

Pickens is the county seat of Pickens County, South Carolina. It is "where the mountains begin" and is the gateway city to many beautiful hiking trails and hundreds of waterfalls located in the Blue Ridge Mountains to our north. We have a lovely, walkable downtown Main Street area with several eateries that draw folk from surrounding areas. And, on Wednesday mornings, we host a gigantic flea market just outside of town that brings folks from across the south. The spring Azalea Festival and the fall Appalachian Folk Festival regularly draw thousands of folks to this town.

There are several PCA area churches, each 30 minutes from Pickens but there is not a reformed presence here.

Several years ago, Clemson Presbyterian church began a community group that met in Pickens. That group has grown into a core group of folks that meet weekly to pray and to work toward a PCA church here. Clemson Presbyterian Church is providing leadership and support as the Mother church and the Calvary Presbytery has granted the group Mission Church status.

Pickens has big needs. The core group wants a church that is IN PICKENS, FOR PICKENS. There is a need for good theology.

A planter in Pickens needs to be committed to God's truth and to reaching the unchurched and the de-churched here, removing all unnecessary barriers to the gospel. He should be committed to engaging the community, believers and unbelievers, with truth, humility, and grace, and must be committed to mercy ministry as a key component of the church.

We are looking for someone with five or more years experience in ministry and with some church planting experience. The planter will be called as an assistant pastor of Clemson Presbyterian church and will report to the CPC Session through the provisional session of the Pickens Church plant, in consultation with the senior pastor.

Population 3,385

Median household income \$58,534

Average home value \$265,275

Median rent \$1,250

Poverty rate 16.7%

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