

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

August 2nd, 2026

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

Peter Scholtes

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 Ken Townsend, Liturgist

Prelude

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

arr. Kenergy Salas

***Call to Worship**

(from Psalm 145)

The Lord is gracious and merciful, *slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

The Lord is good to all. *God’s compassion is over all that God has made.*

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #460**

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ. Everything we need to know about you has been shown. Your goodness, mercy, healing and renewal are on full display. But sometimes we do not see what is right before us. Sometimes we miss the miracle. We misunderstand you, and so we misunderstand the world. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the ability to see you as you reveal yourself. Renew within us the capacity to perceive your way in the world, for this life, and in the life that is to come. . . . (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 beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The Church Proclaims God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

1st Testament Reading

Genesis 32.22-31

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

Elder Ken Townsend

Time with the Children of God

Elder Tina LaFoy

2nd Testament Reading

Romans 9.1-8

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

Special Music

"Bread of Life, Living Water"
Steve Ellison - Piano

arr. Danielle Isaacson

Sermon

"The Real Israel"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #384**

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering and Change-for-Change Food Pantry Offering

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

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Offertory

"The Lord's Prayer"

Albert H. Malotte

***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**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table and The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Holy Lord, Father almighty, . . . we will celebrate victory with him.

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all people and nations. . . .

The Lord's Prayer (debts/Debtors)

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People *(As we are one body, let us wait to eat and drink together)*

(congregation sings) *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all God's benefits.*

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #295 Insert

"Go to the World!"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"O, How I Love Jesus"

American Melody

(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
7/26/26 *Grace Anderson (Ginger Chastain's mother)	health concerns
*Dan Dunham	health concerns
David Goldsmith.....	health concerns
Debbie Teeple	health concerns
Continual Ty Mayes	life issues
Venezuela Earthquake victims & families	
Humanitarian Crisis in Cuba, Gaza, Lebanon & Iran	
<i>*new this week</i>	

The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family, friends, and staff of the Pickens CDC on death of long-time teacher, Mrs. Deborah Roach, on Thursday, July 30, 2026.

CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to **Bob and Bert Allison!** Today is their 62nd Wedding Anniversary. May they have many more years together.

August Birthdays:	Betsey Chalmers	1	Vickie Swaynham	9	Cynthia Boney	25
	Burnett Kelly	2	Amy Briley	13	Kay Tilley	28
	Tina LaFoy	6	Liza Holder	16		
	Holly Harden	7	Cindy Townsend	23		

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.*

PPC FOOD PANTRY: Today we will receive the **Change-for-Change and Coupon Cans** special offering to support the church's Emergency Food Pantry and Little Free Pantry.

The **Food Pantry** activity continues to increase with first time clients each week. We are in need of donations for both pantries such as cans and packets of tuna and chicken. Thank you for your generosity which has allowed both pantries to provide food to those who struggle with food insecurity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Emergency Food Pantry needs additional volunteers to work on Mondays and Wednesdays. Pantry hours are 9am-12:30pm. If you want to do every other week, 2-3 hours or just to fill in when needed your help is needed. Please see Sharon for more information.

Please join the **Missions Committee** on Saturday August 8th at 9am in the ASH Kitchen as we prepare bagged lunches to take to the Triune Mercy Center. This non-denominational church in Greenville provides emergency relief in the form of meals as well as other resources. The meals we prepare will be distributed on Sunday to those experiencing homelessness.

SIGN UP HERE TO BRING REFRESHMENTS: For Sunday fellowship time in All Saints' Hall at 10:30am for food and fellowship. Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/FellowshipSnacks> or via the QR code or link in the CliffNotes.

IT'S COMING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026! It is the first of our 5th **Sunday Lunch on the Grounds** following worship. Make your plans now to attend. For more information, please see Vickie Swaynham or Jan Sparks. Additional details to come.

SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adults, are you ready for a new study? The Seekers Sunday School class invites you to join discussions about the book Credo, by William Sloane Coffin (Rev. Sloan in the Doonesbury comic strip.) The book is a compelling collection of his most powerful quotations, sermons, and writings. The book is thoughtfully organized into thematic sections, giving readers direct access to his thoughts on:

- Faith, Hope, and Love
- Social Justice and Civil Liberties
- Patriotism, War, and Peace
- The Church and the End of Life

The Seekers meet Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 in the church parlor.

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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<u>SERVING:</u>	<u>TODAY (August 2nd)</u>	<u>August 9th, 2026</u>
Elder of the Week:	Austin Townsend	Tina LaFoy
Liturgist:	Ken Townsend	Tina LaFoy
Sanctuary Guild:	Cindy Wood	Peggy Torrey
Ushers:	Robert Simms, Mark Taylor, Jonathan & Karleyanne	Jonathan & Karleyanne, Mark Taylor
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	Anna Chastain	Carole Reed
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Cindy Townsend	Nancy Jo Owens
Communion Set-up:	Austin Townsend	
Communion Servers:	Nancy Jo, Vickie, Tina, Jim, Deb H	

Lectionary readings for today:

Liturgist: Ken Townsend

Genesis 32.22–31

Psalm 17.1–7, 15

Romans 9.1–5

Matthew 14.13–21

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Liturgist: Tina LaFoy

Genesis 37.1–4, 12–28

Psalm 105.1–6, 16–22, 45b

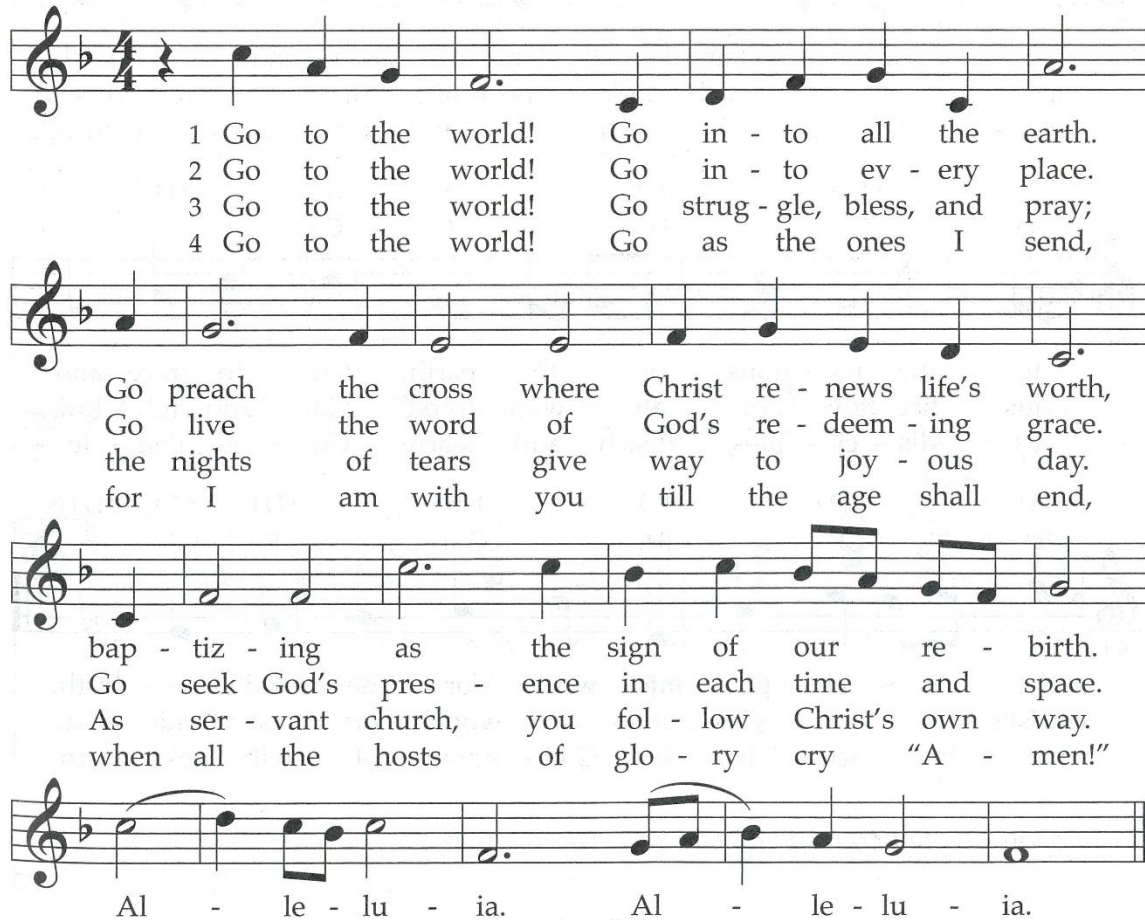
Romans 10.5–15

Matthew 14.22–33

THE CHURCH

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19–20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985

MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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