## June 15, 2025 First Presbyterian Church

Trinity Sunday

## We Gather in God's Name

**Chiming of the Trinity** 

Prelude Reflection on "Bradbury"

Douglas E Wagner

**Welcome** Rev. Maxwell Michaels

# We Worship Together

#### \*Call to Worship

What are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? God did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us. Will God not also give us everything else that we need?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies us. Who is there to condemn us?

Who can separate us from the love of God in Christ?

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us. For we are convinced that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*Hymn 1 Holy, Holy, Holy

**NICEA** 

#### **Invitation to Confession**

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yours is a perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and whole. We confess that our relationships are not that way. We have been too selfish; we have given too much; we have accepted too little. We have failed to love in the manner of Jesus. We have let sin drive us away from one another and from you. We long for wholeness and peace, but our sin pulls us in other directions. Forgive us and restore us. Pull us to you. With mercy and grace, pull us to you. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God relentlessly seeks us out. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

#### **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

\*Gloria Patri

Children's Message

## We Receive God's Word

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading John 16:12-15 This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God!

**Sermon** "Bright Lights"

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

## **Affirmation of Faith** (from 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 370 This is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

#### **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 Anthem Meditation on "Christe Sanctorum"

Anthony Giamanco

\*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**

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

## We Go Out to Serve

\*Hymn Faith of Our Fathers (insert)

ST CATHERINE

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

\***Postlude** *With Honor and Glory* 

Donald F. Callender

Please wait until the end of the Benediction Response before exiting.

\*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

Acolytes for today: Mari Burch & Ella Morgan

Today we thank Donna Staton, guest organist, for her time & talents by leading us in worship today!

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God in memory of Glenn (Bud) Anderson Jr. by his loving family and to wish all fathers a very Happy Father's Day.

#### The Church This Week (6/15/2025)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Tue.	5:00 p.m.	VBS
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	CBS
	5:00 p.m.	VBS
Thurs.	5:00 p.m.	VBS
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

### Prayer List as of June 15, 2025

Gerry Rogers

Ina Coggeshall

Gray & Bea Sloop

Benny Moore

**Bobbie Jones** 

For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses

B.J. Moore

Louise Carpenter

Friends and families affected by Hurricane Helene

Shirley Brock

**Edward Tinsley** 

Ruth Jackson

Marion Murphy

Kathie Cook

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.

### **Nursery Volunteer Schedule for April - June**

June 15	Maggie Lloyd	Michael Chapman
June 22	Jessie/Lainey	Heather Tucker
June 29	Beth Witherspoon	Jean Page Watson

VBS "True North" registration is now open online and closes June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Where: Vacation Bible School (VBS) our church

What: "True North" VBS where God is our true north, an unchanging friend!

When: This summer, June 17-19, 5-8 p.m.

Who: Classes age 3-Adults; Nursery 1-2 years old.

**Registration:** Register for the adult or children's class on our website:

cherawfpc.org

Volunteers and items are needed! The sign-up sheet for items & volunteer opportunities will be posted outside Mrs. Weiz's office.

Join us for this summer's Vacation Bible School and let's make this the best year yet!

## Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
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. Danielle Self, Secretary Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery

Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE

Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO Mrs. Gini Eddins, MMO



# Our Vision

Rooted by God's Grace, Growing in the Spirit, Reaching Out with Christ's Love

**Sunday, June 15, 2025** 

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