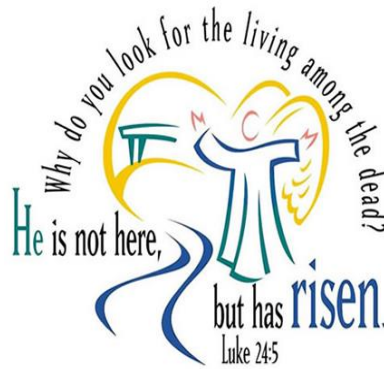


# Pickens Presbyterian Church



311 WEST MAIN STREET  
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Resurrection Sunday

Eleven o'clock

## The Church Gathers

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Choral Introit**

*“Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice”*

*Barrie Cabena*

**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 Liza Holder, Liturgist

**Prelude**

*“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”*

*Trad. French*

**\*Call to Worship**

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna! **Hosanna! Hosanna!**  
Celebrate this day of days! **Hosanna! Hosanna!**  
Let all creation be amazed! **Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen!**  
**ALL: Come, Let us worship God!**

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**Hymn #122**

*“Thine is the Glory”*

## The Church Confesses

**Prayer of Confession**

*Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. . . . (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 Liza Holder

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Testament Reading** Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24  
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 Readings** Matthew 28.1-10; Colossians 3.1-4  
The Word of God for the People of God. *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem** "Because He Lives" *W Gaither, arr by R Huggins*

**Sermon** "Things That Are Above" Dr. David Torrey

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

**\*Hymn #113** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

**\*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, Food Pantry Offering and One Great Hour**



*(Use the QR Code to the right for Online Giving)*

**Offertory** "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"  
Instrumental Ensemble *W J Kirkpatrick,  
Orch by Stan Pethel*

**\*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**

**Special Music** "Come to The Feast" *Lloyd Larson*

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table and The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

**The Lord's Prayer (debts/Debtors)**

*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.*

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Communion of the People**

Bless the Lord, O my soul; *and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *and forget not all God's benefits.*

**Prayer after Communion**

**\*Hymn # 118** "The Day of Resurrection"

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** "Resurrection Praise" *arr. Patti Drennan*

*(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>4/05/26</small> *Jakob Milliken (Deb Holtel’s grandson) .....	health concerns
<small>3/29/26</small> *Haley Simons (Marcy Steele’s daughter) .....	impending birth
*Allene Walker (Louise Hope’s daughter) .....	impending birth
*Jeff Price .....	surgery recovery
*Ivy Stoddard .....	surgery recovery
*Janet Robinson (Ty’s Mother) .....	life issues
Ty Mayes .....	life issues
<small>3/22/26</small> 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>	

The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of **Troy Bently** (brother of Ron Bently, a friend of Steve’s) on his dying to this life on Friday, March 27, 2026.

## 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](https://www.donorsdrive.org/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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*Thank you to our instrumentalists who assisted with the Sunrise and 11 a.m. Worship services: Ron Jones, O.D. Hendricks, Joe Padgett, Alex Armock, Anna Chastain, Carlyle McDowell, Laura Day, Jose CarFrasco.*

**PPC FOOD PANTRY:** Today we receive the **Change-for-Change special offering** to support our Food Pantry and Little Free Pantry. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our neighbors.

