

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

"To the Glory of God, and the Service of People"

June 21st, 2026

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Eleven o'clock

Father's Day

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

"Faith of our Fathers"

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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 Nancy Jo Owens, Liturgist

Prelude

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Michael Burkhardt

***Call to Worship**

(from Matthew 10:29-31)

Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.

God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.

God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #253**

"I'll Praise My Maker"

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples. . . . (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

1st Testament Reading

Jeremiah 20:7–13

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

Time with the Children of God

2nd Testament Reading

Matthew 10:24-39

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

Special Music w/Poem

"This Is My Father's World"

Steve Ellison – Piano, Robert Wood – Narrator

arr. Greg Howlett

Sermon

"More than a Host of Sparrows"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #276**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

***Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Offering

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Offertory

"The Love of Jesus"

arr. Mark Hayes

***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 #357**

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

"Precious Memories"

arr. Fred Bock

(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
6/21/26 *Franklin Lesley (Chasity's son)	health concerns
6/07/26 *Della Black	health concerns
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
Continual..... Ty Mayes	life issues
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 & 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: Thank you to those that have already volunteered for the Emergency Cooling Center this summer. We do need more if you can volunteer a morning or afternoon on a Monday-Thursday between 8:30 am- 4:30pm. The Center will open in ASH if the Day Heat Index is 95 degrees or higher and it is forecasted for two consecutive days, in June-August. See Sharon to sign up or sign up on sheets in ASH or on the Mission's Bulletin board (outside the Parlor).

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.**

CAFÉ JUSTO COFFEE: See Jonathan Holder to purchase. 1-pound bags are \$15.00 ea, and 5-pound bags are \$70.00 ea. Make checks payable to the church with coffee in the memo line or pay through our online Realm system, 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

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SERVING:

TODAY (June 21st)

June 28th, 2026

Elder of the Week:	Jeff Price	Tina LaFoy
Liturgist:	Nancy Jo Owens	Austin Townsend
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:	Ginger Chastain	Robert Simms
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Karleyanne Richards	Jo Anne Gessell
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Liturgist: Nancy Jo Owens Jeremiah 20.7–13 Psalm 86.1–10, 16–17 Romans 6.1b–11 Matthew 10.24–39		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Liturgist: Austin Townsend Genesis 22.1–14 Psalm 13 Romans 6.12–23 Matthew 10.40–42