

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

February 15th, 2026

Transfiguration of the Lord

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

“Jesus Paid It All”

Elvina M. Hall

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

Louise Hope, Liturgist

Prelude

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

J.S. Bach

***Call to Worship**

(adapted from Psalm 99)

Our God is holy and mighty, a leader who loves justice, established honesty, justice, and righteousness.

God has done this! We exalt you, O God! We worship at your footstool. You are holy!

Miriam, Moses and Aaron were among them, and Samuel, too was among those who invoked the Name; they called on God, and God answered them.

We exalt you, O Lord our God, and worship you at your holy mountain

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

Hymn #482

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

God of radiant light, we confess that we are a people who are sometimes too comfortable dwelling in darkness. We say we want things to change, that we do not accept the way things are. But, in reality, we want someone else to take care of the changing. We resist transformation and sometimes do not even believe it is possible. Forgive our unbelief. Soften our hearts toward one another and ourselves. May your Spirit move through and among us. Make us light bearers for your sake, and for the sake of your people. . . . (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.

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

(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

Louise Hope

1st Scripture Reading

Psalm 99

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

Matthew 17.1-9

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

Anthem

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. Jack Schrader

Sermon

"Changed"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

***Hymn #73**

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

Offering

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

GIVE NOW



Offertory

"Beautiful Savior"

Silesian Folk Tune

***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 #234**

"I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

arr. Helen Howarth Lemmel

(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
<small>2/08/26</small> Donna Gessell (Jo Anne’s sister)	health concerns
*Shirley Gilkison (Deb Holtel’s cousin)	health concerns
*Anna Pracel (friend of Darrell Cook)	health concerns
Ruth Price (Jeff’s Mother)	health concerns
Samuel Hunter	health concerns
Luis Diaz (friend of Darrell & Judy)	health concerns
Ron Few (Carolyn Yarborough’s brother).....	health concerns
<small>1/11/26</small> Hoyt Hardee (Colby’s grandfather).....	health concerns
Martha Brooks	health concerns
<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), 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>

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Our annual Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the Lenten season will be on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 @ 6:00pm in the sanctuary.

FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE:

Missions Committee is excited to announce a **FREE** Community Soup Day on Saturday, February 21st 2026, from 11:00am to 1:30pm in ASH. It’s hosted by PPC & GEBC and everyone is welcome. This is an opportunity to serve our neighbors and add another service to further our outreach to provide food to those in need. We’re inviting people to dine in but will accommodate those that are unable to. If you can bake cookies/cornbread or help serve, please see Sharon or Deb Holtel. See the flyer in this week’s Cliffnotes.

Thank you for your support of Souper Bowl Sunday! We collected 30 cans of soup and \$360.00 donations for our food pantries.

Volunteers Needed: The Emergency Food Pantry needs additional volunteers to work on Mondays. Hours are 9:00am-12:30pm. If you want to do every other week, 2-3 hours or just to fill in when needed your help is needed. Please see Sharon for more information.

The **PPC CHOIR** will be singing at the **Southern Wesleyan Musica Ecclesia** event on **Friday, February 20th, 2026, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM** (Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center, 737 Wesleyan Dr, Central, SC US 29630). Come hear and support not only our choir, but many of the choirs from congregations in the area.

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: **\$8,806.**

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

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

<u>SERVING:</u>	<u>TODAY (February 15th)</u>	<u>February 22nd, 2026</u>
Elder of the Week:	Jan Sparks	Tina LaFoy
Liturgist:	Louise Hope	Sharon Stark
Sanctuary Guild:	Dianna Morris	Dianna Morris
Ushers:	Ivy & Roy Stoddard	Ivy & Roy Stoddard
Refreshments:	Debbie Teeple	Judy Cook
Camera Operation:	Anna Chastain	Carole Reed
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	<i>In-House Arrangement</i>	TBD
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Liturgist: Louise Hope Exodus 24.12-18 Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 2 Peter 1.16-21 Matthew 17.1-9		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Liturgist: Sharon Stark Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11