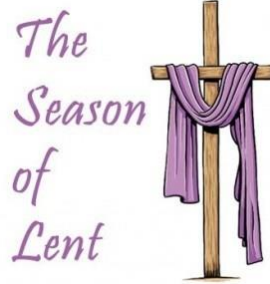


Pickens Presbyterian Church



311 WEST MAIN STREET
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

March 8th, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

“Trust and Obey”

J Sammis, D Towner

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 Nancy Jo Owens, Liturgist

Prelude

“O Christ, Thou Lamb of God”

Paul Manz

***Call to Worship**

(from Psalm 91)

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

We have come to give thanks and to sing songs of praise!

We are the people of God's pasture; we trust that God will bring us through the wilderness.

We seek God's living water and praise God's holy name!

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

Hymn # 474

“O Splendor of God's Glory Bright”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. . . .
(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 Nancy Jo Owens

1st Scripture Reading

Exodus 17.1-7

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 5.1-11

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

Anthem

"The King of Love"

arr. K Lee Scott

Sermon

"It's a Process"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn # insert**

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

***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

"When Peace, Like a River"

Philip P. Blass

***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 # 383**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

***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

"He Hideth My Soul"

arr. Jenifer Cook

(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>2/22/26</small> Deborah Roach (retired CDC Teacher)	health concerns
Debbie Teeple	health concerns
Randy Morgan (friend of Butch & Dianna Morris).....	health concerns
People of Cuba	worsening conditions due to embargo
<small>2/15/26</small> 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
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	

The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of **Linda Banks** on her dying to this life on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

CELEBRATIONS

The rose on the communion table is in honor of the birth on Saturday, February 28, 2026 of **Murphy Ayn Sanders**, daughter of Zach and Emily (LaFoy) Sanders (big brother Mason, proud grandmother Tina LaFoy).

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](https://www.donorsdrive.com/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>

CHURCH WORKDAY: There will be a church workday on Saturday, March 21st, beginning at 9:00am. Tasks will include weed-eating, pruning, and general clean-up of the church grounds.

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE: PPC's Emergency Food Pantry is a Client Choice Pantry that is centered on the user & their family needs. The client gets to choose which food items they want, then volunteers gather the items in a box for them. This method prevents waste, treats users with dignity & ensures they are receiving the items they need & will eat. Each box is focused on providing 5-6 servings of protein & includes fruits and vegetables. Personal items such as shampoo, toothpaste & deodorant are offered.

The pantry is open Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm to serve people who live in Pickens County. It's located in the Christian Education Building. Using food and monetary donations from the Congregation, the pantry is stocked weekly with food/items so that volunteers have a full pantry to meet the needs.

Two volunteers are scheduled each day. The process is simple. A form of identification is requested to verify that the client is a Pickens County resident. Each visit is recorded to maintain a log. The food/items on the list are reviewed with the client to see if they want it. The box is filled from the pantry. Carts are available to help carry boxes if assistance is needed.

We encourage you to come to the Food Pantry & see how you are serving our Community, from the Missions Committee.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: This year's Lenten daily devotionals *"Discipleship in a Divided Age: A Lenten Journey through Matthew's Gospel"* written by Teri McDowell Ott, Editor of the Presbyterian Outlook, and others. There are full booklet copies in the Narthex, and **there is a link to the full devotional booklet in the Cliffnotes.**

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**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last Sunday's Giving: **\$4,387.60**

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

SERVING:

TODAY (March 8th)

March 15th, 2026

Elder of the Week:	Ken Townsend	TBD
Liturgist:	Nancy Jo Owens	Carole Reed
Sanctuary Guild:	Nancy Jo Owens	Nancy Jo Owens
Ushers:	Vicki Swaynham, Louise Hope, Jonathon Holder, Karleyanne Richards	Vicki Swaynham, Tina LaFoy, Butch & Dianna Morris
Refreshments:	TBD	TBD
Camera Operation:	Ginger Chastain	Anna Chastain
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Vickie Swaynham	Vickie Swaynham
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		

Lectionary readings for today:

Liturgist: Nancy Jo Owens

Exodus 17.1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Liturgist: Carole Reed

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be - of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

