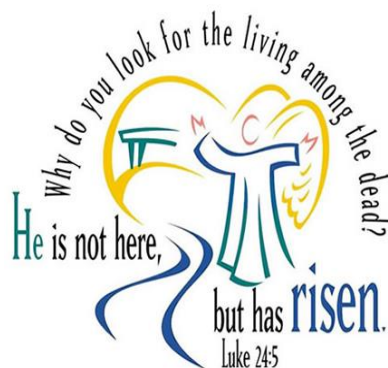


# Pickens Presbyterian Church



311 WEST MAIN STREET  
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Eleven o'clock

National Bereaved Mother's Day

## The Church Gathers

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Choral Introit**

*“The Church's One Foundation”*

**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**

*“By All Your Saints Still Striving”*

*Trad. English Melody*

**\*Call to Worship**

(based on Psalm 31:1-5, 14-15)

Our God refuses to shame us. God's justice delivers us.

***Praise God, who gives us shelter and guidance!***

Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

***Praise God, who gives us shelter and guidance!***

Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

***Praise God, who gives us shelter and guidance!***

We trust our God.

***ALL: Come, Let us worship God!***

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**Hymn #457**

*“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”*

## The Church Confesses

**Prayer of Confession**

*God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often, however, we wield forgiveness like a weapon.*

*We see others doing wrong and feel haughty when we grant them grace. We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power. We become narrow in our quest for truth, and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have made beg us for mercy. Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace as we follow you. . . . (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.*

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

**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)*

**\*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

**1<sup>st</sup> Testament Reading** 1 Peter 2.2-10

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** John 14.1-14

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

**Anthem**

*"We Gather at Your Table, Lord"*

Walter Ehret

**Sermon**

*"Knowing Him"*

Dr. David Torrey

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

**\*Hymn #442**

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**Offering and Change-for-Change Food Pantry Offering**

GIVE NOW



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

**Offertory**

*"How Can I Keep From Singing"*

Robert Lowry

**\*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**

**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.*

Holy Lord, Father almighty, . . . we will celebrate victory with him.

*Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all people and nations.*

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**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** *(As we are one body, let us wait to eat and drink together)*

*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 # 485**

*"To God Be the Glory"*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*"To God Be the Glory"*

*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](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)*

<b>Name (relationship)</b>	<b>Concern</b>
<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
Ty Mayes .....	life issues
<small>Continual</small> Nigerian Christians Humanitarian Crisis in Cuba, Gaza, Lebanon & Iran <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, 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>

