

**September 29, 2024**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
*19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude** *Morning Chimes* Fun Program Chimes

**Welcome** Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**We Worship Together**

**\*Call to Worship** Steve Cook

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**In speaking, in silence, in movement, in stillness, God is with us.**

God alone saves us. God alone helps us. God alone sets us on the path of peace.

**Let us worship our Helper!**

**\*Hymn** 321 *The Church's One Foundation* (vs. 1,2,5) AURELIA

**Invitation to Confession** (the congregation is seated)

We long to gloss over the messy parts of our stories: the deceit, the anger and the heavy grudges. But nothing is hidden from God. We come before God and one another with complete honesty, naming our sins that we might reclaim our name as God's beloved children.

**Prayer of Confession**

**God, our strength and saviour, you know our great transgressions, our hidden faults, our secret sins. With our hands we grasp at power; with our feet we stumble into evil; with our eyes we look out for ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in your holy way of life and love and peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news: our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. We are a people set free from the harmful patterns of the past for a future God builds in our midst even now. We are whole people who are called to make this world whole, with God's help.

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

**\*Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

**\*Gloria Patri**

**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.**

**Choral Anthem** *How Majestic is Your Name* Smith  
(Fun Program Choir—Harper Helms, tambourine; Peyton Haile, djembe)  
*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth (repeat). O  
Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name; Prince of Peace,  
mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.*

**Children's Message**

**We Receive God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**New Testament Reading** James 5:13-20

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Message** "Sincerity is Scary" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**Affirmation of Faith** *(from Barmen Declaration)*

**As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God's Creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification or sanctification through him.**

**\*Hymn** 451 *Open My Eyes That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

**Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory** *Lead Me, Lord* arr by K. McChesney  
Fun Program Ringers

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here  
below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Accept all that is offered in this place this day, O God. Accept our  
material commitments to build a more peaceable family on this earth and  
in our own communities. Accept our personal commitments to become a  
people who break cycles of hatred and retaliation, in both large-scale and  
everyday ways. Use these gifts, and use us for the rebuilding of a world of  
hope and healing in your name, Amen.**

**We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn** 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** *Shalom* Traditional Hebrew Blessing  
(Fun Program Choir—Mari Burch, triangle; Campbell Harris & Annabelle  
Claytor, handchimes; Madlyn Tinsley, djembe; Ella Morgan, tambourine)  
*Shalom chaverim, Shalom chaverim, Shalom, shalom; L'hitra'ot,  
L'hitra'ot, Shalom, shalom. Farewell dear friends, Farewell dear friends, have  
peace have peace. Till we meet again, Till we meet again, have peace. Have  
peace.*

**\*Postlude** *Traditional Scottish Tune* Traditional  
(Jenny Michaels, organ)

**Please wait until the end of the benediction response by the choir before exiting.**

\*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

**The Church This Week (9/29/2024)**

|       |            |                     |
|-------|------------|---------------------|
| Today | 10:00 a.m. | Church School       |
|       | 11:00 a.m. | Worship             |
| Mon.  | 8:30 a.m.  | MMO                 |
| Tues. | 12:00 p.m. | At Ease             |
|       | 5:00 p.m.  | Christian Education |
|       | 6:00 p.m.  | CBS                 |
| Wed.  | 8:30 a.m.  | MMO                 |
|       | 9:00 a.m.  | CBS                 |
|       | 3:15 p.m.  | Fun Program         |
|       | 5:30 p.m.  | Prayer Meeting      |
|       | 6:00 p.m.  | Chancel Choir       |
| Sun.  | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School       |
|       | 11:00 a.m. | Worship             |

**Prayer List as of September 29, 2024**

Gerry Rogers  
 Ina Coggeshall  
 Gray & Bea Sloop  
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore  
 Bobbie Jones  
 For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses  
 Ruth Jackson  
 B.J. Moore  
 Marion Murphy  
 Edward Tinsley

The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.

**NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

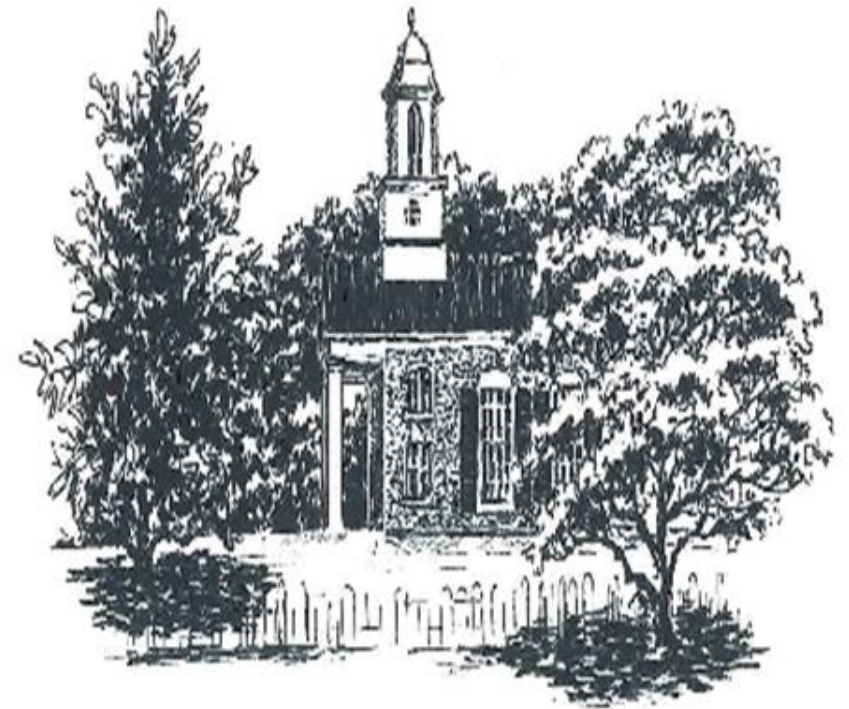
| Date     | Name         | Name           |
|----------|--------------|----------------|
| Sept. 29 | Maggie Lloyd | Rebecca Denham |

If you would like to place flowers or a plant in the sanctuary for worship service, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You can also call or email Cathy Chapman and she can sign you up for a date.

**Monitors Needed:**

Thornwell, First Presbyterian Church, and Pathfinders United, with support from the Malloy Foundation, work together to provide reading help for three Pathfinder children. Thornwell provides the online tutoring and we supply monitors for the children, while they are being tutored. There are several people who do this, but we are in need of additional help. A monitor's role is to make sure the children are online with their tutor and are focused on their reading. The three children who are being tutored this year require very little supervision. However, our presence makes the process easier for students and tutors. If you could find the time to volunteer once or twice a month, it would be helpful. Tutoring takes place from 4:45 - 5:45 pm. Monday through Thursday. If you are able to help, contact Avery Dickson (843) 910-0818 or [presbyeducator@gmail.com](mailto:presbyeducator@gmail.com).

Acolytes for today: Lainey Baker and Jackson Tucker



**Our Vision**

*Rooted by God's Grace,  
 Growing in the Spirit,  
 Reaching Out with Christ's Love*

**Sunday, September 29, 2024**

First Presbyterian Church  
 300 Market Street  
 PO Box 552  
 Cheraw, SC 29520  
 (843) 537-7474  
 Email: [info@cherawfpc.org](mailto:info@cherawfpc.org)

**Session of First Presbyterian Church**

|                       |                      |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Class of 2024</u>  | <u>Class of 2025</u> | <u>Class of 2026</u> |
| Marietta Melton Burch | Kelli Beck           | Mary Anderson        |
| Cathy Chapman         | Avery Dickson        | Andrew McLeod        |
| Dan Tillman, III      | Mary Jane Evans      | Kristen Miller       |
| Charlene Tillman      | Jean Page Watson     | Richard Pierce       |

**The Church Staff**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor     | Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE |
| Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary   |   |
| Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton      | Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO              |
| Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper | Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO                      |
| Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery          | Mrs. Gini Eddins, MMO                       |

**Mission Partners**

Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent, Costa Rica  
 Mrs. Ellen Smith, (mission co-worker) Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Poland