

October 20, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Jesus Loves Me* Bradbury, arr. by Olstad
Jack Ficklin, saxophone; Weiz Baker, piano

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Kristen Miller

The Lord is our dwelling place,
a home of peace and plenty.
The Lord is our dwelling place,
a refuge when trouble is near.
The Lord is our dwelling place,
a temple that will stand forever.

***Hymn** 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* UNSER HERRSCHER

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)
Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us embrace this time of confession with honesty and humility.

Prayer of Confession
Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.
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 *It is Well With My Soul* Bliss, arr. by Olstad
Jack Ficklin, saxophone

Children's Message

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 53:4-12
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Mark 10:35-45
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Message "By Your Side" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith *(from Book of Common Worship; Philippians 2:5-11)*
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

***Hymn** 819 *Be Still My Soul* FINLANDIA

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 *Were You There?* Traditional American, arr. by Olstad
Jack Ficklin, saxophone; Jackson Tucker, drums; Weiz Baker, piano

***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, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 658 *God Is So Good*

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* by Baker
(Chancel Choir)

***Postlude** *March Slav* by Grieg
(Jenny Michaels, organ)

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: MaKenlee Foote and Junuh Foote

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Harold and Debbie Watson.

A special thanks to Jack Ficklin, saxophonist, for being with us in worship today in honor of Jazz Sunday.

The Church This Week (10/20/2024)

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

Prayer List as of October 20, 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 serve hot dogs at 6:00. Decorate your trunk, bring lots of treats, and come join the fun.

A Pancake Supper Fundraiser for our summer mission trip to Massanetta will be held on Wednesday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Mission Outreach Team.

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 – Sunday, November 3, 2024

All Saints Day 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.

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

<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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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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