

July 7, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
7th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Howe

Welcome

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship**

Elder Andrew McLeod

We come from the day-to-day busyness of our lives.

We come with cares and worries, joys and celebrations.

Let us set it all aside and enter this time of worship.

May our hearts and minds be open to what God might say to us this day.

Trusting always in the Spirit to meet us,

let us gather to worship God!

***Hymn** 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

When we gather to worship God, we must first be honest with ourselves. We are not who God has called us to be as a people. We have not cared for others in every instance. We have made many mistakes. Let us unburden ourselves and confess our sins, knowing that God awaits to forgive and renew.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we live in the tension of what we are called to be and our lived reality. We often fall short of the good we intend, and our growing in the likeness of Christ is painfully slow at best. Forgive us, we pray. Offer us the peace that passes all understanding so that we might be forgiven and begin anew. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! The old life is gone, a new life has begun. You are not who you were, may you live into who you can be. Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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 Ezekiel 2:1-5

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Mark 6:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Homesick"

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** 337 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

AMERICA

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem *A Call to Prayer*

Powell

***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

Be Thou My Vision

Wood

The Lord's My Shepherd

Wood

Jesus the Very Thought of Thee

Diemer

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 687 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST ANNE

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

God Bless America
Chancel Choir

Berlin

***Postlude** *Onward, Christian Soldiers*

Sullivan

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

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

The Church This Week (7/7/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	CBS
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of July 7, 2024

Gerry & Bobby Rogers
 Ina Coggeshall
 Gray & Bea Sloop
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
 Bobbie Jones
 Edward Tinsley
 Barbara Dickson
 For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses
 Ruth Jackson
 Peggy Hamden Stewart
 Tom Sheeler
 B.J. Moore



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.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Name	Name
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*

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. Arneha Kendall, Housekeeper
 Mrs. Mary Gullledge, 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
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