Pickens Presbyterian Church



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PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

October 25th, 2026 | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost | Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour
Choral Introit *"Take My Life"* *France R. Havergal*
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 Jim Mahanes, Liturgist
Prelude *"Give God Thy Best"* *A. Rosenstengel*

***Call to Worship**
We gather here to worship God. ***We are here, with heart, soul and mind.***
We gather here as Christ's body. ***We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.***
The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again. ***We are here to worship and to be transformed.***
ALL: Come, let us worship God!
***Prayer of Praise**
***Hymn #430** *"Come Sing, O Church in Joy!"*

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession
Holy God, we are often good at following rules while neglecting the heart of your commandments. We place ourselves in the congregation of the righteous, but take our seat among the scoffers. We seek approval of our friends, family, and others whose opinions we value, forgetting that our call is to please you, above all. You call us to be holy, but we settle for self-righteousness. You call us to be impartial, but we cannot shed our biases. You call us to love our neighbors, but we have been satisfied to keep them at arm's length. You created us to love you with heart, soul and mind, but we have held parts of ourselves back. Have mercy on us, God. Watch over our ways, redirect our paths, and help us love you with abandon — heart, soul, and mind. Make us instruments of reconciliation and transformation as we seek to follow your law of 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 those around 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 Jim Mahanes

1st Testament Reading Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

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 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

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

Anthem *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* *Gilbert M. Martin*

Sermon *"A Life Worthy of God"* Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #426** *"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"*

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Offertory *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* *arr. Terri Hutchings*

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 #359** *"More Love to Thee, O Christ"*

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *"God's Gracious Love"* *arr. Daniel Bromberg*

(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**
10/18/26	
*Connie Bowers	health concerns
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
Carlton Holley	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.*

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: The Child Development Center is asking for candy donations for Halloween and volunteers to hand out candy to the children. Volunteers will hand out candy in ASH on Friday, October 30th from 9:30 - 11:00am. Please let Sharon know if you are willing to help. You can place candy donations in the baskets in ASH, in the Sanctuary or give them to any committee member.

VETERANS DAY EVENT: Join us on November 8th at 8:30 in the All Saints' Hall as we honor and celebrate our community's veterans. All veterans, active-duty service members, and their families are invited to breakfast. Let us gather to show our deep gratitude for their service. **Please use the tear-off on the following page so we can prepare accordingly and place in the offering plate, or reply to Thursdays Cliffnotes.**

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 25th, 2026**	**November 1st, 2026**
Elder of the Week:	Nancy Jo Owens	Vickie Swayngham
Liturgist:	Jim Mahanes	Tina LaFoy
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Teeple	Debbie Hendricks
Ushers:	Roy & Ivy Stoddard, Liza Holder, Vickie Swayngham	Tammy & Randall Ferguson, Sharon Stark & Jim Mahanes
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	Anna Chastain	Ginger Chastain
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	*In-House Arrangement*	Vickie Swayngham
Communion Set-Up		Jeff Price
Communion Servers		Jeff, Ken, Jan, Roy, Nancy Jo
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**

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Day	Time	Event	Location
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
Monday, October 26	9:00am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Church Parlor
Tuesday, October 27	9:00am	Utility Assistance Fund	Church Office
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	6:30pm	Upcountry Quilters Guild	All Saints' Hall
Wednesday, October 28	**All Day**	**CDC Trick or Treat 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
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Thursday, October 29	**All Day**	**CDC Trick or Treat**	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	**DEADLINE** – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
Friday, October 30		*Office Closed*	
	7:00am – 1:00pm	CDC Trick or Treat	All Saints' Hall
Saturday, October 31			
Sunday, November 1	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – All Saints Sunday	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Young Adults	ASH

VETERANS DAY EVENT – Sunday, November 8th @ 8:30am:
Name: _____ Number attending #: _____
→→→If you are a veteran or plan to invite a veteran to attend,
Veteran's Name: _____Service Branch: _____