

February 2, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
4th Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Toccata in E* by Pachelbel
(Jackson Alexander, organ)

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship**

Our hope is in God all of our lives.

God is our rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.

God has held us since our birth.

So we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.

In love, God saves and supports us.

Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

***Hymn** 667 *When Morning Guilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

The Lord is our hope and our trust, our refuge and our fortress. With confidence born out of faith in God's power to save and deliver us, let us confess our sin

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us. We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words, so we stay silent even as your Spirit pulls at our tongues. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us, so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark places of our lives. Forgive us. Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world, and accept the completeness of your loving claim on our lives.

Assurance of Pardon

God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end. Do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new. 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*

***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 523 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* by Kreutz/Westendorf

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Bridge Over Troubled Water" 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.

***Hymn** 703 *Jesus Thy Boundless Love to Me* ST CATHERINE

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Herzlich tut mich erfreuen*, No. 4 by Brahms
(My Heart is Filled)

***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.

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 *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*, BWV 654, by J.S. Bach
(Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness)

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 459 *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Sweet Sweet Spirit* by Gaither

***Postlude** *Litanies* by Alain

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

Today we welcome Jackson Alexander, who will be playing the organ throughout the service. He is a junior in high school, an organ student of Mrs. Weiz's, and is training to serve as substitute organist for us on Sunday, May 25. Thank you for your time & talents, Jackson!

Acolytes for today: Grace Tillman and Cloie Tillman

The Church This Week (2/02/2025)

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
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of February 2, 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.

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!

Nursery Schedule for February - March

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

<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

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*

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