

**April 12, 2026**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
*2nd Sunday of Easter*  
*Ordination and Installation Service*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude**

**Welcome** Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**We Worship Together**

**\*Call to Worship** Kathie Cook

Great is the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn 268 Crown Him with Many Crowns** DIADEMATA

**Call to Confession**

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God's gracious promise of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

The scriptures teach: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**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** *He Lives!* Alfred Ackley  
Chancel Choir

**We Receive God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading:** Psalm 16

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading:** John 20:19-31

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** *"One Thing Left to Try"* 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 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy** IN BABILONE

**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**

**\*Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious and loving God, we bring our tithes and offerings to you in celebration and thanksgiving for the good news of Easter. Give us your wisdom and grace to use what you have given us for ministries of love and compassion that will share the love of Jesus Christ. Accept what we give in response to what you have so freely given to us, your indescribable gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 188 Jesus Loves Me** JESUS LOVES ME

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response** *Alleluia, Amen!*

**Postlude**

**\*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:** Lydia & Julia Fenters

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.

**The Church This Week (04/12/2026)**

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  
 3:15 p.m. Fun Program  
 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 April 12, 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  
 April Quick  
 Summer Cathey  
 Lynn Smith

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.

**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.

**VBS Meeting**

We will have our first VBS “Rainforest Falls” meeting Sunday, April 26 at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. If you’d like to help with this year’s Vacation Bible School, please join us! It’s going to be a fun experience for all!

**McArn Food Bank Backpack Ministry**

McArn Food Bank Partners with Cheraw Primary school, to provide weekend food for 35 of their students most in need. Each week during the school year, nutritious food items are bagged and placed in children’s backpacks for them to carry home for the weekend.

**Food items may include (No peanut butter or nuts):**

- \*Ravioli cups
- \*Mac-n-cheese cups
- \*Ramen noodles cup
- \*Pudding cups
- \*Jello cups
- \*Fruit cups,
- \*Applesauce cups
- \*Vegetable cups
- \*Pop Tarts
- \*Granola bars
- \*Individual cereal bowls
- \*Instant grits
- \*Instant oatmeal
- \*Lance sandwich crackers

If you would like to contribute any of these items to this ministry, please place them in the designated box outside the church office door or the little red wagon in the Narthex.

**Nursery Volunteer Schedule for April – June**

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**

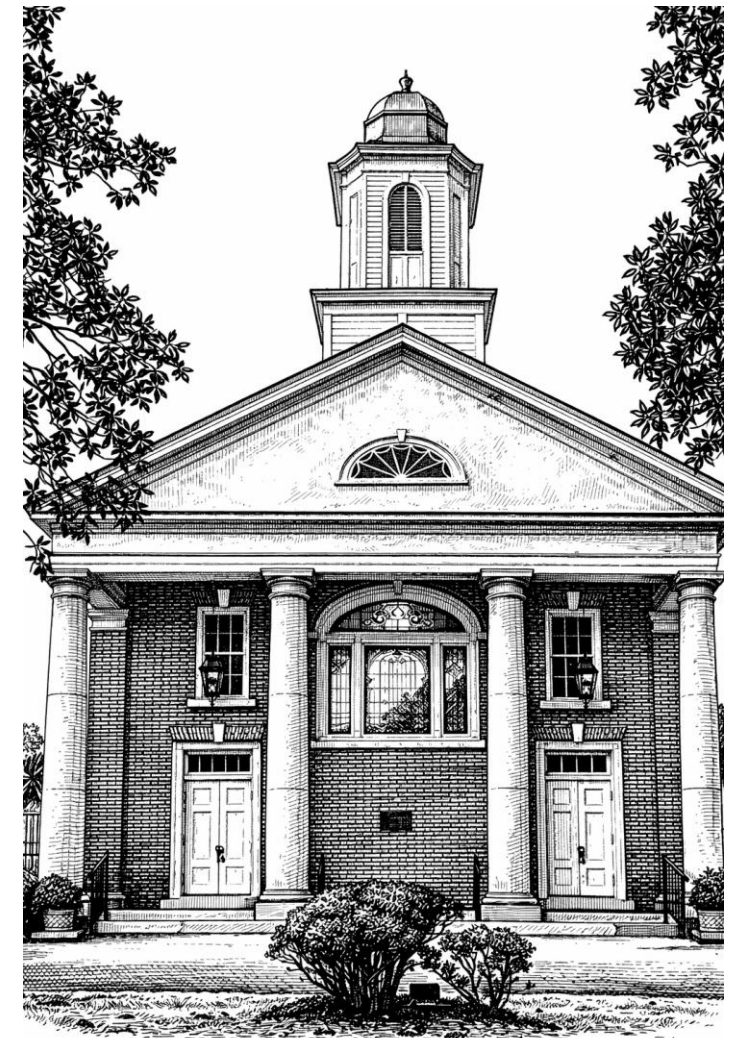
<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Mary Anderson	Mike Chapman	John Folger
Andrew McLeod	Christie McLeod	Cam Beck
Kristen Miller	Tracie Phillips	Tammy Joyce
Richard Pierce	Harold Watson	Steve Cook

**Board of Decans of First Presbyterian Church**

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Mary Anderson	Buddy Brooks	Karen Tillman
Becky Childers		Debra Luke
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, April 12, 2026**

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