

June 2, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Kartsonakis

Welcome

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship**

We come together to observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

We come together to praise God with festive songs and shouts of joy!

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

We come together to hear the voice of our Savior calling us to compassion.

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

We come together to experience the abundance of God's grace.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

NICAEA

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

In the midst of busy lives, our time of corporate confession gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on how we spend our time. Have we dedicated ourselves to loving others? Have we spent our energy on things that bring life to us and those around us? Christ invites us to bring our best and worst to him in prayer, that he might offer us his healing and his peace. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Lord of Life, you call us to rest, but we are too busy working. You call us to offer rest to others, but we are too busy demanding. You call us to remember that you are always at work in our lives, but we are too busy worrying. Forgive our constant striving and our obsession with work. Remind us that our value comes from you, not from anything we produce or how productive we appear to others. Teach us the rhythms of your grace, and grant us rest for our weary souls. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Christ lifts the heavy burdens of sin and frees us for new life in his name. Trust that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 5:12-15

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "A Little Light"

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

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

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***Hymn 828** *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem *Children's Medley*

Ham

***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.

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

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn 517** *Here, O Our Lord We See You* (vs. 1-3) MORECAMBE

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Where He Leads Me* NORRIS
Chancel Choir

Where He leads me I will follow, where He leads me I will follow, where He leads me I will follow; I'll go with Him, with Him all the way. Amen.

***Postlude** *Toccata in E Minor* Pachelbel

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 Church This Week (6/2/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.		Office Closed
Tues.	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Comm Bible Study
Thurs.	5:30 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of June 2, 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

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Marietta Melton Burch
 Cathy Chapman
 Dan Tillman, III
 Charlene Tillman

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 Avery Dickson
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The Church Staff

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 Mrs. Mary Gullede, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery

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