

Pickens Presbyterian Church



311 WEST MAIN STREET
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

August 30th, 2026

14th 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 Jeff Price, Liturgist

Prelude

“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

Georg Neumark

***Call to Worship**

Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness. *Seek God in the sanctuary.*

Seek God in the burning bush. *Seek God in the burning heart.*

The Lord is here! This place is holy! *We are standing on holy ground.*

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #441**

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why you call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy or flawed. We confess that we think we know better than you, who is qualified to do your work. Forgive our fears and excuses and self-doubts. Lend us your fire and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up your church, loving your children, and tending to the scorched places of our world. Help us to burn for you, without burning up or burning out. Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. . . .
(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.

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

The Church Proclaims God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Jeff Price

1st Testament Reading

Exodus 3.1-15

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 12:9-21

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

Anthem

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
PPC Choir & Friends

Martin Luther

Congregation join in on Verse 4:

*That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also; The body
They may kill, God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.*

Sermon

"The Look of the Kin(g)dom"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #406 Insert**

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

***Affirmation of Faith**

(adapted from the Confession of 1967)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, transcendence and awe-fulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

We believe that God has created us for a personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Amen.

Offering

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

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Offertory

"Victory in Jesus"

arr. Rafael Griffin

***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 #536**

"Lord, Make Us More Holy"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

Early 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
8/23/26 *Gene Gerald (Colby's grandfather).....	health concerns
Grace Anderson (Ginger Chastain's mother)	health concerns
8/16/26 Ann McDonald (family friend of Steve)	health concerns
Pat Fisher (Donna Owens' mother).....	health concerns
Continual Nepal flood victims	
Venezuela & Japan 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), Ty Mayes, 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 Weekly Calendar of Events and the list of Church Leadership and Contacts is always available in the Narthex and Parlor Hallway next to the bulletins.*

TODAY IS THE DAY! It is the first of our 5th Sunday Lunch on the Grounds (in ASH) following worship.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN KICK-OFF MEETING: The Kick-off Meeting for the Presbyterian Women will be held at **Tavern 53** located at the Pickens Country Club (1018 Country Club Rd. Pickens, SC 29671), at **6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 1st**. This is a joint gathering of the morning and evening circles. A light supper buffet including chicken salad and fruit is offered for a price of **\$14.50/person**. Study books will be available at a cost of **\$15.00**. Please prepare by reading 1 Corinthians, Ch 1-2. Debbie Carmical will introduce the study and teach the first lesson. Circles meet the first Tuesday of each month from September to May. We invite every woman to join this special mission. All are welcome.

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.

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**

CAFÉ JUSTO COFFEE: See Jonathan Holder to purchase. 1-pound bags - \$15.00ea, and 5-pound bags - \$70.00ea. Make checks payable to PPC 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. 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, Morris fund, or Youth Conference! **Simply scan the QR Code above in the worship service order next to “Offertory.”**

SERVING:	TODAY (August 30th)	September 6th, 2026
Elder of the Week:	Jeff Price	Austin Townsend
Liturgist:	Jeff Price	Nancy Jo Owens
Sanctuary Guild:	Peggy Torrey	Debbie Teeple
Ushers:	Jonathan Holder, Jim Miller, Mark Taylor, Robert Simms	Della Black, Louise Hope,
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	Carole Reed	Anna Chastain
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Deb Holtel	Meg Cole
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		Austin T, Robert S, Mark T, Tina La, Nancy Jo O
Food Pantry (M & W)		
Morris Fund (1 st & 3 rd) Tue	David Chamlee	

Lectionary readings for today:	Lectionary readings for next Sunday:
Liturgist: Jeff Price Exodus 3.1–15 Psalm 105.1–6, 23–26, 45b Romans 12.9–21 Matthew 16.21–28	Liturgist: Nancy Jo Owens Exodus 12.1–14 Psalm 149 Romans 13.8–14 Matthew 18.15–20

GATHERING

406 We Are Standing on Holy Ground

Holy Ground

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is accompanied by a series of chords indicated above the staff. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score consists of five lines of music.

Chords: G, D, A, D, G, D, Em, D, G, F#m, F#m7, B7, E, Gm, D, A7, D, G, D, Em, F#m7, G, D, G, D, Em7, D, G, D.

Lyrics: We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground, and I know that there are an - gels all a - round; let us praise Je - sus now; we are stand - ing in his pres - ence on ho - ly ground.