

August 11, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
12th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude Prelude & Fugato on on "*Fairest Lord Jesus*" Young

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Sam Baker, Sr.

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** 260 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Our sins and shortcomings are not permanent obstacles to God. Grace and forgiveness are freely given. Let us take this opportunity to humbly approach our God and confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Christ calls us to stand with the least and the last, but we cling to power and privilege. We fear worldly consequences for faithful action. We fail to follow where Christ leads, making excuses for ourselves, for our silence in the face of oppression, for our lack of action. Forgive us, God, and help us risk following where Christ calls. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God's love is sure and steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven and return to right relationship with 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.**

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 1 Kings 19:4-8

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading John 6:35, 41-51

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Life Itself" 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** 769 *For Everyone Born* FOR EVERYONE BORN

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 *Adagio* Vivaldi

***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

**The bounty of summer is upon us. God's table is filled with a feast
beyond our wildest dreams. We are grateful to be God's welcome guest.
May the gifts we give during this offering bless others as we have been
blessed. Amen.**

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 838 *Standing on the Promises of God* PROMISES
(vs. 1,4)

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude** *Recessional* Young

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 (8/11/2024)

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 August 11, 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 next 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 11	Maggie Lloyd	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 Lloyd	Rebecca Denham



Our Vision

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

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