

October 26, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
Reformation Sunday

We Gather in God’s Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Processional Prelude Highland Cathedral Wetherill
(Jackson Alexander, organ; Bill Caudill, pipes)

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

*Call to Worship (Psalm 65:5-8) Steve Cook
By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

*Hymn 649 Amazing Grace (vs. 1,3,5) AMAZING GRACE
Bill Caudill

Invitation to Confession
Even before we admit our sin, God promises to hear us with mercy. Everyone
who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, hope of your people in every age, we confess that we have
sinned against you. We have wandered from your pathways, turned
toward idols, lived without compassion, and disregarded the well-being of
your creation. Do not turn away from us, O Lord, but renew your
covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed. Guide us and lead us in
your ways, for happy are those who live in your house. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
Hear the good news: In Christ we are made new—not by our striving or our
merit, but by the gift of God’s grace alone. The old life is gone, a new life has
begun.
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 Sing Dem Herrn Praetorius
Sing dem Herrn, Alleluia!
Alle lieben ihn. Lobe seinen namen!
Singet mit tambourin und harfe!

(Translation)
Sing to the Lord, Alleluia!
All love Him. Praise His name!
Sing with tambourine and harp!

We Receive God’s Word

Children’s Message

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 18:9-14
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Wayfaring Stranger” Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (from The Scots Confession (1560)
We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must
cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in
whom alone we put our trust. We believe and confess that God is eternal,
infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible— one in
substance and yet distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit. We believe that the church is the company of the faithful,
who hear the Word of God, receive the sacraments rightly administered,
and live in obedience to the Word, showing forth the love and justice of
God to the world God so loves. In all things, we confess that Christ Jesus
is the only Head of the Church, and that through Him we are redeemed,
renewed, and continually reformed according to God’s Word and the
calling of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn 275 A Mighty Fortress is Our God EIN FESTE BURG

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 Callin Mo Ruin-Sa, (The Maid I Adore) James Wetherald
Bill Caudill, pipes

*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 of creation, you water the earth and send forth food; you shower us
with grace and feed us with your love. Accept these gifts, humble though
they may be, and use them to spread your goodness throughout the earth;
in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

*Hymn 321 The Church’s One Foundation (vs. 1,2,5) AURELIA

*Benediction

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

*Postlude The Battle of the Somme
The Heights of Dargai Traditional Scottish

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: Durham Preston & Dylan Gilpin

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Libby
Pierce in honor & encouragement for those fighting breast cancer.

The Church This Week (10/26/2025)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	6:00 pm	Bible Study
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Sun.	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Cantata

Prayer List as of October 26, 2025

Gerry Rogers
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

Special thanks to Bill Caudill, bagpiper, for leading us in worship today with his time and talents.

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.

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	
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Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper	
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Our Vision

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

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