

November 17, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
26th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Burkhardt

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Marietta Melton Burch

Let our hearts exult in the Lord;
our strength is exalted in God.
Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;
God has given us the victory.
There is no Holy One like the Lord;
there is no Rock like our God.
Praise the Lord!

***Hymn 35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)
God promises forgiveness through Jesus Christ. In humility and faith, let us approach God in honest confession.

Prayer of Confession
O God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (*Psalm 34:22*)
People of God, Jesus Christ, who gave himself once and for all, forgives and saves. Therefore, be reconciled to one another, holding fast to the confession of our hope, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 *To God Be the Glory* by Crosby arr. Bock

Children's Message
(children first grade and older need to remain in the sanctuary during worship)

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Daniel 12:1-3
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Mark 13:1-8
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Message "Tongue Tied" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (*from the Confession of Belhar*)
We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

***Hymn 450** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

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 *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach

***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
O God, maker and provider of all, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn 353** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* Monsell

***Postlude** Postlude on "*Blest Are They*" Keesecker

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

Acolytes for today: Brylee Denham and Charlotte Folger.

The flowers are placed in the church today by Steve and Kathie Cook to the Glory of God and in honor of grandchildren Brylee Irene Denham & Laikyn Michael Denham.

The Church This Week (11/17/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	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.	Friendsgiving Meal
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thurs.	6:00 p.m.	Session
Fri.	10:00 a.m.	Decorate church for Christmas
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of November 17, 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
 Friends and families affected by Hurricane Helene

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.

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.

Deadline to order Christmas Poinsettias is today. If you donate on-line please call the church office with the details.

Nursery for November -December

If you are unable to help on the day assigned, please switch with someone. Thank you for your help in this.

November 17	Laura Folger	Jessie Baker/Lainey Baker
November 24	Laura Folger	Cathy Chapman
December 1	Mary Jane Evans	Steve Cook
December 8	Charlene Tillman	Marietta Melton
December 15	Maggie Lloyd	Edward Tinsley
December 22	Brittany Tillman	Heather Tucker
December 29	Alison Chapman	Michael Chapman

Next Sunday, November 24th, is Thornwell Emphasis Sunday. Joseph Murray from Thornwell Home will be presenting a minute for mission during worship.

Christmas Shoe Boxes are due November 24th no later than noon.

PW will be decorating the church for Christmas on November 22nd at 10:00am. Please plan to come and join in the fellowship.

Session of First Presbyterian Church

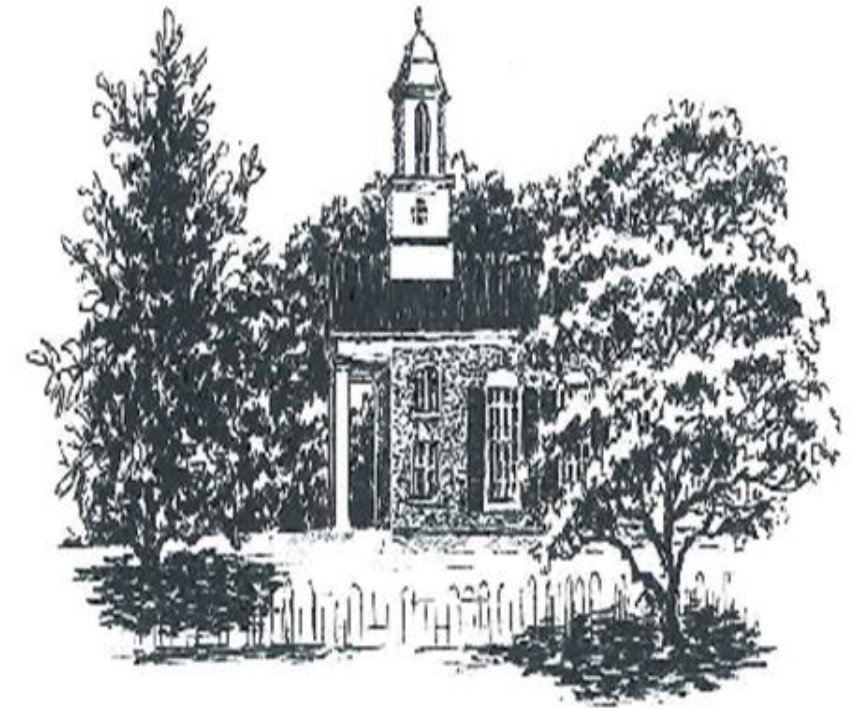
<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Marietta Melton Burch	Kelli Beck	Mary Anderson
Cathy Chapman	Avery Dickson	Andrew McLeod
Dan Tillman, III	Mary Jane Evans	Kristen Miller
Charlene Tillman	Jean Page Watson	Richard Pierce

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
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Mission Partners

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



Our Vision

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

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