

Pickens Presbyterian Church



311 WEST MAIN STREET
PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA 29671

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

October 4th, 2026

World Communion Sunday

Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

“Pan de Vida”

Bob Hurd & Pia Moriarty

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 Jeff Price, Liturgist

Prelude

“God So Loved the World”

Sir John Stainer

***Call to Worship**

(from Luke 13:29)

People will come from east and west, *from north and south*,
and will eat in the kingdom of God. *Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.*

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #272**

“God of the Sparrow”

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail to live as good stewards of all you have given us. We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Free our world for Jubilee. Reorder our priorities so all your nations and peoples may thrive. . . . (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

Elder Jeff Price

1st Testament Reading

Psalm 80.7–15

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

Time with the Children of God

Elder Tina LaFoy

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

2nd Testament Reading

Philippians 3.4b-14

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

Anthem

"With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw

Sermon

"The Stuff of Life"

Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

*Hymn #230

"This is the Day the Lord has Made"

*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

[GIVE NOW](#)



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

Offertory

"Give Me Jesus"

arr. Amy Potter

***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 #442

"The Church's One Foundation"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

Haldor Lillenas

(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
9/06/26 Bob Allison	health concerns
Jeff Taylor (Jo Ann Taylor's oldest son)	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

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**”.

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.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session has called a Congregational meeting for Sunday, October 11th 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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: The first Sunday in October is traditionally World Communion Sunday, a time when Christians everywhere partake of the Lord's Supper. As we sit in our own churches — often with people just like us — do we really feel the “global-ness” of this event? We talk about people of other nations and cultures, but can we really identify or feel “at one” with them? We are all children of God and siblings in Christ.

We are one, as the hymn says: *In Christ there is no East or West, In him no South or North, But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth. (GTG 317)*

All God's people gather around the Table to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Part of what happens at this Table is reconciliation, the focus of the World Communion Offering. The grace that comes from reconciling all peoples, around the corner and around the globe, is shared through the ministry of this offering. Causes Supported: Racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, ecumenical & interfaith relations. **More information is included in the bulletin insert and there are envelopes available on each pew.**

For online giving: <https://pcusa.org/donate/wc999999-contribute-world-communion-offering>

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.

CIRCLE MEETINGS: The Sarah Emily (10:00am) & Eve Circles (5:00pm) **will meet Tuesday, October 6th** in All Saints' Hall. **Both Circles will study** Lesson 2 in, *"United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other."* (Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians).

CHURCH WORK DAY: The Building & Grounds Committee has scheduled a Church Workday for **NEXT 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.

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 11th, 2026 Lectionary readings for next Sunday:

Elder of the Week:	Tina LaFoy	Exodus 32.1-14
Liturgist:	Nancy Jo Owens	Psalms 106.1-6, 19-23
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Teeple	Philippians 4.1-9
Ushers:	Jim Mahanes, Joe Padgett, Roy & Ivy Stoddard	Matthew 22.1-14
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	TBD	
Sound Board:		
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Debbie Teeple	
Communion Set-up:		
Communion Servers:		
Food Pantry (M & W)		
Morris Fund (1 st & 3 rd) Tue	David Chamlee – 13 th	

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

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, Oct 4	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – World Communion Sunday	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Young Adults Meeting	ASH
Monday, Oct 5	9:00am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Church Parlor
Tuesday, Oct 6	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
Wednesday, Oct 7	9:00am	Food Pantry	CE Bldg
	10:00am	Children's Chapel	Sanctuary
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
		Bible Study	Church Parlor
	3:00pm	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	All Saints' Hall
	3:00pm	Good Grief	Church Parlor
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Thursday, Oct 8	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	DEADLINE – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
	6:00pm	Pickens Co Beekeepers Assoc.	All Saints' Hall
Friday, Oct 9		<i>Office Closed</i>	
Saturday, Oct 10	9:00am–12:30pm	Church Work Day	
Sunday, Oct 11	9:30am	Sunday School	
	10:15am	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	10:30am	Fellowship Time	All Saints' Hall
	11:00am	Worship Service – 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting	

October Birthdays:

Mary Monroe	2	Jim Mahanes	16
Ken Townsend	8	Lauren Townsend	22
Noah Morris	9	Mike Thomas	22
Cindy Wood	13	Jessie Cole	23
Kathy Chamlee	14	Margaret Dawkins	28
Liza Thomas	16	Alex Gettys	29