

March 22, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
4th Sunday of Lent

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Praeludium in G Minor, BuxWV 149* Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship (Psalm 130)** Tom Hammer

Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.

Let your ears hear our supplication.

We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.

We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.

Come. Let us worship God.

***Hymn 436** *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*
O QUANTA QUALIA

Call to Confession Psalm 130 reminds us that our God is loving and merciful. Let us come before God now, together and then privately and silently, to confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God, we are a busy people. We become preoccupied with the demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to recognize those of those around us. We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and guidance as we follow the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin.

Assurance of Pardon

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life, and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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 *I Am* Crowder
(Chancel Choir; Cloie Tillman & Grace Tillman, duet;
Blair Driggers, drums; Dan Tillman, guitar)

We Receive God's Word

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:6-11

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "*Ain't No Grave*" 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 801** *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* CRIMOND

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 Anthem *God's Time is the Best*, Cantata No. 106

J.S. Bach

***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, we offer these gifts to you, fruits of our labors and a token of our appreciation for everything that you have done for us and given to us.

We pray that you guide their use for the welfare of your people. Amen

We Go Out to Serve

Hymn 792 *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

Benediction

Benediction Response *738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Chancel Choir

MARYTON

Postlude *Trumpet Tune I*

Michael McCabe

***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: Jessie and Lainey Baker

The Church This Week (03/22/2026)

Today 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice

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
 3:15 p.m. Fun Program
 5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Breakfast
 9:45 a.m. Pictures with Easter Bunny
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:55 a.m. Palm Branch Practice
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 5:00 p.m. Choir practice

Prayer List as of March 22, 2026

Gerry Rogers
 Benny Moore
 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
 Lynn Smith

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.

Please Join Us

At Ease - first Tuesday of each month, 12 noon in the fellowship building.
Circle Meeting - first Wednesday of each month at 10 am in Ladies Parlor.
Prayer meeting - Wednesday night at 5:30 pm in the Session House.

Choir Practice

Choir will be having choir practice at 5 pm today.

Palm Sunday Breakfast

The Presbyterian Women will host a breakfast for everyone on Palm Sunday, March 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Building.

In order to make sure we have enough food, we are asking that you please sign up by emailing chap5971@gmail.com, or calling the office by Wednesday, March 25th and asking Danielle to add you to the list.

Please let us know the number of adults and children.

We hope everyone will be able to join us for some delicious food and great fellowship on this very special day.

Thank you,
 Presbyterian Women

Pictures with the Easter bunny!

On Sunday, March 29th after the Palm Sunday breakfast, Pictures with the Easter bunny will be at 9:45 a.m.

Palm Branches Practice NEW!

All children ages 3 yo-5th grade are invited to practice (for 5 min.) the processional in the sanctuary with palm branches for the 11 a.m. service on Sunday March 29th.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for March

March 22	Alison Chapman
March 29	Marietta Melton Burch

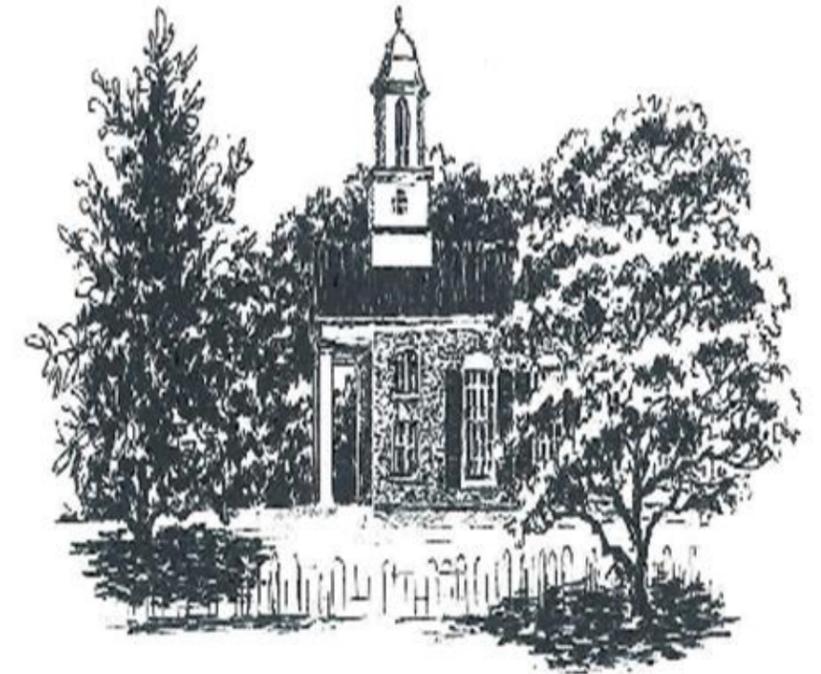
Session of First Presbyterian Church

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

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor
 Mrs. Danielle Self, Office Administrator
 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*

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