

October 5, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
World Communion Sunday

We Gather in God’s Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude Come, Christians, Join to Sing arr. by Callahan
Youth Bells

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 107) Charlene Tillman
The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it.
What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done
for us?
We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

*Hymn 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLACOMBE

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
As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we
have made our own. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our
awareness of your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of your
kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people you have
called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our
eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully
and abundantly in the manner of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy,
across time and space and through the generations, God 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

Choral Anthem Fresh Wind Fielding/Ware
(Chancel Choir, Cloie Tillman & Jessie Baker, duet; Jackson Tucker, drums)

We Receive God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 17:5-10
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Universal Sound” Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of Belhar)
We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers,
protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God
has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We
believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the
church of Jesus Christ and that this unity must become visible so that the
world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people
and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly
that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church
and must be resisted. This unity of the people of God must be manifested
and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we
experience, practice and pursue community with one another and that we
are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and
blessing to one another. Amen.

*Hymn 530 One Bread One Body ONE BREAD ONE BODY

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory When Morning Gilds the Sky arr. by Callahan
Youth Bells

*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 Here I Am To Worship Hillsong
Cloie Tillman, soloist

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

*Hymn 836 Abide With Me (vs. 1, 3, 5) EVENTIDE

*Benediction

*Benediction Response 545 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace
LAND OF REST

*Postlude The Rejoicing Charles Callahan

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: Christopher Tucker & Jem Morgan

Special thanks to the Chancel Choir for their hard work and those who
participated in the spaghetti karaoke fundraiser. A good time was had by all!

The Church This Week (10/5/2025)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	5:00 pm	Mission Comm. Meeting
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	5:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	2:00 pm	Chancel Choir

Prayer List as of October 5, 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
Shirley Brock
Edward Tinsley
Ruth Jackson
Marion Murphy
Kathie Cook
Kity G. Grubb-niece of Brother Davis
Nadia Harris
Stasa Petros

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 October - December

Oct. 5	Heather Tucker
Oct. 12	Cathy Chapman
Oct. 19	Alison Chapman
Oct. 26	Jean Page Watson
Nov. 2	Maggie Barton
Nov. 9	Steve Cook
Nov. 16	Jessie Baker
Nov. 23	Charlene Tillman
Nov. 30	Laura Folger
Dec. 7	Mary Jane Evans
Dec. 14	Kelli Beck
Dec. 21	Lainey Baker
Dec. 28	Marietta Melton Burch

The Community Women’s Bible Study

The Community Women’s Bible Study will begin a new series, *Heaven* by Jennifer Rothschild, October 7th at 6pm or Wednesday October 8th at 9am. Pick the time and date that works best for you! The series will run 6 weeks. Books can be ordered online through Amazon or Christianbook.com. See Caroline Streater or Tracie Phillips with questions or assistance ordering.

Congregational Meeting on October 12th

After service on Sunday, October 12th, 2025, we will hold a congregational meeting to vote on and approve the Officer Nominating Committee (ONC).

McArn Food Bank Backpack Ministry

McArn Food Bank Partners with Cheraw Primary school, to provide weekend food for 35 of their students most in need. Each week during the school year, nutritious food items are bagged and placed in children’s backpacks for them to carry home for the weekend.

Food items may include (**No peanut butter or nuts**):

- Ravioli cups
- Mac-n-cheese cups
- Ramen noodles cup
- Pudding cups
- Jello cups
- Fruit cups
- Applesauce cups
- Vegetable cups
- Pop Tarts
- Granola bars
- Individual cereal bowls
- Instant grits
- Instant oatmeal
- Lance sandwich crackers

If you would like to contribute any of these items to this ministry, please place them in the designated box outside the church office door.



Our Vision

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

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