

June 16, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
4th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *This is My Father's World*

Keveren

Welcome

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship**

Buddy Brooks

Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:

The kingdom of God is growing.

While we sleep and rise night and day:

The kingdom of God is growing.

The low are brought high; the high are brought low:

The kingdom of God is growing,

its large branches are home to all kinds of people!

***Hymn** *Rise Up O Men of God* (insert)

FESTAL SONG

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

God will not count our trespasses against us, longing instead for us to be reconciled. We come before God, then, in honesty, humility, and hope.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us.

Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you

have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how

you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and

purposes - fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of

reconciliation; beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs;

building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous

nests. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach our

fullest height of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

We are ambassadors for Christ, for God has reconciled us through him!

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 Ezekiel 17:22-24

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Foggy Mountain Breakdown"

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** *Faith of our Fathers!* (insert)

ST. CATHERINE

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 Old Hymn Favorites

Dr. Raymond M. Harris & Weiz Baker, duet

***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

Life-giving God, we know that you will accomplish everything you

purpose. Accept, we pray, these offerings from our hands. May they

contribute to what you are doing so that life may flourish. In Jesus' name,

we pray. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 370 *This is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

***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 II*

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 by the Rogers Family in loving memory of Robert Rogers, IV, and in honor of all fathers.

The Church This Week (6/16/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Tues.	5:00 p.m.	VBS
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Comm Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	VBS
Thurs.	5:00 p.m.	VBS
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of June 16, 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.

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.

Vacation Bible School - June 18-20 - 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

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Marietta Melton Burch	Kelli Beck	Mary Anderson
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