

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

September 13th, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

Rosamond E. Herklots

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

Louise Hope, Liturgist

Prelude

“O God, to Us Show Mercy”

J. Michael Haydn

***Call to Worship**

(from Psalm 103:1-4)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me. *Bless God’s holy name.*

God forgives. God heals. Gods transforms with steadfast love. *Bless God’s holy name.*

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #281**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast 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 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

Louise Hope

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

1st Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

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

Matthew 18:21–35

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

Anthem

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

Green / Stanford

Sermon

“Why Should We Forgive?”

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

*Hymn #358

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

*Affirmation of Faith

(From Book of Common Worship)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Offering

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

GIVE NOW



Offertory

“This Is the Christ”

Jim Buist

*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 #270 (tune #269)

“O God, in a Mysterious Way”

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“How Gentle God’s Commands”

Sally DeFord

(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)

<u>Name (relationship)</u>	<u>Concern</u>
9/06/26 *Jeff Taylor (Jo Ann Taylor's oldest son)	health concerns
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.*

CHURCH WORK DAY: The Building & Grounds Committee has scheduled a Church Workday for **Saturday, October 10th, from 9am to 12:30pm.** There will be a list of tasks ready and listed on the white board in All Saints' Hall. Please bring work gloves and hand pruners, shears, loppers, clipping collection bags, blowers, and anything you may need to help out that day.

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 (September 13th) September 20th, 2026

Elder of the Week:	Jan Sparks	Vickie Swaynham
Liturgist:	Louise Hope	Tina LaFoy
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Teeple	Debbie Teeple
Ushers:	Della Black, Louise Hope, Tina LaFoy, Leo Tilley	Della Black, Tina LaFoy, Austin & Cindy Townsend
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	Ginger Chastain	Robert Simms
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Liza Holder	Cindy Wood
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
Food Pantry (M & W)		
Morris Fund (1 st & 3 rd) Tue	Bob Allison	

<u>Lectionary readings for today:</u>	<u>Lectionary readings for next Sunday:</u>
Liturgist: Louise Hope Exodus 14:19–31 Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21 Romans 14:1–12 Matthew 18:21–35	Liturgist: Tina LaFoy Exodus 16.2–15 Psalm 105.1–6, 37–45 Philippians 1.21–30 Matthew 20.1–16