



First Presbyterian Church **PresbyNews**

April, 2024

Dear First Pres Friends,

Remember when I said February was busy? Little did I know what March had in store! It has been a joy navigating the church and learning more about each of you and the wonderful ministries we have planned in the month ahead. There are many things I would like to update you on.

On the Youth and Mission Trip front, the T-shirts have been designed and revealed to the congregation! As of today, we are sitting at a profit of \$620 for these designs! If you are interested in purchasing any of these T-shirts, then make sure that you reach out to the office and place your order! From Elder Avery Dickson's estimations, we are currently at \$750.84 for profit from the Spaghetti dinner and a Pancake Supper scheduled for April 17th!

A reminder that we will be having a Sunrise Service on Easter Morning, which we will celebrate in the Session House before sharing some coffee and snacks. For those of you who plan on attending Sunrise Service, I will remind you that this service will feature the same sermon that I will preach at the 11 o'clock service. It is a condensed version of the 11 o'clock service so that people with family over that afternoon can still come and attend an Easter Service earlier in the day. Next, 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.

Confirmation Class has finally kicked off, and it is as lively as I expected! This group is full of energy and they are so much fun to teach about Faith and about what makes us Presbyterians. Youth Sunday and Confirmation Sunday are quickly approaching, so make sure you mark it down on your calendars for May 5th, 2024! We will also be celebrating a Baptism that day! The Youth are working hard to make sure it is going to be a special service! After this, we will celebrate our two graduates on May 19th, 2024, and be excited about what awaits them and their futures!

Blessings,

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

MUSIC & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Mary Louise Baker

Sunday School Classes

• **Fellowship Class**—The Fellowship Class meets at 10 a.m. year-round in the Fellowship Building. We begin our new study on March 24th. We are going to read and study, “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. The progression of this 31 session study will introduce us to the characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. If you aren’t currently attending Sunday School, we’d love to have you join us!

Parlor Class—Where is God when tragedy and suffering strike? The Parlor Class will begin “Why? Making Sense of God’s Will.” Adam Hamilton brings fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Join us!

• **Children’s Class**—(ages K-5th Grade) Our children’s SS Class meets upstairs and is going strong as they continue to study the Gospel Project, vol. 2. A 4-week Easter component will be provided beginning 3/24 thru 4/14. We will meet during the summer and have some fun curriculum planned!

• **Youth SS Class**—(ages 6th-12th Grades) Our Youth is studying the “Follow Me” series from the PCUSA website. This month’s 4-week study is “Live in Community,” by Dawson. We will not meet during the summer.

• **Preschool Class**—(ages 2-4) meets downstairs and is also studying the Gospel Project with a four-week Easter study. They enjoy playtime with fun toys & activities afterwards!

• **Nursery available (downstairs)**

JOIN US FOR

Confirmation and Youth & Children's Sunday!

SUNDAY, MAY 5 @ 11 A.M.

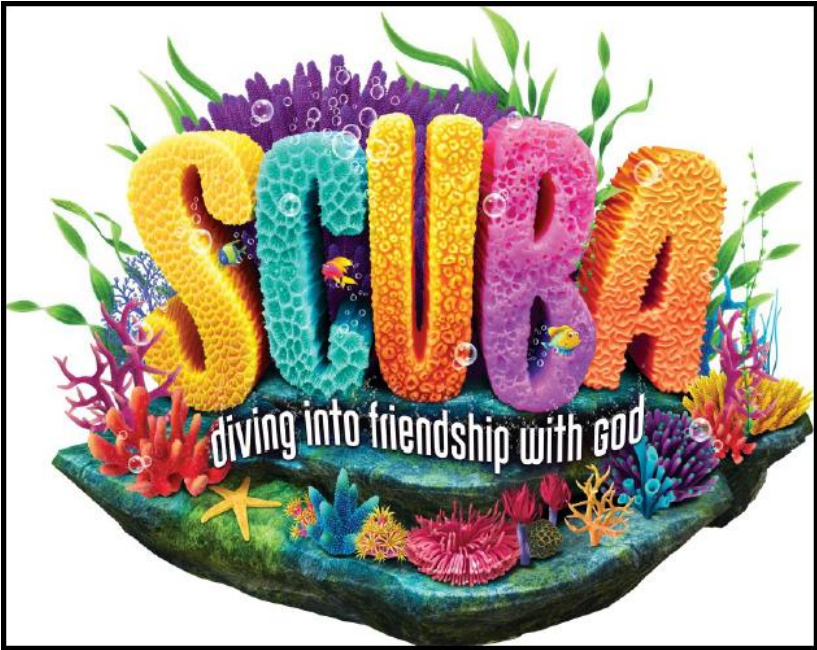
Fun Program Kids & Youth Lead Worship!

JOIN US IN THE SANCTUARY OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHERAW



Vacation Bible School ALL AGES!

June 18 - 20, 2024
5:30 - 8 p.m.



Special Thanks

Special thanks to our Chancel Choir for their dedication and uplifting voices during the Easter season. Singers willingly attended several Sunday night rehearsals in addition to late-night regular rehearsals on Wednesdays. They prepared many anthems for Lent & Holy week, all with varying levels of difficulty and styles; I'm incredibly proud of them and their beautiful spirits. I love that they are open-minded to singing so many genres of sacred music. We are family and I love them dearly!

Our guest musicians, Eva Goddard (flute), Jessie & Lainey Baker, Blair & Kane Driggers (percussion), Leigh Montague (cellist) and Terri Hurley (trumpeter) played wonderfully, lifting their instruments to the Lord and elevated our worship experience!

Thanks to all! Love, Weiz

Chancel Choir will not rehearse on Wednesday, April 3rd, Wednesday, May 8, or Wednesday, May 29. End of year celebration TBA.

Fun Program kids are 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 & Mrs. Kathie! Special thanks to Mrs. Mary Jane & Kristen Miller for their leadership with Fun Program on Wednesday, 3/27!

No Fun Program on Wednesday, April 3rd.

Our last Fun Program is on Wednesday, May 8. HUGE thanks goes to Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Susie, Mrs. Kathie, & Penelope for their dedication, time, & talents to this fantastic ministry!



Our Pastor's Pals are SO FUN for our little ones thanks to the women of our church! These age-appropriate bags are designed for all children who decide to remain in the 11 a.m. service on Sunday mornings. Filled with sermon activities, gadgets, and fun things to do, this bag is sure to keep your child busy!

Session Highlights from March Meeting

- 1) Heard monthly financial report and annual financial report from Moore, Beauston and Woodham
- 2) Suspended Sunday School for Summer for the Parlor Class, Youth and Preschool resuming after Rally Day
- 3) Moved communion for May to May 12, 2024
- 4) Voted to reinstate Wednesday evening prayer meeting beginning September 11, 2024
- 5) Received report from February Presbytery Meeting held at Kingston Presbyterian Church, Conway, SC
- 6) Approved vacation for Rev. Michaels for April 1-5 with pulpit supplied by Rev. Dr. Annette Brewer on April 7, 2024
- 7) Hear positive results for recent Mission Team fund raiser
- 8) Approved baptism for Durham Preston scheduled for May 5, 2024
- 9) Approved transfer of membership from Forest Lake Presbyterian Church for Cambo and Caroline Streater



Presbyterian Women News

Communion

April 7- Kelli and Cam Beck

May 12- Tracie and Calvin Phillips

Youth Supper

April 21- Cathy Chapman, Christie McLeod, and Mariette Burch

May 19- Mary Jane Evans and Katelyn Evans

We will have Circle/ Bible study, April 3 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Building. This month's study focus will be on Mary Magdalene.

We will have Circle/ Bible study, May 1 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Building. May's study focus is on Mary of Bethany. This will be our last circle meeting until September.

PW will need volunteers to assist in the reception celebrating Rev. Max Michaels' installation on April 21 at 4:00 pm.

Presbytery will be meeting at First Presbyterian Church May 21. PW will need some volunteers to assist at this event.

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)
Marion Murphy
Bobbie Jones
Edward Tinsley
Penny Angle
Elsie Rainey (Shirley Brock's sister)
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
Margie Eubanks**

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 1st for Easter.

April Calendar Of Events

1		Office Closed
2	12:00 pm	At Ease Luncheon
	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
3	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	10:00 am	PW Bible Study
6		FPC Yard Sale
7	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	Youth
8	8:30 am	MMO
9	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
10	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
11	6:30 pm	Mission Outreach
14	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	Youth
15	8:30 am	MMO
16	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Session
17	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
21	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
	4:00 pm	Installation Service
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	Youth
22	8:30 am	MMO
23	5:00 pm	McArn
	6:00 pm	Comm Bible Study
24	8:30 am	MMO
	9:00 am	Comm Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
28	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	Youth



1-Alex Evans, Payton McCall
3-Bill Cauthen
5-Dena Tillman
6-Kathy Bradshaw, Edward Tinsley
8-Josh Evans
9-Buddy Brooks, Phillip Tucker
12-Mike Chapman, David Morgan
13-Louise Carpenter
14-Danny Bradshaw
17-Douglas Anderson,
Brittany Tillman
18-Diane Hines
19-John McLaughlin
20-Charlene Tillman
22-Betty Laney
24-David Nagel
26-Maggie Barton
28-Kathie Cook
30-Maylen Harris