

Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

October 11th, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour
Choral Introit
Friendship Pads

“Grace Greater Than Our Sins”

J Johnston, D B Towner

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

“Entrance for Worship”

Cesar Franck

***Call to Worship**

(from Psalm 10)

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,
for God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,

that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #476**

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kin-dom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we heed your invitation to be part of your kin-dom and strive, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. . . . (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)

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

***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

Elder Nancy Jo Owens

1st Testament Reading

Psalm 106.1-6, 19-23

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

Philippians 4.1-9

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

Anthem

"Jesus Loves Me"

arr. Jennaya Robison

Sermon

"Re-Direction"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #3**

"Comfort, Comfort You My People"

***Affirmation of Faith**

(from A Declaration of Faith)

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

Offering

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

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Offertory

"Grace Medley"

arr. Don Wyrzten

***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 #145**

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

***Charge and Benediction**

Congregational Meeting

Postlude

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

(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)

Share prayer concerns in worship, on the pew cards (*place in the offering plates*), or 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)

CONCERNS

Name (relationship)	Concern
9/27/26 Fay Padgett	health concerns
Carlton Holley	health concerns
Jeff Taylor (Jo Ann Taylor's oldest son)	health concerns
Continual Humanitarian Crisis in Cuba, Gaza, Lebanon & Iran	
*new this week	

CELEBRATIONS

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERN LIST

Moved to Cliffnotes newsletter

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”.

**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.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session called a Congregational meeting for today at the conclusion of the 11:00 worship service for the purpose of electing Elders to the Class of 2029, and to elect the 2027 Officer Nominating Committee. Nominations will be received from the floor, provided the nominee has agreed to be nominated before the meeting begins.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT GROUP: You are not alone on this journey. If you have had a loved one die by suicide, we invite you to join us for a safe, confidential, and compassionate space to share, heal, and find comfort among others who understand this unique grief. **Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday night of each month from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM at Pickens Presbyterian Church (311 W. Main Street, Pickens).** For questions, please reach out to **Tina LaFoy or Kathy Chamlee at 864-402-9737.**

CHURCH CALENDAR: To Prevent Space/Time Conflicts, please check the website calendar. Contact the office to schedule an event or meeting, admin@pickenspresbyterian.org

SET UP YOUR GIVING ONLINE using our Realm system. SET UP A SINGLE OR RECURRING CONTRIBUTION (Offering, Pantry, Morris fund, or Youth Conference)! **Use the QR Code.**

SERVING:

October 18th, 2026

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Elder of the Week:	Ken Townsend	Exodus 33:12–23
Liturgist:	Jan Sparks	Psalm 99
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Teeple	1 Thessalonians 1:1–10
Ushers:	Roy & Ivy Stoddard, Liza Holder, Vickie Swaynham	Matthew 22:15–22
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	Robert Simms	
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Jo Anne Gessell	
Food Pantry (M & W)		
Morris Fund (1 st & 3 rd) Tue		

Church Events This Week:Online calendar: <http://PickensPresbyterian.org/Calendar>

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, October 11	9:30am	Sunday School	Sanctuary All Saints' Hall Sanctuary
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	
	11:00am	Worship Service – 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	
	12:00pm	Congregational Meeting	
	12:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting	
Monday, October 12	9:00am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Church Parlor
	1:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting	All Saints' Hall
Tuesday, October 13	9:00am	Utility Assistance Fund	Church Office
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	7:00pm	SoS Support Group	Church Parlor
Wednesday, October 14	7:00am-7:00pm	Methodist Church Fall Festival Set-up	All Saints' Hall
	9:00am	Food Pantry	CE Bldg
	10:00am	Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
		Bible Study	Church Parlor
	2:00pm	Finance Committee Meeting	All Saints' Hall
Thursday, October 15	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:00am-5:00pm	Methodist Church Fall Festival	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
Friday, October 16		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, October 17			
Sunday, October 18	9:30am	Sunday School	Sanctuary All Saints' Hall Sanctuary Session Room
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	
	11:00am	Worship Service – 21 st Sunday after Pentecost	
	12:30pm	Session Meeting	
	5:30pm	Young Adults	

Elder Nominees

Jonathan Holder was born and raised in Pickens and grew up in PPC. He is grateful for the role this congregation has played in his life and for the foundation the church has provided for his faith. From his baptism and childhood years in the CDC to youth participation and young adulthood, much of his life has been formed here. Jonathan currently serves on the missions committee through Cafe Justo, and has recently experimented with the choir, despite limited evidence that this is where his gifts lie. Professionally, Jonathan has built a career in homebuilding as a business partner at Jeff Holder Builders after graduating from Presbyterian College. He enjoys the opportunities and challenges of creating beautiful spaces for others to live.

Louise Hope moved here in 1989 and joined this church because I was raised Presbyterian and because this church has family history going back to the 1870s. Many of my family members are buried in the church graveyard. I have taught Sunday School, also served as Sunday School Superintendent, and been part of the Women of the Church. I raised my two children through this church. Riley is still living in Pickens and has two children, Hawkin (6) and Kileigh (11). Allene, who was baptized here in 1993, is married and living in Prague with their new baby, Wyatt (age 6 months). In 2017, I was re-married in this church to Doug Tate, a Greenville native. My parents, the Pence's, were very active members here. I cared for them for 12 years; I miss them terribly.

I am a retired school teacher. I taught for 26 years through the Pickens County schools. I enjoy outdoor activities, family history, and going to the YMCA. I have always been involved with the local community. I am the Turtle Lady. 😊 Go check out Hollingsworth on the patio; he's part of a school project I coordinated for Pickens. I love people and feel everyone has a God given gift to offer, we just need to listen and value our differences.