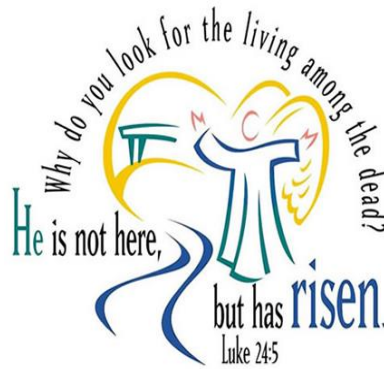


# Pickens Presbyterian Church



311 WEST MAIN STREET  
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

*"To the Glory of God, and the Service of People"*

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Eleven o'clock

## The Church Gathers

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

*"Because He Lives"*

*Gloria & Bill Gaither*

*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**  
**Prelude**

*Elder Tina LaFoy, Liturgist*

*"Pilgrims, As Those Who Journey"*

*Friedrich Wilhelm Marpourg*

**\*Call to Worship**

Jesus the Christ has freed us from death and brought us into new life.

*Through Christ, we have faith and hope in God.*

In genuine, mutual love, let us worship with one heart and one voice.

*In reverence and joy, we praise God's holy name!*

*ALL: Come, Let us worship God!*

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**Hymn #123**

*"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

## The Church Confesses

**Prayer of Confession**

*Merciful God, even as we proclaim the saving life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we fail to see the living Christ in our midst. We find ourselves preoccupied with our own well-being and success, forgetting your imperative to love our neighbor as ourselves. We turn away from systems that challenge our way of thinking, choosing to justify our actions instead of examining our intentions. Show us again how to live a resurrection faith, a faith that sees life and hope in the midst of death and destruction. Transform our hearts so that where they are hardened toward you, neighbor and ourselves, they may once again be filled with love and moved to actions of grace and mercy. . . . (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 and wave Christ's peace to our folks watching via live-stream, then 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 Tina LaFoy

**1<sup>st</sup> Testament Reading**

Psalm 116.1-4, 12-19

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> Testament Reading**

Luke 24.13-35

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

**Anthem**

*"Keep Your Lamps"*

arr. Andre Thomas

**Sermon**

*"Things, What Things?"*

Dr. David Torrey

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

**\*Hymn #505**

*"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"*

**\*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**

*"Kum ba Yah"*

Colby Gerald - Horn, Steve Ellison - Piano

**\*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 # 341**

*"Blessed Assurance"*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*"In Humility, Our Savior"*

arr. Sally DeFord

*(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](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>4/12/26</small> *Vickie Swaynham and Ron Jones.....	health concerns
<small>4/05/26</small> Wayne Johnson (friend of Darrell Cook) .....	health concerns
Jakob Milliken (Deb Holtel's grandson) .....	health concerns
<small>3/29/26</small> 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
<small>Continual</small> People of Cuba .....	worsening conditions due to embargo
Nigerian Christians	
Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza & Iran	
<i>*new this week</i>	

### CELEBRATIONS

Mike Goldsmith is in remission as of Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

One rose on the Communion Table is in honor of Patrick DuPree Ashburn, born on April 7<sup>th</sup> to DuPree and Jim Ashburn, (proud Grandparents: Austin and Cindy Townsend.)

And...

The other rose on the Communion Table is in honor of Leo Jeffrey Townsend, born on March 13<sup>th</sup> to Erin and Miller Townsend, (proud Grandparents: Austin and Cindy Townsend.)

### 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, 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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**CDC TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:** Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, 8<sup>th</sup>. CDC Director Chasity Lesley is looking for donations to help raise \$1,000 for this special week for all of our hard-working CDC teachers. The money will go toward lunch, a gift for each teacher, and treats. If you would like to donate, please see the sign-up sheet in All Saints' Hall. **Please make donations by check out to the PPC Child Development Center.**  
**See Sharon Stark or Chasity for more information.**

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

**SERVING:                      TODAY (April 19<sup>th</sup>)                      April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Elder of the Week:	Austin Townsend	Jan Sparks
Liturgist:	Tina LaFoy	Dennis Schwab
Sanctuary Guild:	Cindy Townsend	Cindy Townsend
Ushers:	Jim Mahanes and Sharon Stark, Dianna Morris, Della Black	The Cole Family
Refreshments:	TBD	TBD
Camera Operation:	Carole Reed	Robert Simms
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Peggy Torrey	<i>In-House Arrangement</i>
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<b><u>Lectionary readings for today:</u></b> Liturgist: Tina LaFoy Acts 2.14a, 36-41 Psalm 116.1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1.17-23 Luke 24.13-35		<b><u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u></b> Liturgist: Dennis Schwab Acts 2.42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2.19-25 John 10.1-10