

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

May 24th, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour Choral Introit

“Faithful”

John Mohr, arr. Tom Fettke

*Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful.
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe.
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful.*

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

Jess Cole, Liturgist

Prelude

“O Holy Spirit”

Felix Brauer

*Call to Worship

(based on Acts 2:1-4)

All together in one place; *they heard the rush of a violent wind;*
it filled the entire house. *Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;*
they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Come, Spirit. And let us worship God!

*Prayer of Praise

Hymn #322

“Spirit of the Living God”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Spirit of the Living God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly, but fear keeps us quiet and circling. We confess our lack of courage, splintered by uncertainty and second-guessing. Forgive us for all the times we shrink from your call. Embolden us to dream beyond what we know, and imagine the world as beloved community. Let your Spirit fill us, prodding us beyond inertia. Grant that we might be Christ's body, not in fits and starts, but with steady conviction. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us be active participants in ushering in your peaceable kin-dom. . . . (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.

**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 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

Jess Cole

1st Testament Reading Numbers 11.24-30

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 Corinthians 12.3b-13

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

Anthem

"Find Us Faithful"

John Mohr, arr. Tom Fetteke

Sermon

"More Than a Sip"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #319**

"Spirit"

***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

"There Is a River"

David Sapp & Max Sapp

***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 # 129**

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

"Spirit of the Living God"

arr. Olive Huisman

(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>5/17/26</small> *Danielle Young (friend of Meg Cole).....	health concerns
<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	
*new this week	

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), 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>

OFFICE CLOSED: The church office will be closed tomorrow, May 25th, for the Memorial Day holiday.

SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL: Come to the church parlor on Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 and join a discussion of a new book – *“Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America: A Guide to Reclaiming the Good News of God's Grace”* (2025) by Ted V. Foote Jr. and P. Alex Thornburg. (those with worship duties please feel welcome and just leave the class early) The book addresses the challenge of holding to Reformed theology amidst distorted, fear-based, and exclusionary Christian rhetoric and acts as a guide to reclaiming a theology of grace, community, and hope.

WARMTH & COMFORT MINISTRY: Summer Drive: July 4th items, flags, hats, visors. Please deliver to the Church Office Collection Box. **Questions: Contact Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com**

CAFÉ JUSTO COFFEE: See Jonathan Holder to purchase. All one-pound bags are \$15.00 each and 5-pound bags are \$70.00. Available in ground and whole bean. Make checks out to the church with coffee in the memo line or pay through our secure online Realm system, see text info below or QR code above next to “Offertory.”

