

April 05, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Toccatina in F*, BWV 540 J.S. Bach

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Sadie Baker
Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grace.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Sin and death shall reign no more.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Let this place resound with joy.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God.

***Hymn** 232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

Call to Confession

God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us the courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (from John 3:17)

Listen, church: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *"Uncloudy Day"* Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (*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** 233 *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

Moment for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing Avery Dickson

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem *Hallelujah from the Christ on the Mount of Olives*
Ludwig Van Beethoven

***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 *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*, BWV 654 J.S. Bach
(Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness)

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

Hymn 238 *Thine is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEAUS

Benediction

Benediction Response *Alleluia, Amen!* Traditional

Postlude *Toccatina*, from Symphony No. 5 Charles-Marie Widor

***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: Charlotte Folger and Ella Morgan

The Church This Week (04/05/2026)

Today 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship (Easter Sunday)
 Mon. Easter Monday Church Office closed
 Tues. 12:00 p.m. AT Ease
 Wed. 10:00 a.m. Decans Meeting
 11:00 a.m. Mission Meeting
 5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
 Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship

Prayer List as of April 05, 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 Gulledege
 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.

Special thanks to our Chancel choir and guest singers for leading us in glorious music today!

Easter Monday

Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 6th.

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.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for April – June

April 5	Cathy Chapman
April 12	Marietta Melton Burch
April 19	Alison Chapman
April 26	Kelli Beck
May 3	Brittany Tillman
May 10	Steve Cook
May 17	Charlene Tillman
May 24	Jessie Baker
May 31	Laura Folger
June 7	Mary Jane Evans
June 14	Lainey Baker
June 21	Maggie Barton
June 28	Heather Tucker

Session of First Presbyterian Church

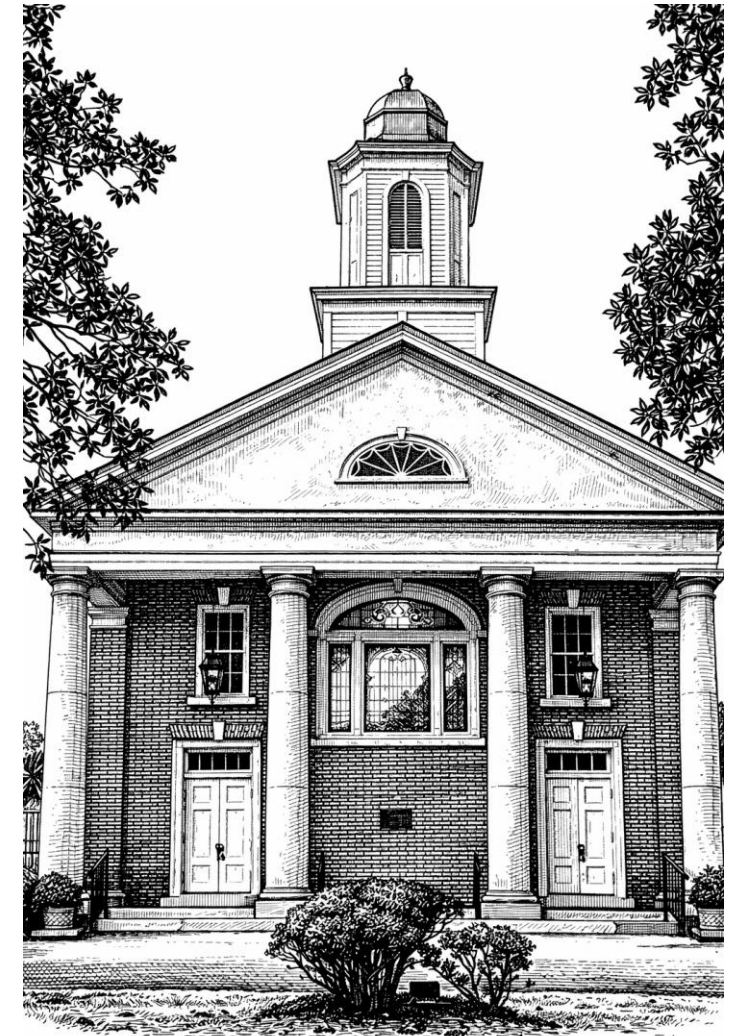
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The Church Staff

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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