

Pickens Presbyterian Church

The
Season
of
Lent



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

February 22nd, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour
Choral Introit

“Come, Thou Fount”

Robinson, Wyeth

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

Elder Sharon Stark, Liturgist

Prelude

“God, We Long for Our Own Comfort”

HOLY MANNA

***Call to Worship**

(inspired by Psalm 32)

The steadfast love of God surrounds us always — even in the wilderness!

Thanks be to God!

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

Hymn #261

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you know all about our troubles. Your Son was tested in the wilderness, tempted by the powers and principalities of the age. We confess how easily and often we give in to them. Yet, you continue to forgive us, reminding us there is nothing we can do to lose your love. Holy God, turn us from the evil powers in high places, that we may return to you and the path to which you have called us. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. . . . (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.*

The Church Proclaims God's Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Sharon Stark

1st Scripture Reading

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

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

Romans 5.12-19

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

Anthem

“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. John Carter

Sermon

“Source of Life”

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

***Hymn #363**

***Affirmation of Faith**

(From A Brief Statement of Faith)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Offering

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

GIVE NOW



Offertory

“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”

arr. Dino Kartsonakis

***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 #420**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

***Lenten Litany and Benediction**

Christ, as a light illumine and guide me.

Christ, as a shield overshadow me.

Christ under me;

Christ over me;

Christ beside me on my left and my right.

This day be within and without me,

lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;

in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.

This day be within and without me,

lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Christ as a light;

Christ as a shield;

Christ beside me on my left and my right.

Postlude

“Lead Me to Calvary”

arr. Raluca Bojor

(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)

<u>Name (relationship)</u>	<u>Concern</u>
<small>2/15/26</small> *People of Cuba	worsening conditions due to embargo
*Troy Toliver (Deb Holtel’s cousin)	hospice
*Marian Berky	health concerns
*Jane Townsend.....	health concerns
<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)	hospice
Samuel Hunter	health concerns
Luis Diaz (friend of Darrell & Judy)	health concerns
Ron Few (Carolyn Yarborough’s brother).....	health concerns
<small>Continual</small> Nigerian Christians	
Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza	
<i>*new this week</i>	

The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of **Delores Griffis** (friend of Kathy Chamlee) on her dying to this life on Friday, February 13, 2026.

CELEBRATIONS

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERN LIST

Bert Allison, John Blackwood, Martha Brooks, 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>

FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE:

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.

WARMTH & COMFORT MINISTRY: Spring Drive: Easter cards, Bows and Ribbons for doors, and word search booklets. **All items should be left in the Collection Box in the Church Office hallway. Questions: Contact Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com**

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: **\$10,740.**
 Weekly Amount Needed to meet Budget: **\$6,243.**
 2026 Budget: **\$324,598.**

SERVING: TODAY (February 22nd) March 1st, 2026

Elder of the Week:	Tina LaFoy	Vickie Swaynham
Liturgist:	Sharon Stark	Louise Hope
Sanctuary Guild:	Dianna Morris	Nancy Jo Owens
Ushers:	Ivy & Roy Stoddard	TBD
Refreshments:	Judy Cook	TBD
Camera Operation:	Carole Reed	Robert Simms
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Karleyanne Richards	Nancy Jo Owens
Communion Set-up:		Ken Townsend
Communion Servers:	Jan, Roy, Nancy, Starla, David	
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Liturgist: Sharon Stark Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Liturgist: Louise Hope Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9