Pickens Presbyterian Church



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

November 1st, 2026 — All Saints Sunday — Eleven o'clock

The Church Gathers

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit *"Feed Us, Lord"* *Greg Scheer*

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 Tina LaFoy, Liturgist

Prelude *"The Peace of God Abides In Us"* *ST. FRITHUSWITH*

***Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 34)*

I will bless the LORD at all times; ***his praise shall continually be in my mouth.***
O magnify the LORD with me, ***and let us exalt his name together.***
O taste and see that the LORD is good; ***happy are those who take refuge in him.***
The LORD redeems the life of his servants; ***none who take refuge in him will be condemned.***
ALL: Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of Praise**

***Hymn #132** *"Come, Great God of All the Ages"*

The Church Confesses

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know that we may rest in the promises of our baptism — we know that your grace rests on us this day and every day. Never for a moment are we outside of your constant care. And yet, things happen. Life tumbles in and your promises seem distant. We retreat into fear. We worry about what we cannot change. We forget why we do what we do in the name of our risen Lord. Forgive our anxious fears. Lead us to be the people of God that you created us to be, disciples of Jesus Christ. . . . *(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)

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 Tina LaFoy

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

1st Testament Reading Revelation 7:9-17
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 Matthew 5.1-12
The Word of God for the People of God. ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem *"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"* *R Heber, L Bourgeois*

Sermon *"In The Midst of It All"* Dr. David Torrey

The Church Responds in Faith

***Hymn #526** *"For All the Saints"*

***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 *"In Humility, Our Savior"* *arr. Sally DeFord*

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.***
It is truly right and our greatest joy, . . . Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. . . .

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.

Necrology

Timothy Eugene (Tim) Crocker
May 17, 1944 – July 19, 2026

David Holmes Gessell
November 29, 1951 – December 3, 2025

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 #376** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *"In Christ Alone"* *arr. Mark Hayes*

(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 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 *See the 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.*

PPC FOOD PANTRY: This Sunday we receive the Change-for-Change special offering to support our Emergency Food Pantry and Little Free Pantry. The Food Pantry activity has increased with repeat and first time clients. Unfortunately, with this increase in activity and food costs the Pantry Funds are starting to run low. Missions will continue to be good stewards of your generosity and provide food to those who struggle with hunger. Thank you for your generosity!

The Missions Committee would like to give out "Thanksgiving Bags" from the Food Pantry to clients this year. Bags would include canned ham, green beans, yams, boxed stuffing, and cranberry sauce. Estimate cost is $14 per bag. Please let us know if you can help.

CIRCLE MEETINGS: The Sarah Emily (10:00am) & Eve Circles (5:30pm) **will meet Tuesday, November 3rd** in All Saints' Hall. **Both Circles will study** Lesson 3 in, *"United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other."* Read Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians, Ch 5 and 6 as background for our discussion. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

VETERANS DAY EVENT: Join us next Sunday 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.**

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL: We will join Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church in providing a Free Thanksgiving Harvest Meal to the Community on Saturday, November 21st. We are planning for 400 plates, same as last year. You can participate by: cooking or donating turkeys, donating large cans of green beans, making desserts, prepping on Friday, November 20th, or working the Drive Thru on Saturday. See the Sign-up sheet in ASH, or let Sharon or Jo Anne know. Thanks!

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**

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 above.**

SERVING:	**November 1st, 2026**	**November 8th, 2026**
Elder of the Week:	Vickie Swayngham	Tina LaFoy
Liturgist:	Tina LaFoy	Nancy Jo Owens
Sanctuary Guild:	Debbie Hendricks	Debbie Hendricks
Ushers:	Tammy & Randall Ferguson, Sharon Stark & Jim Mahanes	Tammy & Randall Ferguson, Ken Townsend, Jim Miller
Refreshments:		
Camera Operation:	Ginger Chastain	TBD
Nursery Volunteers:		
Sanctuary Flowers:	Vickie Swayngham	Debbie Hendricks
Communion Set-Up	Jeff Price	
Communion Servers	Jeff, Ken, Jan, Roy, Nancy Jo	
Food Pantry (M & W)		
Morris Fund (1st & 3rd) Tue		

November Birthdays:

Jean Bryson	4	Lauren Hendricks	14
Jacob Holder	6	Ginger Chastain	19
Butch Morris	6	Austin Townsend	22
Ivy Stoddard	6	Libby MacRae	24
Jason Swayngham	8	Ron Jones	24
Eva Stone	9	Ashley Lamb	26
Terri Price	9	Dennis Schwab	29

CHURCH CALENDAR: **<u>To Prevent Space/Time Conflicts</u>,** 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, 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
Monday, November 2	9:00am	Food Pantry	Education Bldg
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	11:00am	Centering Prayer	Church Parlor
Tuesday, November 3	9:00am	Utility Assistance Fund	Church Office
	10:00am	Sarah Emily Circle Meeting	All Saints' Hall
	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	5:30pm	Eve Circle Meeting	ASH
Wednesday, November 4	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	
	3:00pm	Building & Grounds Meeting	All Saints' Hall
	4:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Thursday, November 5	10:30am	CDC Reading Buddies	CDC
	12:00pm	**DEADLINE** – Bulletin & Cliffnotes	
Friday, November 6		*Office Closed*	
	5:30pm	Millstone HOA Meeting	All Saints' Hall
Saturday, November 7	8:00am	LaFoy Family Event	All Saints' Hall
Sunday, November 8	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
	12:30pm	Worship Committee Meeting	
	5:30pm	Young Adults	ASH

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VETERANS DAY EVENT – Sunday, November 8th @ 8:30am:
Name: ________________________ Number attending #: ____________
→→→<u>If you are a veteran or plan to invite a veteran</u> to attend,
Veteran's Name: ________________________Service Branch: _________________________