**

"A Candle is Burning"

*We honour Messiah with Christ candle's flame
our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim.
O Come all you faithful, rejoice in this night,
as God comes among us, the Christian's true light.*

Advent Wreath Prayer

✠ **Hymn #41**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

The Church Confesses

✠ **Invitation to Confession**

✠ **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you call us to celebrate, yet we struggle to find hope in the suffering and despair of our world. What reason is there to rejoice? We turn from each other and from you, questioning the power of love in the face of the

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

Prayer of Consecration

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Holy God, . . . joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

. . . Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ was born, Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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 and Pouring of the Wine

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *and forget not all God's benefits.*

(11:00pm) **Special Music** “*The Holly and the Ivy*” *Old French Melody*
Donna Simms, April Suffern, June Marsh

(11:00pm) **The Service of Lights**

(11:00pm) **A Candlelight Hymn** *“Silent Night, Holy Night”*

(To be sung while the candlelight is being passed)

1. *Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*
2. *Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”*
3. *Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*
4. *Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

✦Hymn

“Joy to the World”

(11:00pm ONLY Recessional – *Please form a circle on the front sidewalk and continue singing until all are outside*)

1. *Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*
2. *Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*
3. *No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.*
4. *He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.*

(Continue singing until everyone is outside)

✧ **Christmas Blessing**
(4:00pm) **Postlude**

“Behold That Star”

Thomas W. Talley

The Church Enters the Mission Field

