

April 19, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
3rd Sunday of Easter
Service of Baptism

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Processional in G*

John Stanley

Welcome

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship (from 1 Peter 1)**

Kathie Cook

Followers of Jesus, by his cross, we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

Alleluia!

By his rising, we are free from the fear of death.

Alleluia!

By his love, we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

***Hymn** *826 Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

Invitation to Confession

God judges all people impartially according to their deeds. Trusting in God's love in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, even as we proclaim the saving life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we fail to see the living Christ in our midst. We find ourselves preoccupied with our own well-being and success, forgetting your imperative to love our neighbor as ourselves. We turn away from systems that challenge our way of thinking, choosing to justify our actions instead of examining our intentions. Show us again how to live a resurrection faith, a faith that sees life and hope in the midst of death and destruction. Transform our hearts so that where they are hardened toward you, neighbor and self, they may once again be filled with love and moved to actions of grace and mercy. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In Acts 2:39, Peter says: "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." Receive the good news, Children of God, you 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**

Anthem *Down By the Riverside*
Chancel Choir

African American Spiritual

We Receive God's Word

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Amos 7:10-17

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon *"This Must Be The Place"*

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** *172 Blest Are They*

BLEST ARE THEY

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 *I Love You, Lord*

Phillip Keveren

***Doxology**

Baptism and Profession of Faith

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Baptism

Welcome

We Go Out to Serve

Hymn *462 I Love To Tell the Story*

HANKEY

Benediction

Benediction Response *Alleluia, Amen!*
Chancel Choir

Traditional

Postlude *All Glory be to God on High*

Walther

***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: Kaiden & Knox Miller

The Church This Week (04/19/2026)

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
 2:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
 5:00 p.m. VBS Meeting

Prayer List as of April 19, 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
 Summer Cathey
 Lynn Smith
 Harold Watson

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.

Youth & Children's Sunday

Make plans to attend our annual Youth & Children's Sunday, May 3rd where the entire service is led by our Fun Program children & youth! Join us!

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!

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for April – June

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| 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 |

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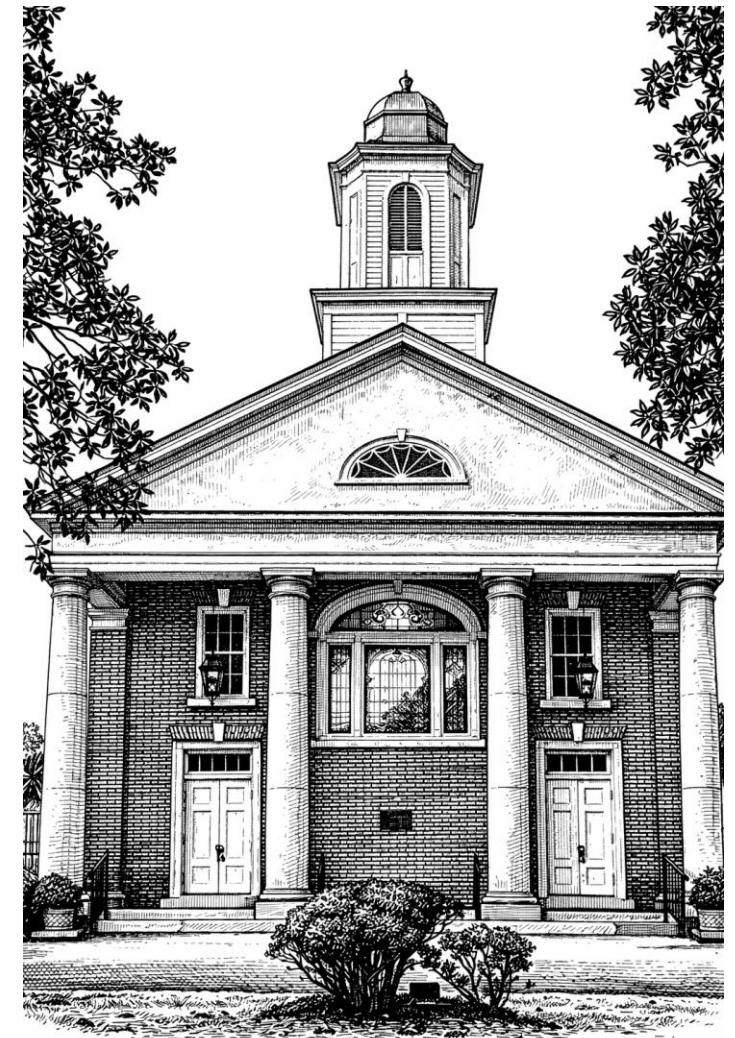
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| <u>Class of 2026</u> | <u>Class of 2027</u> | <u>Class of 2028</u> |
| Mary Anderson | Mike Chapman | John Folger |
| Andrew McLeod | Christie McLeod | Cam Beck |
| Kristen Miller | Tracie Phillips | Tammy Joyce |
| Richard Pierce | Harold Watson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

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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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