

**January 14, 2024**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**2nd Sunday after Epiphany - Ordination/Installation Sunday**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Glaser

**Welcome** Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**We Worship Together**

**\*Call to Worship** Kathie Cook

Where can we go from God's spirit?

**If we ascend to heaven, God is there; if we make our bed in Sheol, God is there.**

If we take the wings of morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**Even there God's hand shall lead us, and God's right hand will hold us fast.**

**\*Hymn** 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

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

Let us approach God with confidence, trusting in God's grace as we humbly confess our sins.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our sins even before we confess. Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challenging. We'd much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in wrongdoing. Help us face our failings so we can move forward in truth. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

"The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. 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.

**We Receive God's Word**

**Children's Message**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** 1 Samuel 3:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** John 1:43-51

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**Message** "Call On Me" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**\*Hymn** 833 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* ST. MARGARET

**Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayer and 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 Anthem** *Blessed Assurance* Andrews  
Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology Hymn** *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night* TALLIS' CANON

**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.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the good news of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.**

**Ordination/Installation of Elders**

Statement on Ordination

Constitutional Questions

Invitation for the Laying on of Hands

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination

Charge to the New Officers

**We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn** 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

**\*Benediction**

**\*Thanking the Class of 2023 Elders**

**\*Welcoming the New Elders**

**\*Benediction Response** *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*  
Chancel Choir AR HYD Y NOS

**\*Postlude** *Rondeau* Mouret

**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

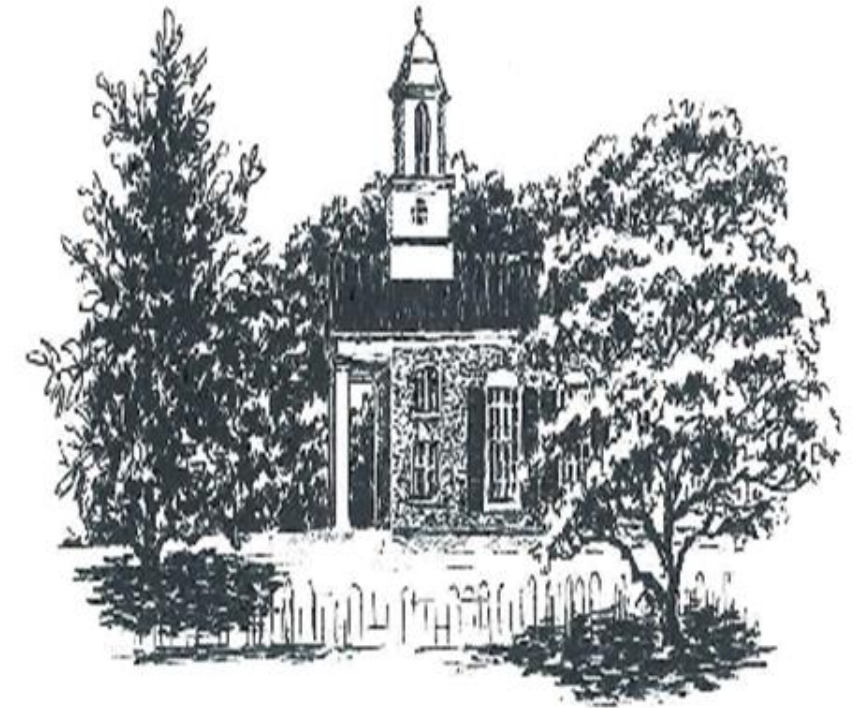
The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joe Witherspoon by Beth Witherspoon.

**The Church This Week (1/14/2024)**

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
Mon.		Office Closed
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Thurs.	6:00 p.m.	Session
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

**Prayer List as of January 14, 2024**

Gerry & Bobby Rogers  
 Ina Coggeshall  
 Gray & Bea Sloop  
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore  
 Beth O'Neal  
 Bobbie Jones  
 Keller Smith  
 Dr. Sue Arledge and her husband, Bob  
 Shenell Malloy (Susan & Bill's daughter-in-law)  
 Edward Tinsley



*Our Vision*

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



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.

Consecration Sunday with a catered meal on Sunday, January 28, 2024.

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.  
 (Refrain) This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long: this is my story, this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (refrain)*

**Session of First Presbyterian Church**

Class of 2023

Gina Goddard  
 John Joyce  
 Christie McLeod  
 Calvin Phillips  
 Charlene Tillman

Class of 2024

Marietta Melton Burch  
 Cathy Chapman  
 Dan Tillman, III

Class of 2025

Kelli Beck  
 Avery Dickson  
 Mary Jane Evans  
 Jean Page Watson

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor  
 Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary  
 Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton  
 Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper  
 Mrs. Mary Gullede, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery

Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE

Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO  
 Mrs. Paige Coates, MMO  
 Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO

Mission Partners

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

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

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