

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

May 10th, 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

Eleven o'clock

Mother's Day

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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

Louise Hope, Liturgist

Prelude

“This Joyful Easter-tide”

17th Century Dutch Melody

***Call to Worship**

We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed!

Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.

We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.

We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

God is with us and will never let us go.

ALL: Come, Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

Hymn #123

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. . . . (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.*

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

***Passing of the Peace** Peace be with you. *And also with you.*
(Please turn and wave Christ's peace to our folks joining us 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

Louise Hope

1st Testament Reading 1 Peter 3.13-22

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 John 14.15-21

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

Anthem

"For The Beauty of the Earth"

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint

Sermon

"Our Mother's Hope"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #108**

"Christ is Alive"

***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

"I Will Sing Praises/I Will Sing of My Redeemer" arr. Linda Kay DuBose

***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 # 276**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

"Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

arr. Rebecca Belliston

(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
<small>5/10/26</small> *Jane Gillespie	health concerns
*Tonia Vickery (friend of Darrell Cook).....	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>

MISSION COMMITTEE SURVEY: The Missions Committee seeks your input on how to further meet the needs in our community. We routinely support the two Food Pantries, Jane B. Morris Fund, annual MLK Celebration and Community Harvest Meal with GEBC, Family Promise, Meals on Wheels, Simmons Ministry, Foothills Presbytery and Café' Justo. **Please see the survey insert and place it in the offering plate or drop it by the church office by Monday, May 11th, 2026. Thank you for your input! Missions Committee**

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY: Please be sure to join us in church on **May 17th for Youth and Young Adult Sunday!** It is sure to be a life-giving service highlighting our young people, especially graduating senior **Ethan Briley**. We will also collect a special offering that day to help send our youth to Montreat. The youth and young adults thank the congregation for their constant love and support!

CALLING GRADUATES!: If you have a family member that will be graduating, please email the office their name, where they're graduating from, their degree or program, so that we can recognize them in the bulletin next Sunday, admin@pickenspresbyterian.org by **12:00 noon next Thursday, May 14th.**

PENTECOST SUNDAY: Pentecost Sunday, or Whitsunday, will be celebrated on Sunday, **May 24th.** Red is used that day recalling the fiery tongues that descended upon the apostles when they received the Holy Spirit. It is customary to wear red that day. Please remember to wear something red for Pentecost Sunday!

