

**May 26, 2024**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Trinity Sunday**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude** *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* McDonald

**Welcome** Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**We Worship Together**

**\*Call to Worship** Fred Harris

Jesus Said, the way to see God's dream for the world  
**is to be formed from above by the Spirit.**  
The way to take part in that dream, says Jesus,  
**is to be born of water and Spirit.**  
That gift is available this day.

**\*Hymn** 8 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELITA

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

The separation we feel from God's Spirit is not our ultimate reality.  
Acknowledging those things that distract us from God's call on our lives can  
re-center our work, our play, and the flourishing of the community. Let us  
confess responsively that which we may need to acknowledge in order that we  
may live fully.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow  
lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we have stumbled,  
and we recognize our need for you to life us up and help us start again.  
Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you,  
ourselves, and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of  
your Spirit. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** *John 3:16-17*

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who  
believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not  
send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world  
might be saved through him.”

**Thanks be to God. 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** *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* Nichol

**Children's Message**

**We Receive God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 6:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** John 3:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Message** “All Around You” 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** 824 *Near to the Heart of God* MCAFEE

**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** *America, the Beautiful* Ward/Thygeron

**\*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**

**Teach us to give our whole lives to you. May the treasure become not the  
money gathered here but the mission of your love in the world all our  
gifts co-create with you. For the giver, the gift, and the soon gifted, we  
give you thanks and praise. Amen.**

**We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn** 338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* (vs. 1,3) MATERNA

**\*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** *The Star Spangled Banner* McDonald

**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 Welbourne Andrews White, Jr., by his family.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Bill & Susan Malloy in the  
death of their daughter-in-law, Shenell Malloy.

**The Church This Week (5/26/2024)**

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| Today | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School    |
|       | 11:00 a.m. | Worship          |
| Mon.  |            | Office Closed    |
| Tues. | 6:00 p.m.  | Comm Bible Study |
| Sun.  | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School    |
|       | 11:00 a.m. | Worship          |

**Prayer List as of May 26, 2024**

Gerry & Bobby Rogers  
 Ina Coggeshall  
 Gray & Bea Sloop  
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore  
 Bobbie Jones  
 Dr. Sue Arledge and her husband, Bob  
 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.

**Summer Schedule**

The church office will be closed on Mondays beginning in June.

Carolyn, church secretary, will work on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Weiz will be in her office Tuesday through Friday.

Rev. Max will be in his office Tuesday through Friday.

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!



*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  
 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 Gullede, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery

Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE

Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO  
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Mission Partners

Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent, Costa Rica  
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**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

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