

April 21, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
Installation Service of Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress*

Held

Welcome

Christie McLeod, Ruling Elder
First Presbyterian Church of Cheraw

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship**

Cathy Chapman, Ruling Elder
First Presbyterian Church of Cheraw

(Gal. 3:27; Eph. 4:4)

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

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

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Karen or Melvin Wilkerson, Ruling Elder, G. W. Long

Even as we sing our songs of praise, we are aware of our failings and the ways
we turn from God's Word. Our hope only returns when we offer a confession
of our sins and a desire to rejoin the chorus of God's beloved creation. In one
voice, let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and
claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not
lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We
are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is
time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust
the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.
Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy
Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our
common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Even when we grow weary... Even when we grow tired
and indifferent... Even when we forget the song in our hearts... The Holy
Spirit breathes into the very depths of our being, restoring us to lives that
reflect the profound goodness of God. Friends, we are forgiven. So, let's sing
and give thanks to God!

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

Prayer for Illumination

Melvin or Karen Wilkerson, Ruling Elder
G. W. Long

Old Testament Reading Amos 7:7-15 Melvin Wilkeerson, Ruling Elder
G. W. Long

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

Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13

Rev. Dr. Annette Brewer

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Message

Rev. Dr. Annette Brewer

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 36** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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Call to Offering

Cathy Chapman, Ruling Elder
First Presbyterian Church of Cheraw

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision*

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***Doxology Hymn 606** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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**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

Installation Service

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Gavin Meek

Statement on Installation

Rev. Dr. Gavin Meek

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Rev. Robert Bannan

Constitutional Questions to the Pastor

Rev. Dr. Gavin Meek

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Rev. Robert Bannan

Declaration of Installation

Rev. Dr. Gavin Meek

Charge to the Newly Installed

Rev. Dr. Annette Brewer

Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Dr. Gavin Meek

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn 69** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** *All Creatures of our God and King*

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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!

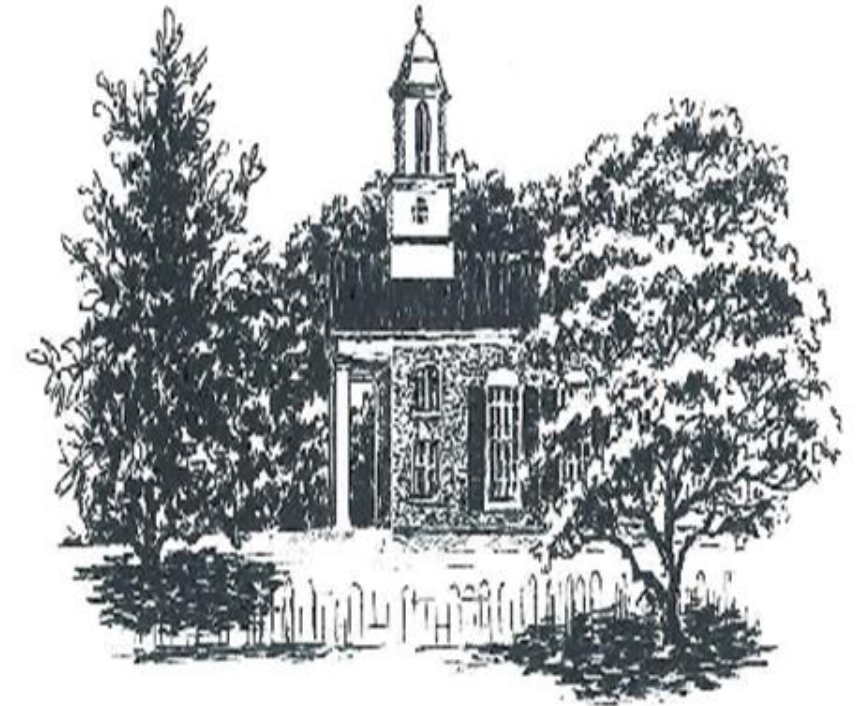
<https://www.cherawfpc.org/>

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.

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. Carolyn S. West, Secretary
 Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton
 Mrs. Armetha Kendall, Housekeeper
 Mrs. Mary Gullede, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery
 Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
 Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director 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

Our Vision

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

Sunday, April 21, 2024

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