

September 8, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
Rally Day

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Let All Things Now Living* Hayes

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Penelope Angle

Our merciful God, maker of us all,
pleads the cause of the poor and afflicted.
Open our hearts to demonstrate God's grace
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Hymn** 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)
God knows us completely. God knows our hearts and discerns our thoughts.
Let us then confess what we carry within us that does not honor God or God's
path of righteousness.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. 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.

Choral Anthem *Draw Us In, the Spirit's Tether* Friedell

Children's Message

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 35:4-7

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading James 2:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Who Are You" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (*Book of Common Worship; Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39*)
We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** 722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* CANONBURY

Minute for Mission PADD Elder Avery Dickson

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 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Hayes

***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

Holy God, how often we take for granted all that we have. How often we fail to recognize how blessed we are. Take these gifts we give in response to your generosity and use them to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 702 *Christ Be Beside Me* BUNESSAN

***Benediction**

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

***Postlude** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* Hayes

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 sympathy of the congregation is extended to Kim Cauthen and her family upon the death of her father, Mr. Barry Douglas Hydrick.

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.

The Church This Week (9/8/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Rally Day
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	CBS
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	9:00 a.m.	CBS
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	5:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Mission Outreach
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of September 8, 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.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Name	Name
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 Session has called a congregational meeting to convene during the service of worship on Sunday, September 22, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the church at large to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee. The Session will recommend two (2) names and nominees from the congregation will be entertained providing those members have been notified and are willing to serve.

This morning we will take a special offering for **PADD (Presbyterian Agency for the Developmentally Disabled)**. PADD, located in Florence and started by the Presbytery of New Harmony, has three residential facilities for persons with developmental issues. Two of the residences are for women and one for men. Grants and donations keep this ministry alive for these special needs children of God. Open your hearts and wallets and help this ministry continue to thrive.

Monitors Needed:

Thornwell, First Presbyterian Church, and Pathfinders United, with support from the Malloy Foundation, work together to provide reading help for three Pathfinder children. Thornwell provides the online tutoring and we supply monitors for the children, while they are being tutored. There are several people who do this, but we are in need of additional help. A monitor's role is to make sure the children are online with their tutor and are focused on their reading. The three children who are being tutored this year require very little supervision. However, our presence makes the process easier for students and tutors. If you could find the time to volunteer once or twice a month, it would be helpful. Tutoring takes place from 4:45 - 5:45 pm. Monday through Thursday. If you are able to help, contact Avery Dickson (843) 910-0818 or presbyeducator@gmail.com.

Session of First Presbyterian Church

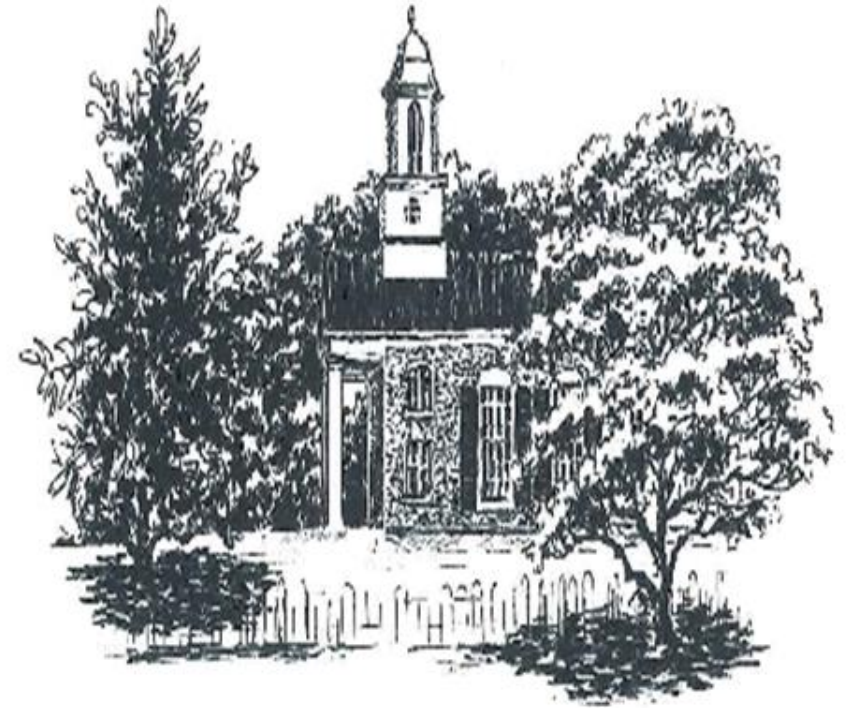
<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Marietta Melton Burch	Kelli Beck	Mary Anderson
Cathy Chapman	Avery Dickson	Andrew McLeod
Dan Tillman, III	Mary Jane Evans	Kristen Miller
Charlene Tillman	Jean Page Watson	Richard Pierce

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	Mrs. Gini Eddins, MMO

Mission Partners

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



Our Vision

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

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