

July 28, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
10th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Phoenix Processional* Locklair

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Elder Charlene Tillman

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

and all your faithful shall bless you.

The Lord upholds all who are falling

and raises up all who are bowed down.

You open your hand,

satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is just and kind,

The Lord is near to all who call on God.

***Hymn** 802 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ST COLUMBIA

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

We have been called to love our God with all of our heart, mind, strength and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

Prayer of Confession

God of wonder, Lord of King David and of the Son, the Messiah, David's greater son, we confess our sins and pray for your help so that we can truly repent and turn from evil. Deliver us from the temptation to hide from you, to lie to you, or to excuse ourselves because of the harm we have done to others. Forgive us for our curse we have brought upon the earth. Restore your creation to full health and feed the multitudes from the abundance of your merciful power. Grow in us a deeper desire to love Christ with the fullness of your love, and to glorify him, along with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel – God's radical forgiving, transforming and justice-seeking love will not let us go, and is ever bringing resurrection and new life. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own. Thanks be to God!

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 Kings 4:42-44

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading John 6:1-21

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Come Sail Away" 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** 701 *Lord, Prepare Me* SANCTUARY
(sing 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 *Poor Wayfaring Stranger* Althouse
(Elisa Neal & 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

O God, creator of rain and sun and soil, ruler of nations, thank you for the abundance of the earth. We know there is enough food to feed everyone alive today; we are grateful that there are cures for the most common diseases; we praise you for the witness of Jesus Christ, who showed no lust for power or riches. Fill the world with the Spirit of Christ so that food, medicine, and peace flow as freely as the river of life from the throne of the Lamb. Bless our offerings so that we can follow where Christ leads, freeing the wealth of nations for the service of the kingdom. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Reception of New Members

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 774 *There is Now a New Creation* STUTTGART

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude** *Come, Christians Join to Sing* Hustad

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 by Dal & Debra Luke.

The Church This Week (7/28/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	CBS
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of July 28, 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.

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!"

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Name	Name
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. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper
 Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery

Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE

Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO
 Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO

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