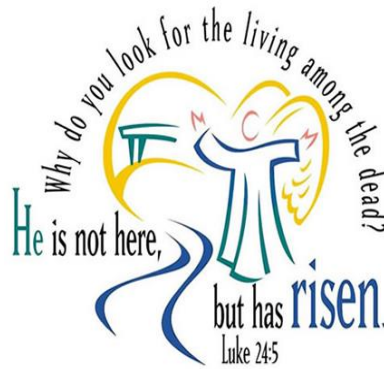


Pickens Presbyterian Church



311 WEST MAIN STREET
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

April 12th, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

“Because He Lives”

Gloria & Bill Gaither

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 Carole Reed, Liturgist

Prelude

“Faith”

Felix Mendelssohn

***Call to Worship**

Great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

Hymn #108

“Christ is Alive!”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. . . . (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)

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

***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 Carole Reed

1st Testament Reading

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

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

Time with the Children of God

Elder Tina LaFoy

2nd Testament Reading

1 Peter 1.3-9

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

Special Music

"Christ the Lord Is Risen"

arr. Olive Huisman

Sermon

"Life in the Diaspora"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #121**

"That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"

***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"

arr. Laurel Hunt Pedersen

***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 # 399**

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

"Alleluia! Jesus Lives"

Ludvig M. Lindeman

(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
^{4/05/26} *Wayne Johnson (friend of Darrell Cook).....	health concerns
Jakob Milliken (Deb Holtel's grandson).....	health concerns
^{3/29/26} Haley Simons (Marcy Steele's daughter).....	impending birth
Jeff Price.....	surgery recovery
Ivy Stoddard.....	surgery recovery
Janet Robinson (Ty's Mother).....	life issues
Ty Mayes.....	life issues
^{3/22/26} Ron Jones.....	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

The red rose on the pulpit last week was for the birth of **Wyatt James Walker**, son of Patrick and Allene Walker (proud grandparents – Doug Tate and Louise Hope) born on Saturday, April 4, 2026.

Billy and Carole Reed want to share with the congregation that they are expecting a baby in September.

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>

CHURCH CALENDAR: To Prevent Space / Time Conflicts, please check the calendar link above or the QR code in the weekly Cliffnotes for availability, and contact the office to schedule an event or meeting, admin@pickenspresbyterian.org

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.

SET UP YOUR GIVING ONLINE using our secure Realm system. SET UP A SINGLE OR RECURRING CONTRIBUTION, Pantry and Morris fund, or Youth Conference! Text your donations to 73256, using the message PICKENSPRES, OR simply scan the QR Code above in the worship service order next to “Offertory.”

WARMTH & COMFORT MINISTRY: Spring Drive: 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

SERVING:

TODAY (April 12th)

April 19th, 2026

Elder of the Week:	Jeff Price	Austin Townsend
Liturgist:	Carole Reed	Tina LaFoy
Sanctuary Guild:	Cindy Townsend	Cindy Townsend
Ushers:	Jim Mahanes and Sharon Stark, Jim Miller, Della Black	Jim Mahanes and Sharon Stark, Dianna Morris, Della Black
Refreshments:	TBD	TBD
Camera Operation:	Anna Chastain	Carole Reed
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Meg Cole	Peggy Torrey
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Liturgist: Carole Reed Acts 2.14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1.3-9 John 20.19-31		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Liturgist: Tina LaFoy Acts 2.14a, 36-41 Psalm 116.1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1.17-23 Luke 24.13-35