

January 11, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Allegro, from Concerto Nr. 1 in F Major*

Johann Walther

Welcome

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

*Call to Worship (*from Psalm 148*)

The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

May the Lord bless us with God's Peace!

The voice of the Lord proclaimed Jesus as God's beloved.

In our own baptisms, we are claimed as God's beloved.

*Hymn 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

Invitation to Confession

Let us be bold and confess our sins, for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel — God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.

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

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:1-5

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Ease My Mind"

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

*Hymn 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

Tracie Phillips

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem *More About Jesus Would I Know*
(Chancel Choir)

Sweeney/Hewitt

*Doxology

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

Peace

When my mind is like a battlefield
And my heart is overcome by fear
And hope seems like a ship that's lost at sea
My enemies on every side
And I'm tempted to run and hide
Your gentle whisper reaches out to me

(chorus) Peace holds me when I'm broken
Sweet peace that passes understanding
When the whole wide world is crashing down
fall to my knees
And breathe in Your peace

Fiery arrows whistling the terror of the night sets in
But I can feel Your angels all around
I am resting underneath
The shelter of Your mighty wings
Your promises are where my hope is found (chorus)

I remember who You are
You're the God who's never far
So I will not be afraid, God
You always keep me safe in Your arms
(chorus)

Just as I Am
Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Charlotte Elliot

Prayer After Communion

Hymn 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Benediction

Benediction Response Amen
(Chancel Choir)

LIVING GOD

Postlude *March, from Scipio*

Handel

*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: Dylan & Grayson Gilpin

The Church This Week (01/11/2026)

Today	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	11:00 a.m. Worship
	12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
	1:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Mon.	8:30 a.m. MMO
Wed.	8:30 a.m. MMO
	3:15 p.m. Fun Program
Sun.	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	11:00 a.m. Worship

Prayer List as of January 11, 2026

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
Nadia Harris
Lesley Jean Watson
Rebecca Harris Ott
Pam Cook (Alison Chapman's mother)
Wyatt Smith
Tommy Gulledge

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 outside of the church office. You can also call, or email Cathy Chapman and she can sign you up for a date.

Congregational Meeting Today

After service today, we will hold a Congregational Meeting to vote on reinstating the Board of Deacons for First Presbyterian Church of Cheraw. This will be a six-member Diaconate, composed of three classes of 2 members each.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for January - March

Jan. 4	Heather Tucker
Jan. 11	Cathy Chapman
Jan. 18	Jean Page Watson
Jan. 25	Kelli Beck
Feb. 1	Brittany Tillman
Feb. 8	Steve Cook
Feb. 15	Charlene Tillman
Feb. 22	Jessie Baker
March 1	Laura Folger
March 8	Mary Jane Evans
March 15	Lainey Baker
March 22	Alison Chapman
March 29	Marietta Melton Burch



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>
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. Danielle Self, Secretary
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton
Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper
Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery

Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE

Mrs. Gini Eddins, Director MMO

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