

February 16, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
6th Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Welcome

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 1)*

Like trees planted by streams of water

Let us trust in the Lord

and meditate on God's Word

so we can yield good and bountiful fruit.

Gina Goddard

***Hymn** 213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (vs. 1,3,5)

RATHBUN

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Who can understand the heart? Only God. Let us confess the ways we have turned from the One who knows us and saves us.

Prayer of Confession

Sustaining God, you lead us through parched wilderness to streams of living water, but we do not root ourselves in health and wholeness. We ignore your rich provisions, choosing the world's latest fad and shallow self-help. We idealize the spiritual and ignore the deeper needs of our souls. Merciful God, forgive our arrogance and our ignorance. Remind us of our spiritual needs and the many ways you are here to provide. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Blessed are those who trust the Lord. When heat comes, our leaves will stay green. In a year of drought, we will not cease to bear fruit. Know that 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*

***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 623 *I've Got Peace like a River*

(Chancel Choir)

Children's Message

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Psalm 1

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 6:17-26

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Man In Black"

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith *(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** 833 *O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST MARGARET

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

***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

God, you have sustained us in lean times and led us to sources of living water. Take these gifts and multiply their blessings for those who are hungry, hurting and in need of your strength. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 693 *The Gift of Love*

GIFT OF LOVE

***Benediction**

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

Gaither

***Postlude**

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: Penelope and Duward Angle

Many thanks to Beth Maier, guest organist, for sharing her time & talents with us today.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Dal and Debra Luke.

The Church This Week (2/16/2025)

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
	5:00 p.m.	Pancake Supper
Thurs.	6:00 p.m.	Session
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of February 16, 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!

Nursery Schedule for February - March

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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