

July 21, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
9th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Someone's Singing, Lord*, from "Kum Bah Yah" Behnke

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Tom Hammer

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Lord, we come to worship you, seeking sabbath rest.

Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Lord, we come to worship you, to listen for your teachings and to seek rest for our souls.

Jesus said, "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Lord, we come to worship you, that we might serve you faithfully.

Give thanks to God; bless God's name!

For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

***Hymn** 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Even our best intentions go awry when we are not at one with God's purpose. Our gracious God journeys with us and provides for us with unending mercy, patience, and kindness so that when we repent, we find ourselves forgiven. Let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God, we confess that we run ourselves ragged. We are busy and preoccupied with so many things. We neglect to be still and know that you are God. Even our sabbath time can be filled with "busyness." Forgive us, Lord, for not accepting your gift and guidance of rest and restoration. Help us to put on the yoke of Jesus and walk in the way he models for us, mindful of our spiritual health and responding with compassion to the needs of our neighbors. Loving God, thank you for Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, who makes us complete in everything good so that we may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight. We pray through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace. Our Master's touch heals us, and his shed blood is our salvation. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. **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.

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 2 Samuel 7:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "All Over Again" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith *(from A Declaration of Faith)*

We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever. We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace.

***Hymn** 627 *I Love You, Lord* I LOVE YOU, LORD
(sing the verse 2 times)

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 *His Eye is on the Sparrow* 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

God of grace and God of glory, we thank you for your generous blessings which enrich our lives. Help us to be good stewards of all you give. May we freely give with generous hearts, even as we have received what you have so freely given us, Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift. Amen.

Reception of New Members

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 300 *We are One in the Spirit* THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing* SICILIAN MARINERS

***Postlude** *God of Grace* Manz

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 (7/21/2024)

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 21, 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

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Name	Name
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.

During the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 18, we will host Kris Houser and his bluegrass band, "The Longleaf Social Club." Enjoy some old hymn favorites and join us for worship!"

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. Arneatha 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
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