

October 12, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
18th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God’s Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude Rondeau Mouret

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 66) Marietta Burch
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
Sing to the glory of God’s name.
All of creation worships, singing praise to God.
Sing to the glory of God’s name.
Let us give glory to God.

*Hymn 645 Sing Praise to God MIT FREUDEN ZART

Invitation to Confession (based on 2 Timothy)
Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Assured of God’s grace,
let us confess our sin together:

Prayer of Confession (based on Luke 17)
Holy God, when we are in need, we cry out for your mercy and healing.
Yet, we confess that too often, we are confident in our own strength. We
take the blessings to which we feel entitled and continue on our way,
rather than returning to you in worship and praise. Jesus, have mercy on
us! It is easy to take for granted the ease of life we so often experience,
while failing to question why others are pushed to the margins and
excluded. It is tempting to take pride in our health and strength. Jesus,
have mercy on us! Help us to grow in compassion for all people. Redirect
our paths so that we return to you, offering our praise and gratitude, now
and always. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
The saying is sure: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with him; if
we endure, we will also reign with him. We are clothed with the righteousness
of Christ. Our sin is forgiven! Thanks be to God.

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 Lift Thine Eyes Felix Mendelssohn
(Weiz Baker, Elisa Neale, & Lizzy Tobener, trio)

We Receive God’s Word

Children’s Message

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 17:11-19
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Why Me” Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)
In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we
trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we
worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and
release to the captives, teaching by word and deed, and blessing the
children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with
outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the
gospel. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve
Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we
watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord
Jesus!”

*Hymn 626 As the Deer AS THE DEER

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 Es ist das Heil uns kommen her (Salvation Unto Us Has Come)
Unknown

*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
Like the shepherds in Bethlehem’s field, like the leper healed who
returned to Jesus, like the Jews and Gentiles of the early church, we
praise and glorify your name, O God. You have given us more than we
could have imagined! For tidings of joy, for wholeness received, for the
gift of belonging, we thank you. Make of us, as well as these gifts,
offerings of good news to the poor, hope to the hopeless, and signs of your
power to reconcile and redeem. We ask all things in the name of Christ.
Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

*Hymn 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me TOPLADY

*Benediction

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

*Postlude Trumpet Tune II McCabe

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: Mari Elizabeth Burch & Ella Morgan

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Debbie & Harold Watson.

The Church This Week (10/12/2025)		
Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	2:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	5:30 p.m.	Pancake Supper
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of October 12, 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
Rebecca Harris OH

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

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals

Rehearsals for our Christmas Cantata, “*For Unto Us a Child is Born,*” by J.S. Bach, will begin today in the choir room after church. If you’d like to sing with us this year, stay for a soup & sandwich lunch and choir practice. You don’t have to join the choir to sing in the Christmas Cantata. All voices are welcome!

Breast Cancer Month

Presbyterian Women would like to invite all members to wear something pink on October 19 to honor Breast Cancer Month.
Thank you, Mary Jane Evans and Cathy Chapman

Drop In History Chat by Ron Stafford during SC Jazz Festival

Saturday, October 18 – 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church Session House
Featuring: Jazz Guitarist Amos Hoffman
Free – All ages can drop by the Session House to hear Cheraw History & enjoy Jazz!

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. Danielle Self, Secretary	
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton	Mrs. Gini Eddins, Director MMO
Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper	
Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	



Our Vision

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

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