

Pickens Presbyterian Church



311 WEST MAIN STREET
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

July 12th, 2026

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Folk Melody

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

Rev Kathy Chamlee, Liturgist

Prelude

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

J.S. Bach

***Call to Worship**

(from Psalm 119:105-11)

All who walk in shadow, come into the light! **God’s Word lights the way for us.**

God has promised to abide with us. **So let us commit to walk in God’s ways.**

All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.

God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #316**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good, and out of it called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and bear witness to your reality. You called us “Beloved,” but often find ourselves making peace with what does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unruly hearts toward you. Draw us away from our love of power, tolerance of injustice, and ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors through faithful living, according to the way of Jesus. . . . (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 in our farthest pew, 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

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

beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The Church Proclaims God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

1st Testament Reading

Psalm 119.105-112

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

Time with the Children of God

Rev Kathy Chamlee

Elder Tina LaFoy

2nd Testament Reading

Matthew 13.1-9

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

Special Music

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
Colby Gerald – Horn, Steve Ellison – Piano

arr. James Michael Stevens

Sermon

"What about the Sower?"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #324**

"Open My Eyes that I May See"

***Affirmation of Faith**

(from the Barmen Declaration)

The Christian Church is the congregation of the [Beloved] in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world.

So we reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans. Amen.

Commissioning of Youth and Adults to Montreat Youth Conference (see insert)

Offering

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

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Offertory

"Day by Day"

arr. Greg Howlett

***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 #420**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Gary Lanier

Colby Gerald – Horn, Steve Ellison – Piano
(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 James Couch, David Brown, Luis Macron (friends of Darrell Cook).....	health concerns
6/21/26 Pamela Taylor (Mark & Starla's daughter-in-law)	health concerns
6/21/26 Franklin Lesley (Chasity's son).....	health concerns
Continual *Ty Mayes.....	life issues
Nigerian Christians	
*Venezuela Earthquake victims & families	
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, Tom Pettigrew (son-in-law of Jo Ann Taylor), 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".

Venezuela earthquakes. Gifts to "DR999999 – designate Venezuela earthquakes"

**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>

**A printed copy of the Calendar of Events for the week and the list of Church Leadership and Contacts is always available in the Narthex and Parlor Hallway where you get your bulletin.*

YOUTH CONFERENCE: Our High School Youth will be traveling to their conference at Montreat this afternoon. Please pray for safe travels and a wonderful experience of worship and fellowship this week.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: On behalf of the Congregation, the Missions Committee visited the local shelter in Six Mile, Legacy Home for Recovery, and presented a donation of \$1857 to use toward resident scholarships. This will help those that have temporary hardship due to health or job issues remain at the home during their recovery. The Legacy Home provides stable housing, employment support, community connection and practical life assistance. We toured the 3 houses, 2 for initial recovery and 1 for transitional housing. They are in the process of finishing a building that will be a dedicated space for classes they provide. For more information visit: www.legacyhomerecovery.org

ALL ARE INVITED to a baby shower for Carole and Billy Reed to be held on Sunday, July 19th, from 2:00 – 4:00pm in All Saints' Hall. Come and celebrate!

WARMTH & COMFORT MINISTRY: Ongoing until Fall: word search books, large print Bibles, puzzles (less than 1000 pieces), toiletries, and items of warmth (hats, scarves, socks, fleece throws) are always welcome. 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 \$15.00ea, and 5-pound bags are \$70.00ea. 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

SET UP YOUR GIVING ONLINE using our secure Realm system. SET UP A SINGLE OR RECURRING CONTRIBUTION, Offering, Pantry and Morris fund, or Youth Conference! **Simply scan the QR Code above in the worship service order next to "Offertory."**

Financial Update as of June 30, 2026

General Offering	Expenses	Budget YTM
\$138,929.34	\$155,347.45	\$162,298.91
Net Total (Revenue:Expenses): -\$16,418.11		

SERVING:

TODAY (July 12th)

July 19th, 2026

Elder of the Week:	Jan Sparks	Ken Townsend
Liturgist:	Kathy Chamlee	Jo Anne Gessell
Sanctuary Guild:	Peggy Torrey	Cindy Wood
Ushers:	Debbie Holtel, Donna Owen, Joe Padgett, Leo Tilley	Leo Tilley, Ken Townsend, Austin & Cindy Townsend
Refreshments:	Nancy Goldsmith	TBD
Camera Operation:	Carole Reed	Ginger Chastain
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Dianna Morris	Judy Cook
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u> Liturgist: Kathy Chamlee Genesis 25.19-34 Psalm 119.105-112 Romans 8.1-11 Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23		<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u> Liturgist: Jo Anne Gessell Genesis 28.10-19a Psalm 139.1-12, 23-24 Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43