

**January 21, 2024**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**We Worship Together**

**\*Call to Worship**

Elder Charlene Tillman

Silence your scattered thoughts and lay down your distractions.

God calls us here to worship.

**We are here to worship.**

Drop your nets and leave your boats.

God is with us. Jesus calls us.

**We are here to worship.**

Let us worship God together.

**\*Hymn 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (vs. 1, 2, & 3)**

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

Jesus calls to us: change your hearts and change your lives! Repent, and believe the good news. The mercy and forgiveness we have already received enables us to be honest about the places in our lives in need of transformation. Let us confess our sin together.

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy, we confess that we have settled down in Nineveh.**

**We repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. We confess our discomfort in speaking truths that unmask idolatries. Make us ready to follow Jesus, ready to repent, and eager to change our hearts and lives. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. Let us hear your good news again. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

God desires a relationship with us, and reconciliation for all of creation. Jesus comes bearing the good news of forgiveness and transformation. Receive the good news of God's grace: We are forgiven!

**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** Jonah 3:1-5

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** Mark 1:14-20

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Message**

“Fish and Whistle”

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

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

**In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by our siblings in Christ, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

**\*Hymn 370 *This is My Father's World***

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**Minute for Missions** Dr. Beth Johnson Morphis

**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**

**\*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, change our hearts and our lives. Renew us by your good news. Use the gifts we bring for your holy work of transformation, as we seek to go where Jesus leads us. Amen.**

**We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn 625 *O Lord My God* (vs. 1 & 4) HOW GREAT THOU ART**

**\*Benediction**

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

**\*Postlude**

**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 Helen G. Hamden by Cam & Kelli Beck.

We welcome Beth Maier as our guest musician today.

Dr. Elizabeth Johnson Morphis is a native Cheravian and a graduate of Cheraw High. She earned her medical degree at MUSC and has worked as a pediatrician at the Morphis Group for 28 years. She is the mother of twin girls. Dr. Morphis also works with the children of Durant Children's Homes in Florence, Hartsville and Sumter.

**The Church This Week (1/21/2024)**

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Women's Community Bible Study
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Community Bible Study
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

**Prayer List as of January 21, 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



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 next Sunday, January 28, 2024.

The Christian Education Committee of Goodwill Presbyterian Church is celebrating the ministry of Rev. Dr. Franklin Colclough and Rev. Carnell Hampton on February 24, 2024, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Morris College gymnasium. The planning committee extends an invitation to our church members. Tickets will be available until 2/15/24 at \$50.00 per person. Please contact the church office or Dan Tillman (843-703-9005) if interested.

**Women's Community Bible Study**

Meetings will take place weekly beginning on Tuesday, January 23rd at 6pm and again on Wednesday, January 24th at 9am. Both meetings will be in the Ladies Parlor at First Presbyterian Church Cheraw. You can attend either meeting each week, depending on your schedule. We will be using The Bible Year by Magrey Devega. Our goal is to support one another and grow in our faith as we work our way through the Bible. Please reach out to Caroline Streater or Tracie Phillips with questions.

Listed below are links to sign up to volunteer in the nursery, put flowers in the church, and monitor students at Pathfinders. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities. If you are interested, please just click on the proper link. If you need help in signing up, please contact Cathy Chapman.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-nursery#/>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-flowers1#/>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-45315196-pathfinders#/>

Thank you so much,  
 The Christian Education Team  
 The Presbyterian Women  
 The Mission Outreach Team

**Session of First Presbyterian Church**

Class of 2024

Marietta Melton Burch  
 Cathy Chapman  
 Dan Tillman, III  
 Charlene Tillman

Class of 2025

Kelli Beck  
 Avery Dickson  
 Mary Jane Evans  
 Jean Page Watson

Class of 2026

Mary Anderson  
 Andrew McLeod  
 Kristen Miller  
 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. Paige Coates, MMO
Mrs. Mary Gullede, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO

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*

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

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