

October 19, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
19th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God’s Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

*Call to Worship (Psalm 121 & 2 Timothy 4) Fred Harris
We lift up our eyes to the hills — from where will our help come?
Our help comes not from the hills, but from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.
With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us worship the living God!

*Hymn 403 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty UNSER HERRSCHER

Invitation to Confession

If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. And yet, we want to be people of truth and love. So, we come to the baptismal font seeking a new start; a new day; an opportunity to join God’s work of building and planting. With confidence that God hears our prayers and loves us unconditionally, let us confess our sins:

Prayer of Confession

God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us. Still, we stray from your ways, we fail to tell the truth, we mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel, and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God. Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us. Engrave your covenant upon us once more. Grant us courage and faith that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe.

Assurance of Pardon
No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.
Hear and believe this 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 When the Saints Go Marching In Traditional
Chancel Choir

We Receive God’s Word

Children’s Message

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Genesis 32:22-31
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 18:1-8
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Breakers Roar” Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (from The Confession of 1967)
The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become a personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace. The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

*Hymn 451 Open My Eyes That I May See OPEN MY EYES

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
We give you thanks, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is within them, for the gift of this day, this moment of worship, and your word which is engraved upon our hearts. Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you, as a symbol of the dedication of our entire lives, that we as your church might be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, love and joy. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

*Hymn 658 Go Is so Good GOD IS SO GOOD

*Benediction

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

*Postlude

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: Charlotte Folger & Ella Morgan

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Mary Jane Evans!

The Church This Week (10/19/2025)

Today	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	11:00 a.m. Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m. MMO
	5:00 pm McArn Fund Meeting
Wed.	8:30 a.m. MMO
	3:15 p.m. Fun Program
	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
Sun.	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	11:00 a.m. Worship

Prayer List as of October 19, 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
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	Kelli Beck
Oct. 26	Jean Page Watson
Nov. 2	Maggie Barton
Nov. 9	Steve Cook
Nov. 16	Charlene Tillman
Nov. 23	Jessie Baker
Nov. 30	Laura Folger
Dec. 7	Mary Jane Evans
Dec. 14	Lainey Baker
Dec. 21	Alison Chapman
Dec. 28	Marietta Melton Burch

Special thanks to Beth Maier substitute organist, for her time & talents today!

The rosebud at the front of the sanctuary is placed there in honor of Luke jones Tillman, son of Ben and Brittany Tillman. He was born on October 9, 2025. Congratulations to the parents and to his paternal grandparents, Bill and Charlene Tillman.

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*

Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
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Mary Jane Evans	Kristen Miller	Tracie Phillips
Jean Page Watson	Richard Pierce	Harold Watson

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