

**January 5, 2025**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
*Ordination and Installation Sunday*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Glaser

**Welcome** Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**We Worship Together**

**\*Call to Worship** Kathie Cook

The Word became flesh and lived among us

**And we have seen his glory.**

The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

**Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ.**

**Glory to God forever.**

**\*Hymn** 150 *As With Gladness Men of Old* DIX

**Invitation to Confession** (the congregation is seated)

Trusting in God's love made known in the gift of Jesus, let us confess our sins.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you and are deeply sorry and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

As children of the Holy One, God forgives you and loves you eternally. By the power of God's Spirit, forgive yourself and forgive others as God in Christ has forgiven you.

**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.**

**Children's Message**

**We Receive God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** Jeremiah 31:7-14

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** John 1:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Message** "Shine a Light" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**Affirmation of Faith** (from the Confession of Belhar)

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

**Announcements**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Anthem** *Instrument of Peace* Gilpin  
(Emma Bass, soloist)

**\*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.*

**Ordination and Installation**

**Statement on Ordination**

**Constitutional Questions**

**Invitation for the Laying on of Hands**

**Prayer of Ordination and Installation**

**Declaration of Ordination**

**Charge to the New Officers**

**\*Hymn** 828 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

MORE LOVE TO THEE

**Sacrament of Communion**  
**Communion**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Elements**

**Communion Music** *The Blessing* Story  
(Emma Bass, Soloist)

**Prayer After Communion**

**We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn** 39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

**Blessing of Departing Members**

**Faithful God, keep, preserve, and protect Tommy and Mary throughout all their days. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make them salt of the earth and light for the world. Lead them to new ministries, secure in the faith that binds us forever in the body of Christ. Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** *There's a Song in the Air* Holland  
*In the light of that star lie the ages impearled;  
and that song from afar has swept over the world.  
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing  
in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!*

**\*Postlude** *March* Purcell

**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

We would like to thank Emma Bass for sharing her talents with us today.

Acolytes for today: Mari Burch and Ella Morgan

**The Church This Week (1/5/2025)**

Today	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	12:00 p.m.	At Ease
	5:00 p.m.	Christian Education
	6:00 p.m.	CBS
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	9:00 a.m.	CBS
	10:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Thurs.	6:30 a.m.	Mission Ministry
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

**Prayer List as of January 5, 2025**

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  
Louise Carpenter  
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.

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.

**At Ease will meet on Tuesday, January 7 at 12:00.**



**Session of First Presbyterian Church**

Class of 2024

Marietta Melton Burch  
Cathy Chapman  
Dan Tillman, III  
Charlene Tillman

Class of 2025

Kelli Beck  
Avery Dickson  
Mary Jane Evans  
Jean Page Watson

Class of 2026

Mary Anderson  
Andrew McLeod  
Kristen Miller  
Richard Pierce

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor  
Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary  
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Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery

Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE

Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO  
Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO  
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*

**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

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