

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

September 6th, 2026

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour
Choral Introit
Friendship Pads

“I Come with Joy”

Brian Wren

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

“Redeemer of Israel”

Freeman Lewis

***Call to Worship**

(from Psalm 119:33-40)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *and I will observe it to the end.*

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law *and observe it with my whole heart.*

Lead me in the path of your commandments, *for I delight in it.*

Turn my heart to your decrees; *in your righteousness be gracious to me.*

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #411**

“Arise Your Light is Come”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we judge others harshly, unfairly and casually. We focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on our growth and work. We make assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We tune out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We rely upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that you are eager to give it not only to us, but to our enemies, also. Help us see others as you see them; help us see you with faith and trust. . . . (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

Ezekiel 33:7-11

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

Time with the Children of God

Elder Nancy Jo Owens

Elder Tina LaFoy

2nd Testament Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Anthem

"Become to Us the Living Bread"

Miriam Drury

Sermon

"Conflict"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #426**

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

***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 Love of God"

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**

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)*
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 #542 insert "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Jesus Loves Me"

arr. Michael Hassell

(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	

The Christian love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of **Carson Roper** (Ken Roper's father) who died to this life on Monday, August 31, 2026.

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, 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.*

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. Your generosity has allowed both pantries to provide food to those who struggle with food insecurity. **We are in need of donations for both pantries such as cans and packets of tuna and chicken. Can soup, fruit and vegetables are great items to donate too.**

Volunteers Needed: The Emergency Food Pantry welcomes volunteers to work on Mondays or Wednesdays for 2 or 4 hours. Pantry hours are 9 am-12:30 pm. If you want to do it every other week or just to fill in when needed, please see Sharon for more information.

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."**

<u>SERVING:</u>	<u>TODAY (September 6th)</u>	<u>September 13th, 2026</u>
Elder of the Week:	Austin Townsend	
Liturgist:	Nancy Jo Owens	
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Teeple	Debbie Teeple
Ushers:	Della Black, Louise Hope, Tina LaFoy, Leo Tilley	
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	Anna Chastain	Ginger Chastain
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Meg Cole	Liza Holder
Communion Set-up:	Vickie Swaynham	
Communion Servers:	Austin T, Jeff P, Mark T, Tina La, Nancy Jo O	
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: Nancy Jo Owens Exodus 12.1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13.8-14 Matthew 18.15-20	Liturgist: Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
 wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
 per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -

fold you:
 vide you:
 round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 fore you:

After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune, which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.