

February 9, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
5th Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Festive Trumpet Tune* German

Welcome and Announcements

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Jean Page Watson

We have come from different backgrounds on various roads to get here.

But we are all here seeking an experience of the holy.

Listen for the promise of God's steadfast love and God's faithfulness.

We are listening for God's call in our lives.

***Hymn** 63 *The Lord is God* AZMON

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Let us turn to the most holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

Prayer of Confession

O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve and deliver us. Though our lips are not clean and our hearts are not pure, you call us. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and at risk. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory and the purposes you intend. Help us to comprehend your ways in the world. We love to feel your grace and glory, for in you, Emmanuel, we can be healed and set free; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The promise is this: God is faithful and steadfast, eager to forgive our sin and welcome us home. Grateful for this promise of joy and of peace. Thanks be to God! 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 *Peace Be Still* Hope Darst
(Cloie Tillman, soloist)

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 138

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 15:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 5:1-11

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Message "We are called by the grace of God" Rev. Michael Fleenor

Affirmation of Faith *(the Apostles' Creed)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn** 442 *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* WOODWORTH

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 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Rice

***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

Holy One, we give you thanks for your generosity to us. Bless these gifts and multiply them, for the sake of those in need around us; in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 188 *Jesus Loves Me* JESUS LOVES ME

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Gaither

***Postlude** *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* Dunstable

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 welcome Rev. Michael Fleenor to the pulpit this morning.

Acolytes for today: Penelope and Duward Angle

The Church This Week (2/09/2025)

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
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thurs.	5:30 p.m.	Worship Team Mtg.
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of February 9, 2025

Gerry Rogers
 Ina Coggeshall
 Gray & Bea Sloop
 Benny 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!

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Mrs. Bennie Moore who passed away on January 30, 2025.

Nursery Schedule for February - March

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. Arnetha 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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