

September 1, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
15th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Sarabande* Mendelssohn

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Kathie Cook

Who may abide in the presence of God?

Who may live on God's holy mountain?

All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

All those who speak truth from their heart.

***Hymn** 511 *Come, Behold the Feast of Heaven* LLANFAIR

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting; God's grace never changes. Therefore, we come together to confess our sin, trusting that in Christ, we have already been forgiven:

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by orphans and widows on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts, and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, do not despair: God renews us by the word of truth, that we might become the first fruits of God's creation. In the name of 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.**

Choral Anthem *How Can I Keep From Singing* arr. Althouse
Traditional Quaker

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading James 1:17-27

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Something Good Can Work" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith *(from the Barmen Declaration)*

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God's Creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification or sanctification through him.

***Hymn** 517 *Here, O Our Lord, We See You* MORECAMBE

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Pastorale* Karg-Elert

***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 *Oceans* (Where Feet May Fail) Crocker/Houston
Mary Louise Baker - Solo

You call me out upon the waters

The great unknown where feet may fail

And there I find You in the mystery

In oceans deep my faith will stand

(Refrain) *And I will call upon Your Name*

And keep my eyes above the waves

When oceans rise

My soul will rest in Your embrace

For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters

Your sovereign hand will be my guide

Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me

You've never failed and You won't start now

(Refrain)

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders

Let me walk upon the waters

Wherever You would call me

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander

And my faith will be made stronger

In the presence of my Savior (Refrain)

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 757 *Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** 748 *Go With Us Lord* TALLIS' CANON

***Postlude** *Trumpet Tune* 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 (9/1/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.		Office Closed
Tues.	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	5:00 p.m.	Christian Education
	6:00 p.m.	CBS
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	MMO Open House
	9:00 a.m.	CBS
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

If you would like to place flowers or a plant in the sanctuary for worship service, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You can also call or email Cathy Chapman and she can sign you up for a date.

New address for Ruth Jackson is:
 700 Devega Dr. Unit H10A
 Presbyterian Community
 Lexington, SC 29073-9558



Prayer List as of September 1, 2024

Gerry & Bobby Rogers
 Ina Coggeshall
 Gray & Bea Sloop
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
 Bobbie Jones
 Edward Tinsley
 For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses
 Ruth Jackson
 B.J. Moore
 Marion Murphy

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.

Our Vision

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

Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Marietta Melton Burch	Kelli Beck	Mary Anderson
Cathy Chapman	Avery Dickson	Andrew McLeod
Dan Tillman, III	Mary Jane Evans	Kristen Miller
Charlene Tillman	Jean Page Watson	Richard Pierce

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Name	Name
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

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary	
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton	Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO
Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper	Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO
Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	

Mission Partners

Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
 Mrs. Ellen Smith, (mission co-worker) Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Poland

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