

# Pickens Presbyterian Church



311 WEST MAIN STREET  
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Palm Sunday

Eleven o'clock

## The Church Gathers

**Chiming of the Hour**  
**Choral Introit**  
**Friendship Pads**

*“Ride On King Jesus!”*

*Jean Anne Shafferman*

*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 Ken Townsend, Liturgist

**Prelude**

*“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

*arr. John Carter*

**\*Call to Worship**

(Psalm 130)

*“Hosanna!” They shouted. “Save us!” “Hosanna!” We’re shouting. “Save us!”*

*Savior, ride into our hearts again, wash us with excitement and hope, give us a reason to praise and to shout again, “Hosanna! Hosanna!”*

*ALL: Come, Let us worship God!*

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**Hymn #88**

*“All Glory, Laud and Honor”*

## The Church Confesses

**Prayer of Confession**

*Holy Christ, we confess that amidst all the Palm Sunday crowds, we find ourselves in more turmoil than triumph. Our faith is unsteady. Our wisdom is eroding. Our resolve is shaken. Our mercy is hardening. Our hope is weakening. Come again and save us from these sins. Give us strength to follow you, our humble Savior, our wise fool, our all in all. . . . (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

**Prayer for Illumination**

Elder Ken Townsend

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading** Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29  
The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

**Time with the Children of God**

Elder Tina LaFoy

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** Matthew 21.1-11  
The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem** "Hosanna to The King"

Lloyd Larson

**Sermon** "Along for the Ride"

Dr. David Torrey

### **The Church Responds in Faith**

**\*Hymn #91** "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

**\*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** "Lead Me to Calvary"

arr. Raluca Bojor

**\*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 # 275** "God of Our Life"

**\*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**

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"  
(Please remain seated until worship ends after the Postlude)

William H. Doane

**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](http://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](mailto: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>3/29/26</small> *Ty Mayes.....	life issues
<small>3/22/26</small> Ron Jones .....	health concerns
<small>3/08/26</small> Della Black.....	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.*

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**CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK:** Online calendar: <http://PickensPresbyterian.org/Calendar>

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**YOUTH BAKE SALE:** Come hungry for delicious homemade baked goods as our Youth continues their annual fundraiser to support their summer Montreat trip following the service this morning, as supplies last.

**FLOWERING THE CROSS:** We will flower the cross after Easter breakfast. Please bring flowers to decorate the cross that morning. All are welcome to participate.

### **UPCOMING WORSHIP EVENTS:**

**Maundy Thursday** Worship service meal & Communion – April 2 @ 7:00pm in ASH

**Good Friday** Worship service – April 3, 2026 @ 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday**

“Sunrise” Worship service – April 5, 2026 @ 8:00am ASH Patio

Breakfast – April 5, 2026 @ 8:45am in ASH

Worship service – April 5, 2026 @ 11:00am in the Sanctuary

**\*\*Please use the tear-off below to indicate how many will be present for the special meals, and leave in the offering plate. Please reply no later than today, March 29<sup>th</sup>. You may also reply to Thursday’s Cliffnotes.**

**EASTER GIVING:** On Easter Sunday we will be collecting the **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering. When we give to One Great Hour of Sharing, we are combining our efforts with thousands of churches across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to repair people who are hurting, oppressed, lost or on the margins of society. It serves individuals and communities in need, providing people with safety, sustenance and hope. **Offering envelopes will be available. To give online: <https://pcusa.org/donate/og999999-one-great-hour-sharing>**

**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.**

**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](mailto:warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com)**

**SERVING: TODAY (March 29<sup>th</sup>) April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Elder of the Week:	Austin Townsend	Sharon Sparks
Liturgist:	Ken Townsend	Liza Holder
Sanctuary Guild:	Nancy Jo Owens	Cindy Townsend
Ushers:	Vickie Swaynham, Robert Simms, Kathy & David Chamlee	Butch & Dianna Morris, Ken Townsend, Louise Hope
Refreshments:	Kathy Chamlee, & Youth Bake Sale	<i>Easter Breakfast</i>
Camera Operation:	Carole Reed	Ginger Chastain
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Debbie Hendricks	Easter Lilies
Communion Set-up:		Nancy Jo Owens
Communion Servers:	Vickie, Ken A, Jim M, Deb Holtel, Austin	
<b>Lectionary readings for today:</b> Liturgist: Ken Townsend Matthew 21.1–11 Psalm 118.1–2, 19–29 Isaiah 50.4–9a Philippians 2.5–11		<b>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</b> Liturgist: Liza Holder Acts 10.34-43 or Jeremiah 31.1-6 Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3.1-4 or Acts 10.34-43 John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10

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**Due by Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Family**

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ will attend the Maundy Thursday Dinner on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ will attend the Easter Breakfast on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.