

November 23, 2025  
First Presbyterian Church  
Christ the King Sunday  
Thornwell Sunday

We Gather in God’s Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude Now Thank We All our God Wilbur Held

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

\*Call to Worship David Brabham  
Worship Christ, Eternal Son of God;  
Serve Christ, Glorious Ruler of creation;  
For to Christ belongs the power and the glory of the Almighty.  
Praise be to God.

\*Hymn 367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

Invitation to Confession  
With humble hearts, trusting in grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession  
Holy God, we confess that we have neglected ot declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ, yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness, yet quiet when it comes to offering love and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon  
All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is ours through faith in the Lord, in whom God was pleased to dwell. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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 Now Thank We All our God Bob Burroughs

We Receive God’s Word

Children’s Message

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6  
This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 23:33-43  
This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Oh Happy Day” 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 336 We Gather Together KREMSER

Minute for Mission Thornwell Susan Malloy

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 Be Thou My Vision Michael Burkhardt

\*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  
Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love. You have granted your favor to your people, offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom. And so we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service. May we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

\*Hymn 647 Give Thanks GIVE THANKS

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response 708 We Give Thee But Thine Own  
Chancel Choir SCHUMANN

\*Postlude Nun Danket Alle Gott George F. Kaufmann

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: Campbell Harris & Mari Burch

**The Church This Week (11/23/2025)**

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tue	6:00 pm	Bible Study
Wed.		Church Office Closed
Thurs		Happy Thanksgiving
Fri		Church Office Closed
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir

**Prayer List as of November 23, 2025**

Gerry Rogers  
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  
Nadia Harris  
Jean Watson  
Rebecca Harris Ott

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.

In the 1800s William Jacobs Plumer, a Presbyterian Minister had a dream. His dream was the start of an orphanage in Clinton, SC, where he was pastoring First Presbyterian Church. On October 1, 1875, Thornwell opened its doors to ten orphaned children. It was not a simple task. There were many challenges to overcome. The needs of children over the past century and a half have changed and Thornwell has changed to meet the varied needs of children and families they are called to serve. We hope that you will open your hearts and your wallets and give generously to the special offering used to partner with Thornwell in meeting the needs of young people.

**Christmas Shoe Boxes**

Christmas Shoe Boxes are due today no later than noon.  
They will be delivered to Westside Baptist church at 1:00 today.

**Happy Thanksgiving**

Church Office will be closed Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Decorate The Church**

Everyone is invited to help decorate the church on Friday Dec.5 at 10:00a.m.

**Christmas Pageant**

You are cordially invited to attend our annual Christmas performances!  
“The First Christmas,” a traditional Christmas pageant presented by 30 of our children, will take place during the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, December 7. The Chancel Choir will present “For Unto Us a Child is Born,” on Sunday, December 14, at 4 p.m. This cantata will feature a string quartet, guest conductor, Dr. Jose Rivera, and soloists by members of our Chancel Choir. Both services will be in the sanctuary, and we hope you will come and support our music ministry!

**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

**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*

**Sunday, November 23, 2025**

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