

**March 29, 2026**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
*Palm Sunday*  
*Ordination and Installation Service*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude** *Allegro I, from Sonata I in F Major, Op. 2* Marcello  
Kelly Shea, flute

**Welcome** Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**We Worship Together**

**\*Call to Worship** Karen Tillman  
“Hosanna!” They shouted. “Save us!”  
“**Hosanna!**” We’re shouting. “**Save us!**”  
Savior, ride into our hearts again,  
**wash us with excitement and hope,**  
give us a reason to praise  
**and to shout again, “Hosanna! Hosanna!”**

**\*Hymn** *196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor*  
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**Call to Confession**

When we say, “We don’t sin,” we deny who we are. But when we say,  
“There’s no way out,” we deny who God is. Trusting that God’s grace is more  
powerful than our sin, let us confess our sins together.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy Christ, we confess that amidst all the Palm Sunday crowds, we find  
ourselves in more turmoil than triumph. Our faith is unsteady. Our  
wisdom is eroding. Our resolve is shaken. Our mercy is hardening. Our  
hope is weakening. Come again and save us from these sins. Give us  
strength to follow you, our humble Savior, our wise fool, our all in all.  
Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Hear this promise: Jesus has set his face toward the cross.

**Nothing we can do can deter him.**

He has determined that we are worth saving.

**By the power of the cross, by the power of wondrous love, we are  
forgiven. Thanks be to God. 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** *Hosanna* Christian Gregor  
Chancel Choir  
Kelly Shea, flute

**We Receive God's Word**

**Children's Message**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-9

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 21:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** *“Beautiful Day”* Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**Affirmation of Faith** *(from Philippians 2:5-11)*

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was  
in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be  
exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in  
human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is  
above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in  
heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should  
confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**\*Hymn** *197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE

**Moment for Mission:** One Great Hour of Sharing Steve Cook

**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** *Allegro II, from Sonata I in F Major, Op. 2* Marcello  
Kelly Shea, flute

**\*Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy one, we cannot offer you great treasures as the world measures  
them. Here is only what we have at hand: cloaks and palm fronds to line  
your path, and all our ordinary sacrifices. Accept these gifts, and  
transform them, that we may share in your great work of love. Amen.**

**Ordination and Installation**

**Statement on Ordination**

**Constitutional Questions**

**Invitation for the Laying on of Hands**

**Prayer of Ordination and Installation**

**Declaration of Ordination**

**Charge to the New Officers**

**We Go Out to Serve**

**Hymn** *634 To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response** *804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* MARION  
Chancel Choir

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

**\*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:** Christopher Tucker & Jem Morgan

**The Church This Week (03/29/2026)**

Today 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

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  
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thurs. 5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Fri. 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Prayer List as of March 29, 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.

Today we thank Kelly Shea, guest flutist, for sharing her time and talents with us.

**Choir Practice**

Choir will be having choir practice at 5 pm today.

**Bible Study**

The Women’s Community Bible Study will begin a new series on April 14th (6pm) and 15th(9am), running 6 weeks. Pick either time slot each week.

The study: Karen Ehman’s, Keep it Shut

The study will challenge you to dig deep into what the Bible says about the ways we use our words. See Caroline Streater or Tracie Phillips to sign up.

**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.

**Nursery Volunteer Schedule for January - March**

March 29	Marietta Melton Burch
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**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

**Board of Decans of First Presbyterian Church**

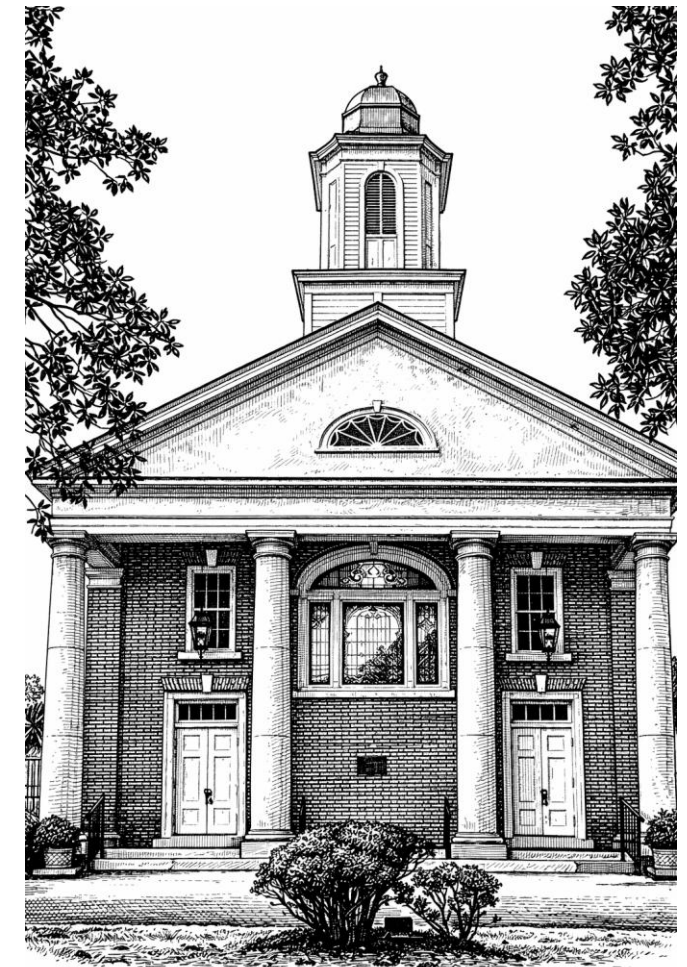
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Mary Anderson	Buddy Brooks	Karen Tillman
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Bron Long		

**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*

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

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