

August 4, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
11th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Hayes

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Eva Goddard

Let us live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called,
Let us live with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.
Let us worship God!

***Hymn** *This is the Day* (insert) THIS IS THE DAY

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!
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.**

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading John 6:24-35

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "What Is Life" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith *(from Colossians 1:15-20)*

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Jesus Christ is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

***Hymn** 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADERS' HYMN

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem *Invention No. 14 in B-Flat Major, BWV 785* J.S. Bach

***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 *In Remembrance of Me* Courtney/Red
(Jackson Tucker, clarinet)

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*
SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude** *God Will Take Care of You* Berry

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 (8/4/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Tues.	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	6:00 p.m.	CBS
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of August 4, 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.

At Ease will meet on Tuesday, August 6, at 12:00 noon.

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
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	Jessie 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*

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