

February 8, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
Consecration Sunday

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

Welcome

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 112)*

Diane Hines

People of God, praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, those who greatly delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

We who gather are broken yet holy; sinners at heart, yet fully redeemed. We are God's very own, called together here this day.

Let us sing. Let us pray. Let us join together in worship. Praise the Lord!

***Hymn** *664 Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

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**

***Gloria Patri**

Choral Anthem

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *"Island in the Sun"*

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** *442 Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

WOODWORTH

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem *Holy Spirit*

Bryan Torwalt

(Megan Watson, soloist; Dan Tillman, guitar)

***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 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

Omer Westendorf

(Chancel Choir; Libby Pierce, Richard Pierce, Alexis Cox, Dan Tillman,
& Buddy Brooks, soloists)

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ BWV 639

J.S. Bach

Jackson Alexander, organist

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

Hymn *187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

Benediction

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

Charles Wesley

Postlude *Toccata in E Minor*

(Jackson Alexander, organist)

Johann Pachelbel

***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: Grace Tillman and Cloie Tillman

The rosebud at the front of the sanctuary is placed there in honor of John Webster Barton, son of Cody and Maggie Barton. He was born on January 22, 2026. Congratulations to his parents and siblings.

The Church This Week (02/8/2026)

Today 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Mon. 8:30 a.m. MMO
 Tues. 6:00 p.m. CW Bible Study
 Wed. 8:30 a.m. MMO
 9:00 a.m. CW Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
 Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship

Prayer List as of February 8, 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 Gullledge
 April Quick
 Summer Cathey

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

Congregational Meeting on February 22nd, 2026, immediately following the service to vote on and elect the new Board of Deacons classes for 2026, 2027, & 2028.

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.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for January - March

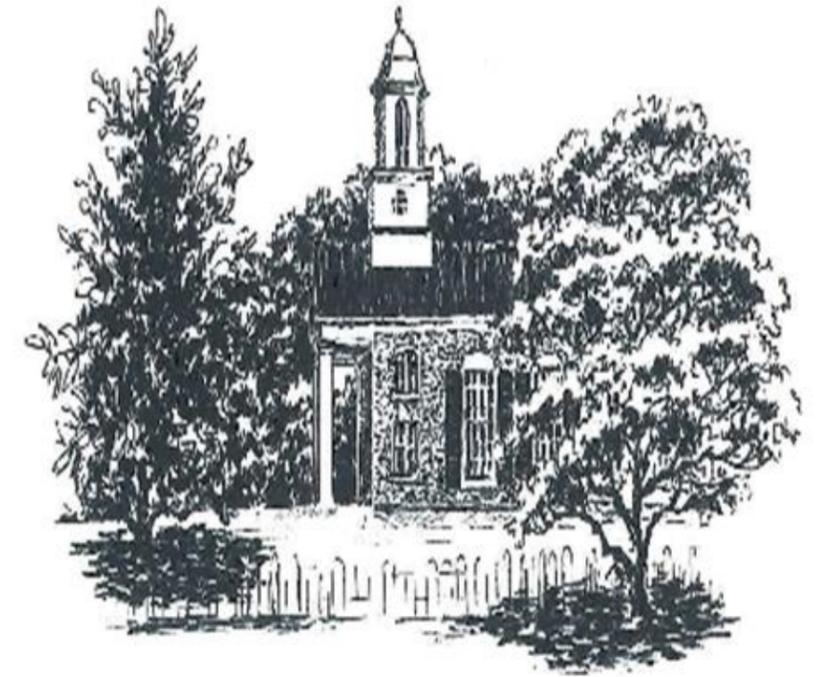
Jan. 4	Heather Tucker
Jan. 11	Cathy Chapman
Jan. 18	Jean Page Watson
Jan. 25	Kelli Beck
Feb. 1	Brittany Tillman
Feb. 8	Steve Cook
Feb. 15	Charlene Tillman
Feb. 22	Jessie Baker
March 1	Laura Folger
March 8	Mary Jane Evans
March 15	Lainey Baker
March 22	Alison Chapman
March 29	Marietta Melton Burch

Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2026</u> Mary Anderson Andrew McLeod Kristen Miller Richard Pierce	<u>Class of 2027</u> Mike Chapman Christie McLeod Tracie Phillips Harold Watson	<u>Class of 2028</u> John Folger Cam Beck Tammy Joyce Steve Cook
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The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor
 Mrs. Danielle Self, Secretary
 Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton
 Mrs. Arneitha Kendall, Housekeeper
 Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery
 Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
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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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