

January 26, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Hymn to Joy*

Young

Welcome

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship**

Tom Hammer

Jesus comes to proclaim good news to us all!

Jesus releases those who are captive, gives sight to the blind, helps the oppressed, and declares the year of the Lord's favor!

May we go and do likewise, offering hope to a hurting world.

And may it all begin with our worship of God.

***Hymn** 694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

AURELIA

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

In our day-to-day lives, we sin in many ways — by what we have done and what we have left undone. Confession allows us to unburden ourselves and lay before God our humanity. Let us offer our prayer, knowing that God is merciful and offers forgiveness to all who turn to God.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are far from the people you have called us to be. We are mired in self-centeredness, seeing things only in terms of how they relate to us and our happiness. Turn our hearts, bent as they are towards ourselves, out to the world around us. Make us more concerned with others, with their welfare and happiness, leaving our own concerns to you, O God. Forgive us for our many mistakes and make us anew we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! God's promise to forgive is sure and everlasting. Know you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

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*

Making Our 2025 Commitments

(You will be asked to come forward to bring your 2025 Pledge Cards and Time & Talents Sheet as we Celebrate our Holy Interruption Time)

***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 *Count Your Blessings*
(Chancel Choir)

Excell

Children's Message

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Psalm 19

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 4:14-21

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Dare You to Move"

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith *(from 1 Timothy 3:16)*

Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: Jesus was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. This is the story of our faith, and it fills us with hope. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn** 42 *Your Faithfulness is Sure*

WINCHESTER NEW

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 *Let All Things Now Living*

arr. by Hayes

***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

Gracious God, whose love is so extravagant, we dedicate these gifts to you. May they go to share your love and care with the world. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 711 *Lord of All Good*

TOULON

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** 717 *For the Life That You Have Given*

PLEADING SAVIOR

***Postlude** *The Imperial March*

Williams

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: Sam Baker and Jackson Tucker

We are excited to announce this year's Vacation Bible School, "True North," June 17-19, 5-8 p.m. Mark your calendars and learn more about trusting Jesus in a wild world!

The Church This Week (1/26/2025)

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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 |
| Sun. | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |

Prayer List as of January 26, 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
 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.

Dear Members of FPC congregation,
 We are excited about our first annual FPC/ St David's Episcopal Church BBQ. The event will be Feb 8 with pickup of some very good BBQ from 11am - 2pm at St David's Church. Tickets may be purchased from our church office or any of the following: Cathy and Mike Chapman, Harold and Debbie Watson, Debra and Dal Luke, Phil Powell, Rob Wolfe, Dan Tillman, Lindsay and Robby Bennett. Cost is \$12 per lb and you can purchase as many lbs as you want. We have a very good team of BBQ cooks assembled so we think you will enjoy the great BBQ that is cooked for you. Our goal this year is 500 tickets with proceeds going to McArn Food Bank and Pathfinders. Please join us in supporting these very worthwhile groups.
 All tickets must be purchased in advance, no tickets sold at door.
 Thank you in advance for your support.

Additional Pledge Forms for Adults, Youth, and Children, along with the form listing ministry opportunities for serving in 2025 are available on the table in the Narthex. (Giving Ministry Team)

Nursery Schedule for January - March

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| January 26 | Jean Page Watson | Mary Jane Evans |
| February 2 | Maggie Barton | Cathy Chapman |
| February 9 | Alison Chapman | Kelli Beck |
| February 16 | Laura Folger | Cathy Chapman |
| February 23 | Penelope Angle | Lainey/Jessie Baker |
| March 2 | May Jane Evans | Steve Cook |
| March 9 | Charlene Tillman | Marietta Melton Burch |
| March 16 | Maggie Lloyd | Michael Chapman |
| March 23 | Brittany Tillman | Heather Tucker |
| March 30 | Edward Tinsley | Jean Page Watson |

The First Presbyterian Church has four scholarships available for young people:
 The **William Manning Malloy Memorial Scholarship** is available to the most qualified high school senior living within a five mile radius of Cheraw;
 The **Edwin Malloy Memorial Scholarship** is available to anyone seeking higher education opportunities living within a five mile radius of Cheraw;
 The **D. W. Moore, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund** is available to students seeking a degree in the field of music;
 The **McArn Scholarship Fund** is also available.
 The deadline for returning scholarship applications is March 1, 2025.

Announcing our NEW 2025 Church Pictorial Directory!
 Beth Shepard, with *Forever Yours Photography*, will take pictures of your family on March 1-3. See the times below and call the church office before Sunday, February 23rd to reserve your 10-min. time slot. We want everyone to be Included to make this directory special for our church family! The sign-up sheet is available now.

Pictorial Directory Time Slots
Sat., March 1, 10 a.m.-12; 1-4
Sun., March 2, 12-4 p.m.
Mon., March 3, 5-7 p.m.

Session of First Presbyterian Church

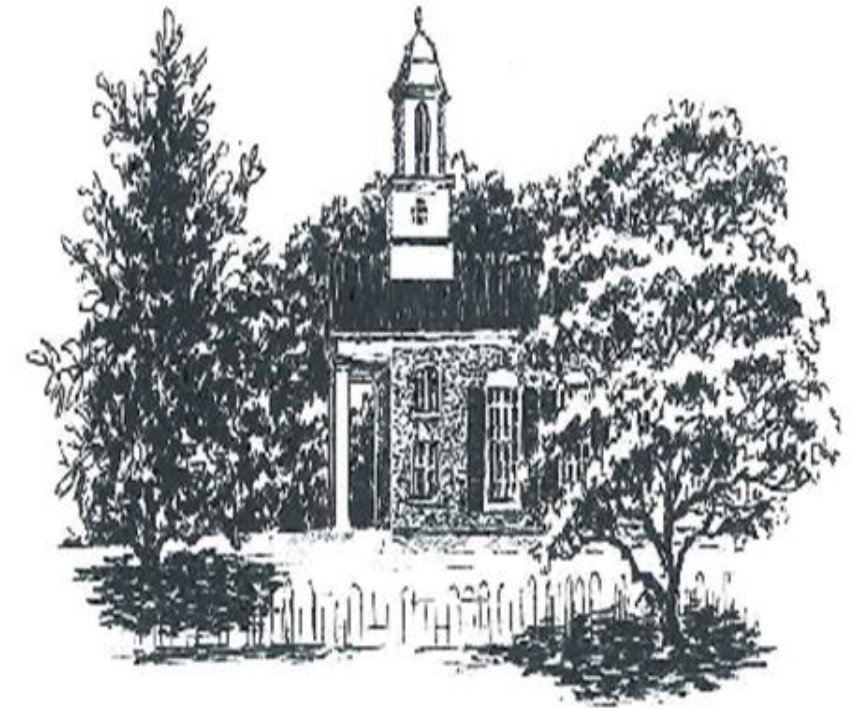
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| <u>Class of 2025</u> | <u>Class of 2026</u> | <u>Class of 2027</u> |
| Kelli Beck | Mary Anderson | Mike Chapman |
| Avery Dickson | Andrew McLeod | Christie McLeod |
| Mary Jane Evans | Kristen Miller | Tracie Phillips |
| Jean Page Watson | Richard Pierce | Harold Watson |

The Church Staff

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| Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor | Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE |
| Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary | |
| Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton | Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO |
| Mrs. Arneha 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*

Sunday, January 26, 2025

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