

February 1, 2026  
First Presbyterian Church  
*Consecration Sunday*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude** *Sinfonia from Wir Danken Dir, Gott, BWV 29*

J.S. Bach

**Welcome**

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**We Worship Together**

**\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 15)**

Lord, we come into your sanctuary with eagerness.

**May we hear your call and speak your truth.**

Lord, we come to abide with you in love.

**Gather us in honest and faithful community.**

Lord, prepare us to be people of hope and grace.

**Kindle in us courage to live as brave and faithful disciples.**

Let us worship our God together in this holy place.

**Alleluia. Amen**

**\*Hymn 667 When Morning Guilds the Skies**

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**Invitation to Confession**

Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God.

**Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 40)**

Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

The mercy of the Lord is deeper than the depths of the sea and wider than the whole of the earth. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed and made whole.

**Alleluia. Amen**

**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**

**Making Our 2026 Commitments**

(You will be asked to come forward to bring your 2026 Pledge Cards and Time & Talents Sheet as we celebrate our Holy Interruption Time.)

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Choral Anthem** *In Remembrance*

Red/Larson

**Children's Message**

**We Receive God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading:** Micah 6:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 5:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**New Testament Reading:** 1 Peter 4:8-11

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon "Keep Fishin'"**

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**Affirmation of Faith (from The Confession of 1967)**

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to God's self. Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another. To God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations! Amen.

**\*Hymn Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**

(Not Jesus, Thy Boundless Love, to Thee)

NEAR THE CROSS

**Announcements**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory** *Twilight Waltz*

(Campbell Harris, piano)

David Carr Glover

**\*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**

**Prayer After Communion**

**We Go Out to Serve**

**Hymn**

**459 O Word of God Incarnate, MUNICH I Am Thine, O Lord, I AM THINE**  
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**Benediction**

**Benediction Response** *Lead Me, Lord*  
(Chancel Choir)

Charles Wesley

**Postlude** *Toccata for a Joyful Day*

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**\*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:** Taedyn DeFord & Hank Parker

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.

## The Church This Week (02/1/2026)

Today	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	11:00 a.m. Worship (Communion)
Mon.	8:30 a.m. MMO
Tues.	12:00 p.m. At Ease
	6:00 p.m. CW Bible Study
Wed.	8:30 a.m. MMO
	9:00 a.m. CW Bible Study
	10:00 a.m. Circle Meeting
	3:15 p.m. Fun Program
	5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
Sat.	11:00 a.m. BBQ & Bake Sale
Sun.	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	11:00 a.m. Worship

## **Prayer List as of February 1, 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  
April Quick  
Summer Cathey

## **Scholarships:**

The First Presbyterian Church has four scholarships available for young people:

\*The **William Manning Malloy Memorial Scholarship** is available to the most qualified high school senior living within a five mile radius of Cheraw;

\*The **Edwin Malloy Memorial Scholarship** is available to anyone seeking higher education opportunities living within a five mile radius of Cheraw;

\*The **D. W. Moore, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund** is available to students seeking a degree in the field of music;

\*The **McArn, MPB, and Maynard Scholarship Fund** is also available.

**The deadline for returning scholarship applications is March 1, 2026.**

## **Community Women's Bible Study**

A new 6-week Bible study is beginning on Tuesday February 3rd at 6pm and Wednesday February 4th at 9:00am. We will study Adam Hamilton's *When Christians Get It Wrong*. We will tackle some difficult topics that are sure to generate discussion and a better understanding of what it means to model our lives after Jesus. See the summary below and the link to purchase your book. Assignment for the first lesson: Chapter 1. For questions, reach out to Tracie Phillips or Caroline Streater.

### *When Christians Get it Wrong:*

*More and more young adults have opted out of Christianity and the church. The reason? Christians. When young adults talk about the problems they have with Christianity and the church, they often name certain attitudes and behaviors they believe are practiced too often by Christians: judging others, condemning people of other faiths, rejecting science, injecting politics into faith, and being anti-homosexual. With his familiar style, Adam Hamilton tackles these issues and addresses the how's and why's of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ in the world.*

Amazon Link:

[a.co/d/0yJwKlm](https://a.co/d/0yJwKlm)

## **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

## **Session of First Presbyterian Church**

**Class of 2026**  
Mary Anderson  
Andrew McLeod  
Kristen Miller  
Richard Pierce

**Class of 2027**  
Mike Chapman  
Christie McLeod  
Tracie Phillips  
Harold Watson

**Class of 2028**  
John Folger  
Cam Beck  
Tammy Joyce  
Steve Cook

## **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



## **Our Vision**

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

## **Sunday, February 1, 2026**

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