

May 19, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
Pentecost & Graduation Sunday

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Here I Am, Lord*

Schutte/Hayes

Welcome

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship**

Elder Kristen Miller

All together in one place;
they heard the rush of a violent wind;
it filled the entire house.
Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;
they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

***Hymn** 804 *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart* (vs. 1-4)

MARION

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

God's Spirit has gathered us for worship. Let us confess our sins and return to God.

Prayer of Confession

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kin-dom to come. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (*Acts 2:21*)

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. 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.**

Choral Anthem *Fly Away*
Chancel Choir

Pink Zebra

Children's Message

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-21

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Tongue Tied"

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (*Nicene Creed*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Hymn** 691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life*

LAND OF REST

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 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Hayes

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here
below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

**You have blessed each of us with gifts to serve and share, Most Generous
God. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kin-
dom and build your beloved community. Amen.**

Recognition of Our Graduates

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 688 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* (1,4,5) MORECAMBE

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *The Blessing*
Chancel Choir

Jobe

***Postlude** *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Keveren

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 David and Mary Jane Evans in honor of the graduates.

The Church This Week (5/19/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Youth
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.		New Harmony Presbytery Meeting-FPC
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of May 19, 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
 Barbara Dickson
 For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses
 Ruth Jackson
 Peggy Hamden Stewart
 Nathan Jewart



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.

Exciting news! Registration is now available online for Vacation Bible School! 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!

We recognize the following graduates during our worship service today: Eva Goddard, who graduated from Cheraw High School & Northeastern Technical College. Katelyn Evans, for completing her Registered Nurse training and certification from Darlington Technical College. Sallie McLeod, for receiving her Masters of Mass Communication from the University of South Carolina & Elizabeth Cox, for receiving her Juris Doctor from Duke University School of Law. Congratulations to these graduates and their families! We are proud of you!

After the worship service, the congregation will share in a reception for our graduates and their families in our fellowship hall. Please join us and share your congratulations with them!"

The Anson Singers & The Anson Youth Choir will present a choral program about "Faith, Fables & Folklore, celebrating the art of storytelling through music", on Sunday, May 19, 3:00 at the First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro, NC. You are invited to attend.

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. 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

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*

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