

**June 23, 2024**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude** *Praise the Almighty* Phillips

**Welcome** Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**We Worship Together**

**\*Call to Worship** Elder Marietta Melton Burch

God alone laid the foundations of the earth.

**The morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.**

From the midst of the whirlwind, God speaks with power.

**We have seen the deeds of the Lord, who commands and raises the stormy wind and also makes the storm be still.**

**We ourselves have seen the wondrous deeds of the Lord!**

**\*Hymn** 730 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* GRAND ISLE

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

Do not accept the grace of God in vain, for God has said: At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you. Let us confess our sins before God, who will listen and help us in our weakness.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Saving God, we confess that our faith is too small, our fear is too great.**

**When we are overwhelmed, we think you do not care enough for us.**

**When life is uncertain and risky, we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts. Even when you move among us in powerful ways, we question who you are. Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray. Teach us to trust in your power to save and guide us in every circumstance. Grant us your peace, which is clearly beyond our understanding. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Christ offers peace to our troubled souls. Believe this One whom even the wind and the sea obey. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**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** Job 38:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**New Testament Reading** Mark 4:35-41

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Message** "Float On" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**Affirmation of Faith** *(The Apostles' Creed)*

**We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** 835 *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* CLOSER WALK

**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** *Ev'rytime I Feel the Spirit* Kartsonakis

**\*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**

**How grateful we are, O God, that you call us to serve with the Holy Spirit, who fills us with patience and generosity and genuine love. We pray that all we return to you will be used faithfully in ministry to the world. In the name of Christ, we ask it. Amen.**

**We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn** 724 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* ANGEL'S STORY

**\*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** *Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Herr* Walther

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 Jane Pope Faires by David & Mary Jane Evans.

**The Church This Week (6/23/2024)**

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| Today  | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School    |
|        | 11:00 a.m. | Worship          |
| Tues.  | 6:00 p.m.  | Comm Bible Study |
| Thurs. | 6:00 p.m.  | Session          |
| Sun.   | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School    |
|        | 11:00 a.m. | Worship          |

**Prayer List as of June 23, 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.

**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

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| Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor                | Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE |
| Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary              |   |
| Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton                 | Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO              |
| Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper            | Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO                      |
| Mrs. Mary Gulledge, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery |   |

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*

**Sunday, June 23, 2024**

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