



First Presbyterian Church

PresbyNews

March, 2024

Dear First Pres Friends,

What a busy month in the life of our church! It has been a joy navigating the church, learning more about each of you and the wonderful ministries we have planned in the month ahead and with that, there are many things I would like to update you on.

On the Youth front, the T-shirts have been designed, and many of you have already seen the designs! I am hoping to have the final link soon so that I can advertise the fundraiser to the congregation! Also, the Confirmation Class is scheduled and set to begin on March 17th, 2024 and it is looking like we may have a large group this year. If most of the middle schoolers attend then we have about 9 who will be participating. Also, on March 20th, the Youth will be having a pancake supper to help fundraise for the Mission Trip as well. So make sure you come out in support!

I can confidently say that our new Hospitality time has been a success! We will continue to have these after-service get-togethers about once a month, and if they continue to be a success, then we will increase this to twice a month in the Fall! There will also be a Sunrise Service on Easter Morning, which we will also celebrate in the Session House before sharing some coffee (you will see me drink a lot of coffee that morning!) In the months ahead, on April 21st, 2024, we will finally have my installation service here at First Pres! This will be in the afternoon after our morning service, around 4 PM. Then, right around the corner, Youth Sunday and Confirmation Sunday will be on May 5th, 2024, so mark your calendars!

There is so much more in the life of your church, so keep an eye out for what is ahead! Also, please continue to pray for those members who are on our prayer list and those who are unlisted, and please continue to let me know of anyone who may need a conversation, prayer, or a visit.

Blessings,

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

MUSIC & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Mary Louise Baker

Sunday School Classes

* **Parlor Class**— The Parlor Class is studying, “He Chose the Nails,” a five-session video Bible study by Max Lucado. Join us as we examine the gifts that Christ gave at his crucifixion.

* **Fellowship Class**—The Fellowship Class meets on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Please join us! We have four more weeks of our study, *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws* and then we are going to repeat a study that we did several years ago. We are going to read and study together, *The Story: The Bible as One continuing Story of God and his People*. *The Story* is all about the story of the Bible, God’s great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, the progression of this study will introduce us to the characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. If you aren’t currently attending Sunday school, we would love to have you join us for this study.

• **Young Adult Class**—The Young Adult class is in transition as we pause our studies for now. Stay tuned for more information!

• **Children’s Class**—Our children’s SS class meets upstairs and is going strong as they continue to study the Gospel Project, volume 2. A 4-week Easter study will be provided beginning 3/24. This is also part of the Gospel Project.

• **Preschool Class**—meets downstairs and is also studying the Gospel Project with a four-week break to study Easter. They enjoy playtime with fun toys & activities afterwards!

• **Nursery available (downstairs)**

*Mark your calendars for
Confirmation (youth 6th-12th grades)
and Holy week services!*



TO ALL 6TH-12TH GRADERS! JOIN US FOR

Confirmation Class

5-6PM FOR 6 WEEKS
BEGINNING 3/17



Confirmation on Youth Sunday, 5/5

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHERAW



Leigh Montague, cellist, and Terri Hurley, trumpeter, will join us again as our guest musicians for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. They will surely enhance our worship experience!

Hosanna in the Highest!



palm sunday

We welcome you to come & worship with us in the sanctuary!

11:00 a.m.
March 24



Maundy
**Thursday
Service**
3/28
5:30 p.m.
In the Sanctuary
Join us for worship!
"Do this in Memory of Me"



Our Chancel Choir is diligently rehearsing, sometimes twice a week, to prepare for Holy Week services. I am so proud of their hard work and dedication to our church and to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I love each and every one of them!

Happy Easter!

Love, Weiz

Fun Program is having a **BLAST** each Wednesday with outdoor playtime, games, Bible study, bells, choir, in-house missions projects, & snacks provided by generous parents served by our sweet Mrs. Susie! We have missed Mrs. Kathie and pray that she continues to recuperate from back surgery. Looking ahead—We will not meet April 3rd. Our last Fun Program is on Wednesday, May 8. HUGE thanks goes to Mrs. Lindsay for her dedication, time, & talents to this fantastic ministry!

A vertical rectangular card with a light green background. At the top, there is a white cross with a thin black outline, surrounded by a bouquet of flowers including yellow lilies, blue hydrangeas, and green eucalyptus leaves. Below the floral arrangement, the word "Easter" is written in a large, elegant, dark green cursive font. Underneath "Easter", the word "SERVICES" is written in a smaller, dark green, all-caps sans-serif font. Below that, the date "Sunday, March 31st" is written in a bold, yellow, all-caps sans-serif font. At the bottom of the card, there are two lines of text in a bold, dark green, all-caps sans-serif font: "Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. in the Session House" and "Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.".

Easter
SERVICES
Sunday, March 31st
**Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.
in the Session House**
Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10th. Set your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed.

Session Highlights from February Meeting

- 1) Received monthly financial report and approved proposed budget for 2024.
- 2) Received annual statistical report for our church
- 3) Approved curriculum for VBS and Palm/Easter Sundays
- 4) Approved fund raiser for Youth Mission Trip and financial assistance requests to McArn and PMB Funds
- 5) Approved Sept. 8, 2024 as PADD Sunday
- 6) Approved a number of dates requested from the Fellowship/Membership Team for congregational events in 2024
- 7) Received updated financial report from the Lois G. McArn Memorial Fund
- 8) Went on record to thank Douglas Anderson for his faithful and dedicated service on the Building/Grounds Committee



Annual Yard Sale Resumes

The Annual Yard Sale will again be held on Saturday, April 6, in the Fellowship Building. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to the Fellowship Building stage. If you have any items, you might need help with, contact Cathy Chapman, Dan Tillman, or Avery Dickson.

Proceeds from the yard sale go to help fund mission outreach projects, such as the mission trip being planned for this summer. So, check at your house and donate any items you no longer need and consider donating them. Items not sold will be donated to the Restore.

Youth/Mission Outreach Spaghetti Supper
Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 pm

The Mission Outreach Team is co-sponsoring, with the Youth, a Spaghetti Supper on Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 pm, in the Fellowship Building. The menu for the evening includes spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert (rumor is there will be ice cream from Peaches n' Cream). The purpose of the meal is to raise money to support the Youth Mission Trip to Massanetta Springs in June. Come, enjoy the delicious meal, fellowship with your friends, and support the Youth in their endeavor to represent us in a mission opportunity this summer. There is no charge. A donation basket will be at the entrance to the building. **Give Generously!!**



March 30- Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt

Breakfast will start at 9:30am and go on until 10:00am. Egg Hunt will start at 10:00am.

All ages are invited to come to have breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Bring your camera and make some memories!



Presbyterian Women News

March Duties

Communion March 3- Gina and Criag Goddard

Maundy Thursday Communion March 28- Mary Jane and David Evans

Youth Supper- March 17- Kim Brabham, Lindsay and Robbie Bennett

April Duties

Communion April 7- Kelli and Cam Beck

Youth Supper April 21- Cathy Chapman, Christie McLeod, Marietta Burch

Gifts of Women March 10

Presbyterian Women will be taking part in the worship service.

Bible Study March 6, 2024 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Building. We will be studying Mary, Mother of Jesus.

Listed below are links to sign up to volunteer in the nursery, put flowers in the church, and monitor students at Pathfinders. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities. If you are interested, please just click on the proper link. If you need help in signing up, please contact Cathy Chapman.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-nursery#/>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-flowers1#/>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-45315196-pathfinders#/>

Thank you so much,

The Christian Education Team

The Presbyterian Women

The Mission Outreach Team

Prayer Changes Things

**Gerry & Bobby Rogers; Ina Coggeshall
Gray & Bea Sloop
Bennie and Benny Lou Moore;
Jodi Reid (cancer)
Beth O'Neal
Marion Murphy
Bobbie Jones
Edward Tinsley
Penny Angle
Elsie Rainey (Shirley Brock's sister)
Keller Smith
Rev. Dr. Sue Arledge & husband, Bob
Carolyn Lowe (friend of Ginny Nickles)
Shenell Malloy (Bill & Susan's daughter-in-law)
Shannon Johnson
Elizabeth "Nubbin" Brown (Miriam Stricklin's sister)
Kathie Cook**



**3 Bayley Hydrick
4 Kim Cauthen
Christopher Tucker
7 Jenny Michaels
8 Debbie Watson
10 Robert Moffat
Cathy Martin
11 Richard Pierce
15 Marion Murphy
18 Kristen Miller
Mary Jane Evans
19 David Brabham, Jr.
22 Andy Beck
23 Reba Brooks, Thomas Barton
25 Craig Goddard**

March Calendar Of Events

3	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship (Communion)
	6:00 pm	Youth
4	10:00 am	Lenten Study
5	12:00 pm	At Ease Luncheon
	5:30 pm	CE Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	Comm. Bible Study
6	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	10:00 am	PW Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
10	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship (Communion)
	6:00 pm	Youth
11	8:30 am	MMO
	10:00 am	Lenten Study
12	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
13	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
14	6:30 pm	Mission Outreach
17	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	Youth
18	8:30 am	MMO
	10:00 am	Lenten Study
20	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	5:30 pm	Spaghetti Supper
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
21	6:00 pm	Session
24	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	Membership Team Mtg.
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	Youth
25	8:30 am	MMO
26	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
27	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
28		Maundy Thursday Service
30	8:30 am	Breakfast
	10:00 am	Egg Hunt
31	7:00 am	Sunrise Service
	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

Mr. & Mrs. Benny Moore in the death of their grandson, Timothy Ward Jackson.

Penny Angle and her family upon the death of her mother, Sandra Vause Coker.