

October 13, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
21st Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Rondeau* Mouret

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Fred Harris

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of gods,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn 645** *Sing Praise to God* MIT FREUDEN ZART

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Trusting in God's gracious mercy through Jesus Christ, let us confess the sin that separates us from God and our neighbors. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, "Come, follow me." Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus's call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens: Jesus, God's Son, our Saviour. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

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 *The King of Love, My Shepherd Is*

Ancient Irish Melody arr. by Dan Forrest

*The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I
nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever. Where streams of living
water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth, And where the verdant pastures
grow, With food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet
in love He sought me, and on His shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing
brought me. The King of love my Shepherd is, my Shepherd is the King of
love; and so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good
Shepherd may sing Thy praise Within Thy house, within Thy house, forever,
within Thy house forever. Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy
house forever.*

Children's Message

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Mark 10:17-31

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Time After All" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith *(from A Declaration of Faith)*

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

***Hymn 626** *As the Deer* AS THE DEER

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 *Simple Gifts* Traditional Shaker
(Jenny Michaels & Weiz Baker, duet)

***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

Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. As we present our offerings today, give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may always follow Jesus in what we say and do. Help us to remember that every generous act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, from you, our heavenly Father. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* TOPLADY

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Baker

***Postlude** *The Rejoicing* Callahan

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

Acolytes for today: Grace Tillman and Cloie Tillman

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today by Ina Coggeshall in loving memory of Ted Coggeshall and grandson, Caleb.

The Church This Week (10/13/2024)

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| Today | 10:00 a.m. | Church School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| 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 |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| Thurs. | 6:00 p.m. | Session |
| Sun. | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |

Prayer List as of October 13, 2024

Gerry 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
 Friends and families affected by Hurricane Helene

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.

Trunk or Treat October 23 at 5:30.
 We will have a hot dog supper at 6:00.
 Decorate your trunk, bring lots of treats, and come join the fun.

Coats Needed to Help Those in Need

We need new or gently used children and adult coats for the ABBA House coat drive on October 20. You can bring coats or donations to the church no later than October 13. Members of the Mission Outreach Team will deliver the coats to the ABBA House. Questions? Contact Mary Jane Evan

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.

All Saints Day 2024 is a day for giving thanks for all the great people of faith who have gone before us. Forms for All Saints' Day 2024 are located on the table in the Narthex.

Nursery for October -December

If you are unable to help on the day assigned, please switch with someone. Thank you for your help in this.

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| October 13 | Lainey Baker | Jessie Baker |
| October 20 | Maggie Barton | Kelli Beck |
| October 27 | Jean Page Watson | Mary Jane Evans |
| November 3 | Maggie Barton | Cathy Chapman |
| November 10 | Alison Chapman | Brittany Tillman |
| November 17 | Laura Folger | Jessie Baker/Lainey Baker |
| November 24 | Laura Folger | Cathy Chapman |
| December 1 | Mary Jane Evans | Steve Cook |
| December 8 | Charlene Tillman | Marietta Melton |
| December 15 | Maggie Lloyd | Edward Tinsley |
| December 22 | Brittany Tillman | Heather Tucker |
| December 29 | Alison Chapman | Michael Chapman |

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

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| <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

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| 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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