

October 27, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
Reformation Sunday

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *A Mighty Fortress*

Held

Welcome

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship**

Jean Page Watson

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Amen.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge

Let us worship the living God!

***Hymn 275** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

EIN FESTE BURG

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

As we worship the living God, we remember all those who have walked this life of faith before us. They remind us not only of our triumphs, but also of our failures to be the people God has called and created us to be. With confidence that God is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, let us confess our sins:

Prayer of Confession *(a prayer by Martin Luther)*

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.

Hear and believe this good news! In 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 *Sing Dem Herrn* (Sing to the Lord)

Praetorius/Traditional German

Sing dem Herrn, Alleluia!

Alle lieben ihn. Lobe seinen namen!

Singet mit tambourin und harfe!

Translation:

Sing to the Lord, Alleluia!

All love Him. Praise His name!

Sing with tambourine and harp!

Children's Message

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Mark 10:46-52

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message “I Saw the Light”

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith *(from the Heidelberg Catechism)*

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***Hymn 310** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

ST. THOMAS

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 *Abide With Me*

Whitworth

***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

O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn 624** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*
(vs. 1, 3, 5)

TOULON

***Benediction**

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

Baker

***Postlude** *Toccatto in D Minor, BWV 565*

J.S. Bach

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: Campbell Harris and Madlyn Tinsley

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today in loving memory of Bobby Rogers by Bryan, Bryan Jr., Jane, and Mary Crawford.

Nursery for October -December

The Church This Week (10/27/2024)

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| 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 |
| | 5:30 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 October 27, 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.

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.

The Session has called a congregational meeting to convene during the morning worship service on Sunday November 10, 2024 for the purpose of electing four (4) Elders to the class of 2027. The Session will place in nomination Christie McLeod, Harold Watson, Tracie Phillips and Mike Chapman.

The congregation will have an opportunity to place additional names from the floor providing those persons have been notified and are willing to serve if elected. Please notify the Clerk of Session or the Moderator if there are any questions in this matter.

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

October 27 Jean Page Watson Mary Jane Evans

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.

Shepherd's Child – First United Methodist Church and Nancy's Kids Christmas Gift Ministry – Children identified by Cheraw Primary School Social Worker receive gifts on December 18 during a Christmas Party. You may 1) choose a child and shop for their gifts, 2) Wrap gifts on December 11, 10 am, 3) Donate money before December 4, and/or 4) help with the Christmas Party on December 18, 1 pm. Contact Caroline Streater (cwstreater@gmail.com or (803) 429-7287) if you would like to volunteer. Names will be available for shoppers to choose from the week of November 25th.

McArn Food Bank - Harvest Hope pickup. Two men needed to go to Florence on one Wednesday a month, at 9 am, to assist with pickup of food. If you can help, contact Grayson Cauthen, (843) 910-0016.

Session of First Presbyterian Church

| <u>Class of 2024</u> | <u>Class of 2025</u> | <u>Class of 2026</u> |
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| 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 |
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| Mrs. Arnetta 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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