

April 14, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
3rd Sunday of Easter

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Prelude in Classic Style*

Young

Welcome

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship**

The Lord hears us when we call:

Come, let us put our trust in God.

The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!

The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.

***Hymn** 268 *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

To repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward Christ Jesus. Scripture promises that when we confess, God hears our cries and wipes away our sin. Trusting in God's promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world.

Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.” Children of God, we are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love. Alleluia! 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.**

Anthem *Sound the Trumpet*

Purcell

Mary Louise Baker & Elisa Neal, duet

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 6:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 24:36-48

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message “More Than A Feeling”

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (*Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39*)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** 175 *Seek Ye First*

Lafferty

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *This Little Light of Mine*

Hayes

***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.

Sacrament of Communion
Communion

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music (organ): A Suite of Gregorian Chant Settings

Adoro Te Devote

Lachenauer

Sanctus

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Victory in Jesus*

HARTFORD

(Chancel Choir)

***Postlude** *Recessional*

Young

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 sympathy of the congregation is extended to Bron Long and her family upon the death of her mother, Anne Griffin.

The Church This Week (4/14/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:00 p.m.	VBS Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Women's Community Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Session
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
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

We are excited to announce our 2024 Vacation Bible School! Dive below the surface and build a stronger faith from June 18-20th, 5:30-8 p.m.! ALL ages are welcome! Dinner 5:30p.m.; classes 6-8 p.m.! Our first VBS planning meeting will be this afternoon at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Building.



Prayer List as of April 14, 2024

Gerry & Bobby Rogers
Ina Coggeshall
Gray & Bea Sloop
Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
Bobbie Jones
Dr. Sue Arledge and her husband, Bob
Shenell Malloy (Susan & Bill's daughter-in-law)
Edward Tinsley
Kathie Cook
Penny Angle
Barbara Dickson
For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses

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



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
Mrs. Mary Gullledge, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	

Mission Partners

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

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The church has several volunteer opportunities available, including placing flowers in the sanctuary, providing nursery coverage during Sunday worship, and monitoring students and Pathfinders. If interested, please go to <https://www.cherawfpc.org/signup> and click the appropriate link. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Chapman.

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.