

June 30, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
6th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *God Will Take Care of You*

Berry

Welcome

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship**

Steve Cook

We trust that the Lord is with us

and all shall be made well.

Our faith is the light that guides us
through work, life and the world.

Rejoice and know that God is here.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord.

***Hymn** 139 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

We call on the Lord from the depths of our pain. We wait for the Lord on the strength of our hope. Faithfully, let us confess our sins and trust in God to bring us new life and new ways of living.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, forgive us, for in the busy-ness of our lives we have forgotten to seek you. Instead of looking at the glory of every single miracle around us – from the beauty of the flowers to the turning of the leaves – we have focused on completing our own tasks. We have asked for miracles, but we haven't asked for you. Help us see what you have already given us and to see all people as you see them. When we think all is lost, remind us how your forgiveness comes like the morning, leading us out of the darkness every time. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Great is God's faithfulness! With God there is forgiveness and great power to redeem.

God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

God has turned our mourning to dancing, forgiving us fully and freely.

Our souls will not be silent. As forgiven people, we will praise the Lord!

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

("children first grade and older need to remain in the sanctuary during worship".)

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Lamentations 3:22-33

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Mark 5:21-43

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Human Touch"

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith *(from A 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** 341 *Blessed Assurance*

ASSURANCE

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 Chancel Choir

***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

Lord God, let these offerings help us all along our paths and let them be useful in following our faith and helping our church. May our minds, souls, and bodies help to serve you. Let our gifts and kindness help not only You but our friends, our community and our world. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 404 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** Chancel Choir

***Postlude** *The Solid Rock*

Hayes

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 (6/30/2024)

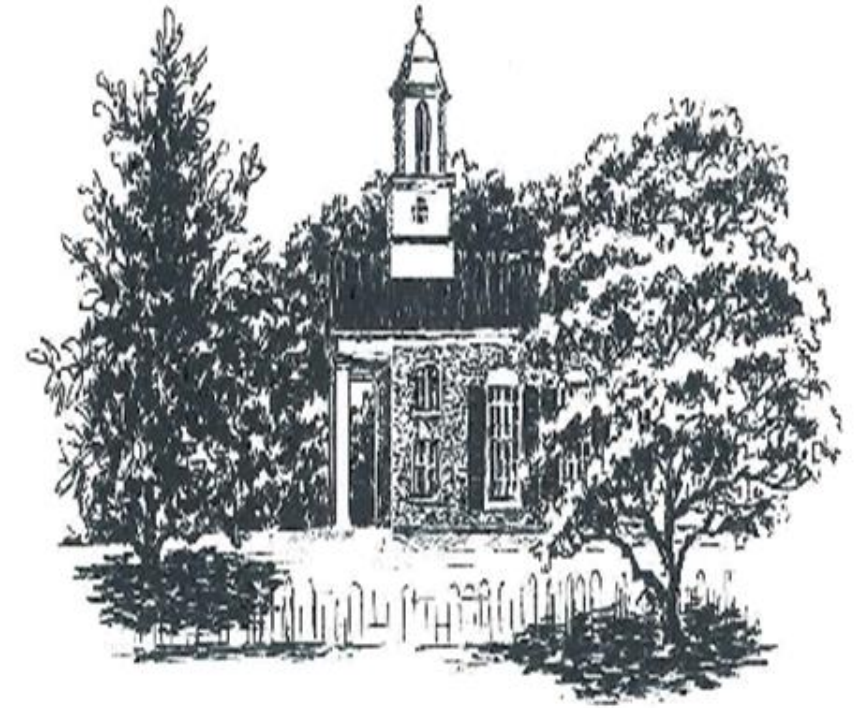
Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Comm Bible Study
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of June 30, 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
 Tom Sheeler

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Name	Name
June 23	Jesse Baker	
June 30	Maggie Barton	Heather Tucker
July 7	Mary Jane Evans	Laura Katherine Folger
July 14	Alison Chapman	Edward Tinsley
July 21	Shelley Morgan	Rebecca Denham
July 28	Jesse Baker	Brittany Tillman
August 4	Maggie Barton	Heather Tucker
August 11	Maggie Loyd	Laura Katherine Folger
August 18	Shelley Morgan	Rebecca Denham
August 25	Alison Chapman	Edward Tinsley
Sept. 1	Jesse Baker	
Sept. 8	Maggie Barton	Heather Tucker
Sept. 15	Cathy Chapman	Laura Katherine Folger
Sept. 22	Alison Chapman	Edward Tinsley
Sept. 29	Maggie Loyd	Rebecca Denham



Our Vision

*Rooted by God's Grace,
 Growing in the Spirit,
 Reaching Out with Christ's Love*



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

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Marietta Melton Burch	Kelli Beck	Mary Anderson
Cathy Chapman	Avery Dickson	Andrew McLeod
Dan Tillman, III	Mary Jane Evans	Kristen Miller
Charlene Tillman	Jean Page Watson	Richard Pierce

The Church Staff

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 Gullede, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	

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