

June 9, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Manz

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** David Brabham

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord.

Holy One, hear my voice.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits.

In God's word I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

For with the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

***Hymn** 363 *Rejoice, the Lord is King!* DARWALL'S 148TH

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

If God kept track of sins, who would stand a chance? But with God, there is forgiveness. May God hear our request for mercy.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we try to hide from your presence, knowing that we have traded your abundant life for a wasteland of sin. We have not followed your will but instead heeded other voices and pursued our own desires at the expense of others. We are so misguided that we cannot discern good from evil, making the wrong choice, and choosing the wrong side. We ask for the courage to tell you truthfully what we have done. We pray for forgiveness so that we can live with ourselves, with others, and with you. You alone can restore us. In steadfast love, look upon us and reclothe us in your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Brothers and sisters, do not lose heart. We are being renewed day by day through the grace of Christ extended to us.

Thanks be 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.

Children's Message

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Genesis 3:8-15

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Wordy Rappinghood" 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. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn** 629 *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee* (vs. 1,3,5) ST. AGNES

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 Anthem *The Cuckoo* D'Aquin

***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

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 462 *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY

***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** *Trumpet Tune I* McCabe

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 Glenn (Bud) Anderson, Jr. by his family.

The Church This Week (6/9/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	5:00 p.m.	CE Meeting
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Comm Bible Study
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Mission Outreach Team Meeting
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

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.



Prayer List as of June 9, 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



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.

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!

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
 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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