

**September 22, 2024**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude** *Prelude in Classic Style* Young

**Welcome** Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**We Worship Together**

**\*Call to Worship** John Long

Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,  
**And meditate on God's word day and night.**  
They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
**Which yield their fruit in its season.**  
Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength

**\*Hymn** 49 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

**Invitation to Confession** (the congregation is seated)  
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

**Prayer of Confession**  
**Holy God, in the face of sin, our gravest enemy, we call to for help. You know our fault before we speak. Forgive us for what we have done in opposition to your will. Forgive us for those things we have not undertaken and for which we know our wrong. We have not loved you and our neighbors as we ought. We have denied our dependence on you. Lead us away from this grief and sorrow. Save us so that we may fulfill our vows to you and attend to the needs of your people. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. As far as the East is from the West, God has removed our transgressions from us. Walk in the newness of life.

**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** *With Songs of Rejoicing*, by J.S. Bach, arr. by Hopson  
*With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord; For He has done marvelous things!*  
*Break forth into joy. With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord; For He has done marvelous things!*  
*His praises the lyre and the trumpet employ. The floods clap their hands, and the hills sing for joy.*  
*The seas with their roaring speak praise to His name.*  
*With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord; For He has done marvelous things!*  
*Break forth into joy. With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord.*  
*Come make a joyful noise sing to the Lord Alleluia! Sing Alleluia!*

**Children's Message**

**We Receive God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** Jeremiah 11:18-20  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

**New Testament Reading** James 3:13-4:3, 7-8  
This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Message** "Them Changes" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**Affirmation of Faith** *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*  
**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen**

**\*Hymn** 801 *The Lord's My Shepherd* CRIMOND

**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** *Adoro Te Devote* Gregorian Chant arr. Lachenauer

**\*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**  
**Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you as an expression of our gratitude and love. May they be used to nurture wisdom, foster peace, and serve those in need. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to embody the spirit of humility and service that Christ has witnessed among us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* (insert) WEBB

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** 545 *Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace* LAND OF REST

**\*Postlude** *Allegro Maestoso*, from Symphony No. II Mendelssohn

**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 (9/22/2024)**

Today	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	CBS
	6:00 p.m.	ONC Meeting
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	9:00 a.m.	CBS
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	5:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

**Prayer List as of September 22, 2024**

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

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. 22	Alison Chapman	Edward Tinsley
Sept. 29	Maggie Lloyd	Rebecca Denham

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 Session has called a congregational meeting to convene during the worship service today 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.

**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](mailto:presbyeducator@gmail.com).

Acolytes for today: Charlie and Sam Phillips

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

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Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
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Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton	Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO
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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*

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**

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