

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

June 14th, 2026

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

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 Sharon Stark, Liturgist

Prelude

“He Shall Feed His Flock”

G.F. Handel

***Call to Worship**

(based on Psalm 116)

The Lord hears us when we cry out. *Praise the Lord!*

The Lord showers us with blessings. *Praise the Lord!*

Let us lift up the name of Lord for all to hear! *Praise the Lord!*

Let us sing of God's endless grace and compassion!

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

Hymn #446

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we come with heavy hearts. We have not lived as you have called us to live. We give up too easily. We ignore our neighbor's cries for help and are silent in the face of injustice. We lose hope. We fail to see your blessings among us and are blind to the glimpses of the kingdom all around us. We are weak. Have mercy upon us. Shower us with your grace that we might be enlivened for service and for love. . . . (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

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Sharon Stark

1st Testament Reading

Genesis 18.1-15

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

Romans 5.1-8

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

Anthem

"Open My Eyes That I May See" S E Murray, arr. W S Rockstro
Singers and Strings

Congregation Sing Refrain:

*Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Sermon

"A Reminder"

Rev. Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

*Hymn #426

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

*Affirmation of Faith

from the 2026 Proposed New Confession

We trust in God alone, Holy One, Holy Three: Lover, Beloved, and Love, overflowing and boundless. The Trinity, "blessed communion, fellowship divine," models love and empowers creatures to love in return.

Before us, beneath us, beyond us, ever creating, God breathes life into all that is, rejoicing in its abundant goodness. All of creation sings praise to God.

As members of this wondrous creation, made in God's image and likeness, humanity echoes the overflowing and boundless love of the Creator.

Each of us, all of us — of every race, culture, language, nation, ability, gender, and affection — are called to manifest God's image and likeness: in our love for God, in our love for neighbors and strangers as ourselves, and in loving communion with all creation.

With us, beside us, God in Jesus Christ enters the world to transform it. Breaking down boundaries, renewing and expanding God's covenant with humanity, Jesus embodies and teaches the greatest commandments: to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

With divine justice and holy joy, Jesus closes the separation between humanity and God, reigning as Lord over all creation, establishing God's kingdom in power and grace.

Within us, among us, God the Spirit enlivens all of creation and unites us to Christ, drawing us into participation in his life, death, and resurrection, empowering us to follow Christ's example.

The Spirit fills us with the abundant grace expressed in Jesus, enabling us to witness to God's overflowing love, for all people and all the world.

We affirm that God is the Giver and Gift of Love. We live in true joy when humanity dwells in intimate communion with God and one another.

Offering

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

GIVE NOW



Offertory

"It Is Well With My Soul"

arr. Terri Hutchings

*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 #726 insert** “Will You Come and Follow Me”

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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) 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
6/07/26 David Berky (brother of Doug Berky)	health concerns
Tom Pettigrew (son-in-law of Jo Ann Taylor)	health concerns
5/24/26 Pam Taylor (daughter-in-law of Mark and Starla)	health concerns
5/17/26 Danielle Young (friend of Meg Cole)	health concerns
Continual Ty Mayes	life issues
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), 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 & Sister-in-law).

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>

VBS 2026: June 22nd – 25th from 5:00 – 7:00pm. *Into the Waters* invites everyone into God's story as we join Noah and the Ark, Jonah in the belly of the fish, and 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.**

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: We are looking for volunteers for the Emergency Cooling Center this summer. When the Day Heat Index is forecasted for two consecutive days to be 95 degrees or higher, the center will open in ASH on Mondays-Thursdays, 8:30am-4:30pm. Two volunteers will be scheduled during operation of the center. See Sharon or sign up on sheets in ASH or on the Mission's Bulletin board (outside the Parlor). Thanks!

Thanks to all who participated in the Missions Survey, it was a good response with 40 surveys returned. Here are the results:

The needs that you felt the committee should focus on ranked from most to least were Family Promise Transitional Housing (50%), Develop partnerships to serve meals to the hungry (48%), Food Ministry for children (45%), Emergency Day Warming/Cooling Center (43%), Local Shelters (40%), Transportation Service (33%) and Prison Ministry (5%).

Your participation and support was no surprise! You are a giving Congregation in providing food/goods (84%), prayer (69%), money (66%), Volunteer time (51%), and Organize/Lead (5%).

There were 11 responses for limitations on involvement which were Scheduling conflicts (81%), Lack of time (63%), Unsure where I'm needed (36%), Not aware of the opportunities (18%) and Transportation (0%).

The Committee will use this input to prioritize meeting needs in our community and improve our service to you. Thanks again!

SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL: Come to the church parlor on Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 and join our 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. 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**

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.**

SERVING:

TODAY (June 14th)

June 21st, 2026

Elder of the Week:	Nancy Jo Owens	Jeff Price
Liturgist:	Sharon Stark	Nancy Jo Owens
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Hendricks	Debbie Hendricks
Ushers:	Tammy & Randall Ferguson, Vickie Swaynham, Tina LaFoy	Tammy & Randall Ferguson, Vickie Swaynham, Tina LaFoy
Refreshments:	TBD	TBD
Camera Operation:	Carole Reed	Ginger Chastain
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Sharon Stark	<i>In-House Arrangement</i>
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Liturgist: Sharon Stark Genesis 18.1–15 (21.1–7) Psalm 116.1–2, 12–19 Romans 5.1–8 Matthew 9.35–10.8 (9–23)		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Liturgist: Nancy Jo Owens Genesis 21.8–21 Psalm 86.1–10, 16–17 Romans 6.1b–11 Matthew 10.24–39

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The Summons



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.