

April 21, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
4th Sunday of Easter

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Jubilate Procession* D. Linda McKechnie
Youth Bells

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Becky Childers

Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful
and in need of comfort,

**Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell
in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

***Hymn** 269 *Lead On O King Eternal!* LANCASHIRE

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

The joy of this Easter season continues as we are called to Word and worship.
Let us pause to confess our sins to our Good Shepherd.

Prayer of Confession

**Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You
welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong.
Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we
evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help
us be faithful as your flock. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the
path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and
testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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 *Jubilate Procession* D. Linda McKechnie
Youth Bells

Children's Message

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Zechariah 10:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Acts 4:5-12

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Message "Shout" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith *(from a Brief Statement of Faith)*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the
reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and
binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for
blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of
human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this
Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin
and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

***Hymn** 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

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 *Est is Das Heil uns Kommen Her* Unknown
(Salvation has come to us)

***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

**Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of
love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share
Christ's love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy
name. Amen.**

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 436 *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*
O QUANTA QUALIA

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* Aguiar
(Chancel Choir)

*The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the
earth a better place to live. Amen.*

***Postlude** *A Mighty Fortress* Held

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 by the congregation in honor of
our minister, Reverend Max Michaels and his wife, Jenny.

The Church This Week (4/21/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	4:00 p.m.	Installation Service
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	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
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Exciting news! Registration is now available online for Vacation Bible School "Dive below the surface and build a stronger faith". ALL ages are welcome! Check out the home page of our church website to register. Also, if you would like to help, there is a sign-up poster on the wall next to my office door. Please consider registering, signing up to help, or both! Due to limited seating, we are accepting the first 150 registrants!

<https://www.cherawfpc.org/>

What: Vacation Bible School

When: June 18-20

Time: 5-8 p.m.

Dinner included! Join me in diving deeper into a relationship with God!



Prayer List as of April 21, 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
 Penny Angle
 Barbara Dickson
 For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses
 Ruth Jackson



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.

Our Vision

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

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
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The Church Staff

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

Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE

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

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