

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

January 18th, 2026

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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 Debbie Teeple, Liturgist

Prelude

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

arr. Jacob B. Weber

***Call to Worship**

God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.

Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.

Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

Hymn #276

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds. . . . (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.*

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

***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 Debbie Teeple

1st Scripture Reading Isaiah 49.1-7

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 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

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

Anthem

"God Is So Good"
(Piano, Horn and Choir)

Traditional

Sermon

"Responding to Grace"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #361** *"How Firm a Foundation"*

***Affirmation of Faith**

(from A Declaration of Faith)

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

Offering

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

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Offertory

"That Priceless Grace"

Ghanaian Traditional

***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 #411**

"Arise, Your Light is Come"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

arr. Fred Bock

(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
1/11/26 Hoyt Hardee (Colby's grandfather)	health concerns
Martha Brooks	health concerns
1/04/26 David Chamlee	health concerns
Kathy Chamlee	health concerns
Donna Gessell (Jo Anne's sister)	health concerns
12/28/25 Gerald Cook.....	health concerns
Jay Clark.....	health concerns
Tim Byrd.....	health concerns
Mike Goldsmith	health concerns
Continual.....	
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, 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.

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!**

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: **\$4,038.**

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

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

SERVING:

TODAY (January 18th)

January 25th, 2026

Elder of the Week:	Sharon Stark	Ken Townsend
Liturgist:	Debbie Teeple	Nancy Jo Owens
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Teeple	Debbie Teeple
Ushers:	Chad & Meg Cole, Della Black	Chad & Meg Cole, Della Black
Refreshments:	Meg Cole	Meg Cole
Camera Operation:	Anna Chastain	Carole Reed
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	<i>In-House Arrangement</i>	Sharon Stark
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Liturgist: Debbie Teeple Isaiah 49.1–7 Psalm 40.1–11 1 Corinthians 1.1–9 John 1.29–42		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Liturgist: Nancy Jo Owens Isaiah 9.1–4 Psalm 27.1, 4–9 1 Corinthians 1.10–18 Matthew 4.12–23