

# Pickens Presbyterian Church



311 WEST MAIN STREET  
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Trinity Sunday

Eleven o'clock

## The Church Gathers

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Choral Introit**

*“We Join In Proclaiming” Ash Grove trad Welsh, arr C Gillette*

**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 Tina LaFoy, Liturgist

**Prelude**

*“God of All Creation”*

A. Van den Plas

**\*Call to Worship**

(Psalm 145:1-4)

L: I will extoll you, my God and King and bless your name forever and ever.

*P: Everyday I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.*

L: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised and his greatness is unsearchable.

*P: One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.*

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**Hymn #138**

*“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”*

## The Church Confesses

**Prayer of Confession**

*Almighty God, You love us but we do not love you fully. You call, but we do not always listen. We often walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We often condone evil, hatred, warfare, and greed. God of grace, Help us to admit our sin So that as you move towards us in mercy, We may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness: Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. . . . (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 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

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

## Prayer for Illumination

Elder Tina LaFoy

### 1<sup>st</sup> Testament Readings

Genesis 1.1-2; Psalm 8

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

### Time with the Children of God

Rev. Bill Wilson

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Testament (Gospel) Reading

Matthew 28.16-20

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

### Anthem

“At The Cross (Love Ran Red)”

By M Redman, J Myrir, C Tomlin, E Cash, M Armstrong; arr M McDonald

### Sermon

“In the Beginning God”

Rev. Bill Wilson

## The Church Responds in Faith

### \*Hymn #455

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

### \*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)

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### Offertory

“I Will Sing Praises / I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

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 # 272

“God of the Sparrow”

### \*Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

“I Will Arise and Go to Jesus”

arr. Greg Howlett

(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>
<sup>5/24/26</sup> Ron Jones .....	mission trip
Jane Gillespie .....	health concerns
<sup>5/17/26</sup> Danielle Young (friend of Meg Cole) .....	health concerns
<sup>5/10/26</sup> Tonia Vickery (friend of Darrell Cook) .....	health concerns
Ty Mayes .....	life issues
Continual 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.*

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**CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK:** Online calendar: <http://PickensPresbyterian.org/Calendar>

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**WELCOME REV WILSON:** Please welcome Rev. Bill Wilson to the pulpit this morning. He and his wife Dorothy live in Pendleton. Bill is retired from Good Hope Presbyterian Church of Starr-Iva, SC and from Powdersville Primary Care as family physician.

**VBS 2026: June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00pm.** *Into the Waters* invites everyone into God's story as we join with Noah and the Ark, with Jonah in the belly of the fish, and with Peter as he steps out in faith. As we go deep with these stories, we will see that God is with us, even when the world around us feels wild! Our friends Leo and Lucy will help us dive into the Bible and learn life's lessons. **Looking forward to seeing you there! Please join us.**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> items, flags, hats, visors. Please deliver to the Church Office Collection Box. **Questions: Contact Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or [warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com](mailto: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.”

**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."

**SERVING:**

**TODAY (May 31<sup>st</sup>)**

**June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Elder of the Week:	Nancy Jo Owens	Ken Townsend
Liturgist:	Tina LaFoy	Jim Mahanes
Sanctuary Guild:	Vickie Swaynham	Debbie Hendricks
Ushers:	Butch & Dianna Morris, Jonathan Holder, Karleyanne Richards	Tammy & Randall Ferguson, Vickie Swaynham, Tina LaFoy
Refreshments:	Sharon Stark	TBD
Camera Operation:	Robert Simms	Anna Chastain
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Marian Osborne Berky	Vickie Swaynham
Communion Set-up:		Sharon Stark
Communion Servers:	Betsy, Nancy Jo, Debbie T, Cindy T, Sharon	
<b>Lectionary readings for today:</b> Liturgist: Tina LaFoy Genesis 1.1—2.4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13.11–13 Matthew 28.16–20		<b>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</b> Liturgist: Jim Mahanes Genesis 12.1–9 Psalm 33.1–12 Romans 4.13–25 Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26