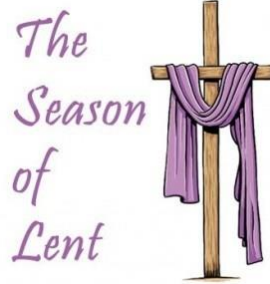


Pickens Presbyterian Church



311 WEST MAIN STREET
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

March 22nd, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour
Choral Introit
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 Jan Sparks, Liturgist

Prelude

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

***Call to Worship**

(Psalm 130)

Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.

Let your ears hear our supplication.

We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.

We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

Hymn # insert

“He Comes to Us As One Unknown”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

God, we are a busy people. We become pre-occupied with the demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us. We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin. . . . (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 Jan Sparks

1st Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37.1-14

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

Romans 8.3-14

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

Anthem

Sermon

"Flesh or Spirit"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #131**

"Wind Who Make All Winds That Blow"

***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

"I Surrender All"

Winfield S. Weeden

***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 # 316**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

***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

"Search Me O God"

arr. Greg Howlett

(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>3/08/26</small> Della Black	health concerns
<small>2/22/26</small> Deborah Roach (retired CDC Teacher)	health concerns
Debbie Teeple	health concerns
Randy Morgan (friend of Butch & Dianna Morris)	health concerns
<small>Continual</small> People of Cuba	worsening conditions due to embargo
Nigerian Christians	
Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza	
<i>*new this week</i>	

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), Shirley Gilkison (Deb Holtel’s cousin), Jane Gillespie, Mike & David Goldsmith, Howard Harden, Samuel Hood (John & Jana Holland’s nephew), Beverly & Burnett Kelly, Drema LaFoy (Tina’s mother), Hank Owens, Bev Timerding (Deb Holtel’s sister), Melvin Tolliver (Deb Holtel’s uncle), Troy Tolliver (Deb Holtel’s cousin), 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”.

**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>

EASTER LILY FUND: Memorials and Honorariums for the Easter Lily Fund will be received this year through today, March 22nd, to support our Jane B. Morris Service Fund. Special offering envelopes are in the pew racks. Memorials and Honorariums will be published in a special insert on Sunday, March 29th and April 5th.

YOUTH BAKE SALE: Come hungry for delicious homemade baked goods on Palm Sunday, March 29th! Our youth will hold their annual fundraiser to support their summer Montreat trip. Donations of baked goods are welcome! Reach out to Carole or Anna with any questions.

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1 He comes to us as one un-known, a
 2 He comes when souls in si-lence lie and
 3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the
 4 He comes in love as once he came by

breath un-seen, un-heard; as though with-in a
 thoughts of day de-part; half-seen up-on the
 o-cean's fume and foam; yet small and still up-
 flesh and blood and birth; to bear with-in our

heart of stone, or shriv-eled seed in dark-ness sown, a
 in-ward eye, a fall-ing star a-cross the sky of
 on the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees, a
 mor-tal frame a life, a death, a sav-ing name, for

pulse of be-ing stirred, a pulse of be-ing stirred.
 night with-in the heart, of night with-in the heart.
 voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
 ev-'ry child of earth, for ev-'ry child of earth.

5 He comes in truth when faith is grown,
 believed, obeyed, adored:
 the Christ in all the scriptures shown,
 as yet unseen, but not unknown,
 our Savior and our Lord,
 our Savior and our Lord.