Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

"To the Glory of God, and the Service of People"

October 18th, 2026 | 21st Sunday after Pentecost | Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit *"Grace Greater Than Our Sins"* *J Johnston, D B Towner*

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 Jan Sparks, Liturgist

Prelude *"Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"* *arr. Robert J. Powell*

***Call to Worship** *(adapted from Psalm 99)*

The Lord rules over all peoples. ***Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is God!***
Mighty God, lover of justice; ***You established equity; you executed justice and righteousness.***
Extol the LORD our God; ***worship at God's footstool. Holy is God!***
ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn (insert)** *"Gather Us In"*

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are or who you are. We are distracted by glittering gold. We are mesmerized by fame and fortune. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who bear unjust burdens. We close our hearts and imagine empathy to be weakness. Forgive us Lord. Remind us that we are yours, citizens of the kin-dom of God. Give us courage to be kin-dom builders here and now, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need. . . . *(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 Jan Sparks

1st Testament Reading Exodus 33.12-23

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

Time with the Children of God Elder Jim Mahanes

2nd Testament Reading Isaiah 45:1–7

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

Anthem *"Grace"* *Carolyn Hamlin*

Sermon *"Lord of ALL Things"* Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #422** *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

***Affirmation of Faith** *(from the Confession of 1967)*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering *(Use the QR Code to the right for Online Giving)* *GIVE NOW*

Offertory *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"* *arr. John Carter*

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

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *"O Day of God"* *arr. Christine Sullivan*

(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**
10/11/26	
*"Granpa Gene" (Colby's grandfather)	health concerns
*William Abram Reed (Billy & Carole's son)	health concerns
*Otto Ranson Mueller (David & Anna Ranson Mueller's son)	health concerns
*Rebekah Morrison (friend of Mara Chamlee)	health concerns
*Doug Tate	health concerns
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 **Church Leadership and Contacts is always available in the Narthex and Parlor Hallway next to the bulletins.*

VETERANS DAY EVENT: Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 8th. We will be honoring and remembering our Veterans. There will be a breakfast and speaker, along with music. Look for more information and sign up sheets to come.

WARMTH & COMFORT MINISTRY: October through January, holding their annual **Items of Warmth** drive: hats, scarves, socks, fleece throws. Donations of Christmas/holiday decoration and gift items, gift bags and cards and toiletries also welcomed. Ongoing: word search books, large print Bibles, puzzles (less than 1000 pieces). Deliver to the Church Office Collection Box. **Questions: Tammy Ferguson @ 864-238-4652 or warmthandcomfortfortheelderly@gmail.com**

MISSION COMMITTEE: Mark your calendar! We will join Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church in providing a free Thanksgiving Meal to the Community on Saturday, November 21st, with a workday on Friday, November 20th. More information to follow.

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**.

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	October 25th, 2026
Elder of the Week:	Ken Towensend	Nancy Jo Owens
Liturgist:	Jan Sparks	TBD
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Teeple	Debbie Teeple
Ushers:	Roy & Ivy Stoddard, Liza Holder, Vickie Swayngham	Roy & Ivy Stoddard, Liza Holder, Vickie Swayngham
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	Robert Simms	Anna Chastain
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Jo Anne Gessell	*In-House Arrangement*
Food Pantry (M & W)		
Morris Fund (1st & 3rd) Tue		Bob Allison – 27th

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

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

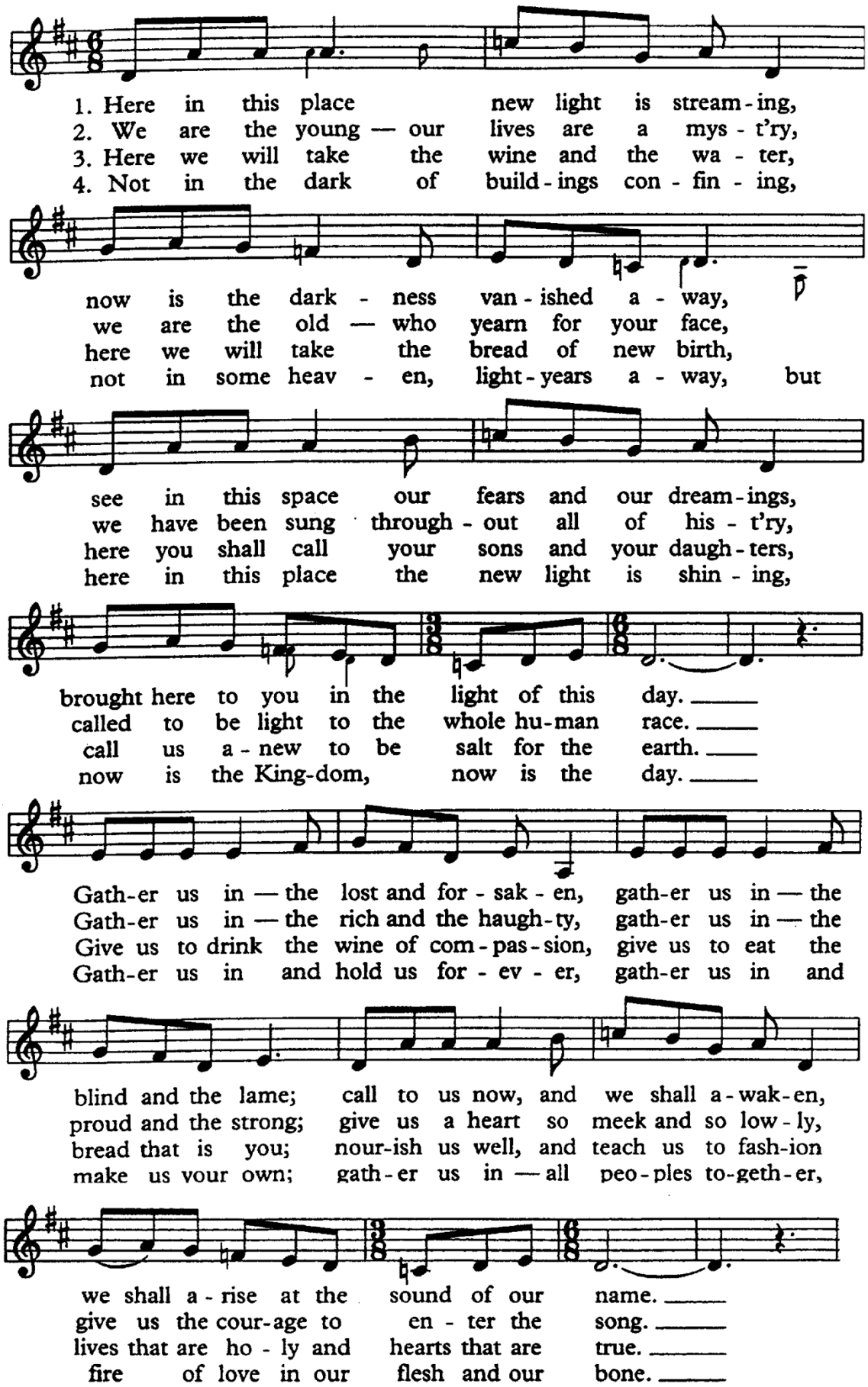
Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, October 18	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
	12:00pm	Session Meeting	Session Room
	5:30pm	Young Adults	
Monday, October 19	9:00am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Church Parlor
Tuesday, October 20	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
Wednesday, October 21	9:00am	Food Pantry	CE Bldg
	10:00am	Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
		Bible Study	Church Parlor
	3:00pm	Good Grief	
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Thursday, October 22	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	**DEADLINE** – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
Friday, October 23		*Office Closed*	
Saturday, October 24			
Sunday, October 25	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary

Financial Update as of September 30, 2026

Income	Expenses	Budget YTM
$209,379.28	$228,448.88	$243,448.38

Previous Month's Giving:	$ 20,328.01
Previous Month's Expenses:	$ 30,143.80
Previous Month's Budget:	$ 27,049.92
Net Total (Revenue:Expenses):	- $ 19,069.60

Gather Us In



WORDS: Marty Haugen (Matt. 5:13)
MUSIC: Marty Haugen

GATHER US IN
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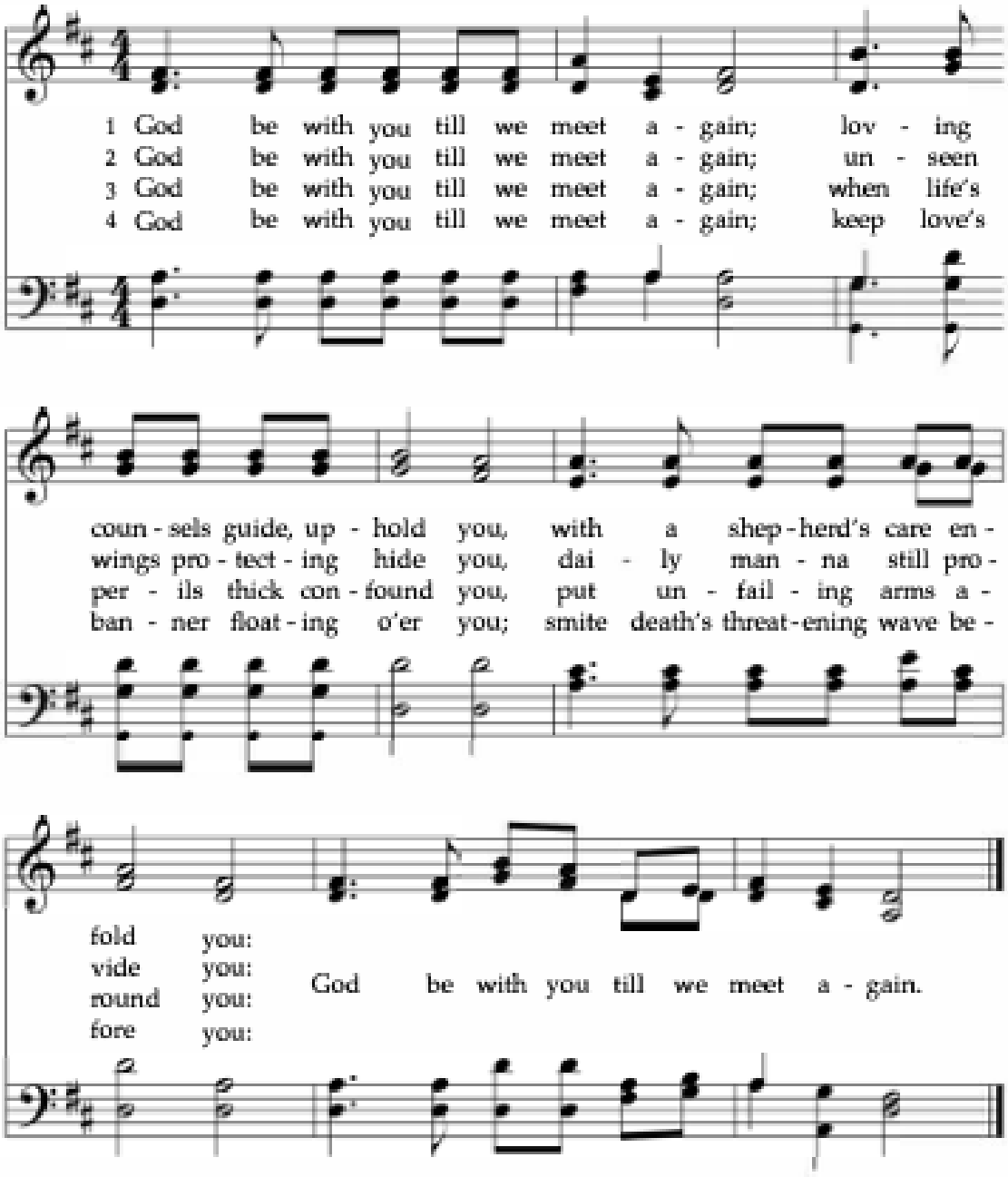
542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again



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.

TEXT: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880, alt.
MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

GOD BE WITH YOU
9.8.8.9
(alternate tune: RANDOLPH, 541)