

**May 10, 2026**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
*6th Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude** *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson  
Youth Bells

**Welcome** Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**We Worship Together**

**\*Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 47)* Sam Baker Jr.  
Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,  
**For God reigns over all the Earth!**  
God has gone up with a shout!  
**Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!**

**\*Hymn** *611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

**Invitation to Confession** *(Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16)*

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**Prayer of Confession**

Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** *(from Romans 8:31-32)*

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Believe the good news of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! 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**

**We Receive God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 66:8-20

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**New Testament Reading** Acts 17:22-31

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** *"The Great Divide"*

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

**Affirmation of Faith** *(The Nicene Creed)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *39 Great is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

**Announcements**

**Moment for Mission:** Mother's Day Offering

Mary Jane Evans

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory Anthem** *The Gift of Love*  
Chancel Choir

Hal Hopson

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**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** *O Come to the Altar* Elevation Worship  
Lainey Baker & Weiz Baker, duet

**Prayer After Communion**

**We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn** *804 Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*

MARION

**\*Benediction**

**Benediction Response** *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* FESTAL SONG

**\*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 for today: Charlotte Folger & Brylee Denham

The flowers are placed in the church today to the glory of God by Mary Anderson.

### **The Church This Week (5/10/2026)**

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  
 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 May 10, 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  
 Pam Cook (Alison Chapman's mother)  
 Wyatt Smith  
 Summer Cathey  
 Lynn Smith  
 Harold Watson  
 Susan Malloy  
 Mary Gullede  
 Danny & Kathy Bradshaw

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.

### **VBS Registration**

VBS "Rainforest Falls" registration is now open online and closes June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Where:** Vacation Bible School (VBS) our church

**What:** "Rainforest Falls" VBS

**When:** June 9-11, 5-8 p.m.

**Who:** Classes age 3-Adults; Nursery 1-2 years old.

**Registration:** Register for the adult or children's class on our website:

cherawfpc.org

Volunteers and items are needed! The sign-up sheet for items or volunteer opportunities is posted outside Mrs. Weiz's office.

Join us for this summer's Vacation Bible School and let's make this the best year yet!

### **Happy Mother's Day!**

The Mother's Day Offering will be taken today during Worship. Your gift helps close the gap between monthly income and expenses for the residents of Presbyterian Communities.

Please visit the website below for more information:

<https://www.prescommunities.org/mother-s-day-offering>

We would also like to invite you & your children to celebrate with a photo booth & props in the downstairs hallway, for you and your families to enjoy on your own, for this special day!

### **Covered Dish Lunch May 31<sup>st</sup>**

There will be a cover dish lunch after worship service on May 31 in the Fellowship Building. This is one of many events the Fellowship Committee will be sponsoring this year. So, bring your favorite cover dish and join in the fellowship May 31!

### **Nursery Volunteer Schedule for April – June**

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**

#### Class of 2026

Mary Anderson  
 Andrew McLeod  
 Kristen Miller  
 Richard Pierce

#### Class of 2027

Mike Chapman  
 Christie McLeod  
 Tracie Phillips  
 Harold Watson

#### Class of 2028

John Folger  
 Cam Beck  
 Tammy Joyce  
 Steve Cook

### **Board of Decans of First Presbyterian Church**

#### Class of 2026

Marion Anderson  
 Becky Childers  
 Bron Long

#### Class of 2027

Buddy Brooks

#### Class of 2028

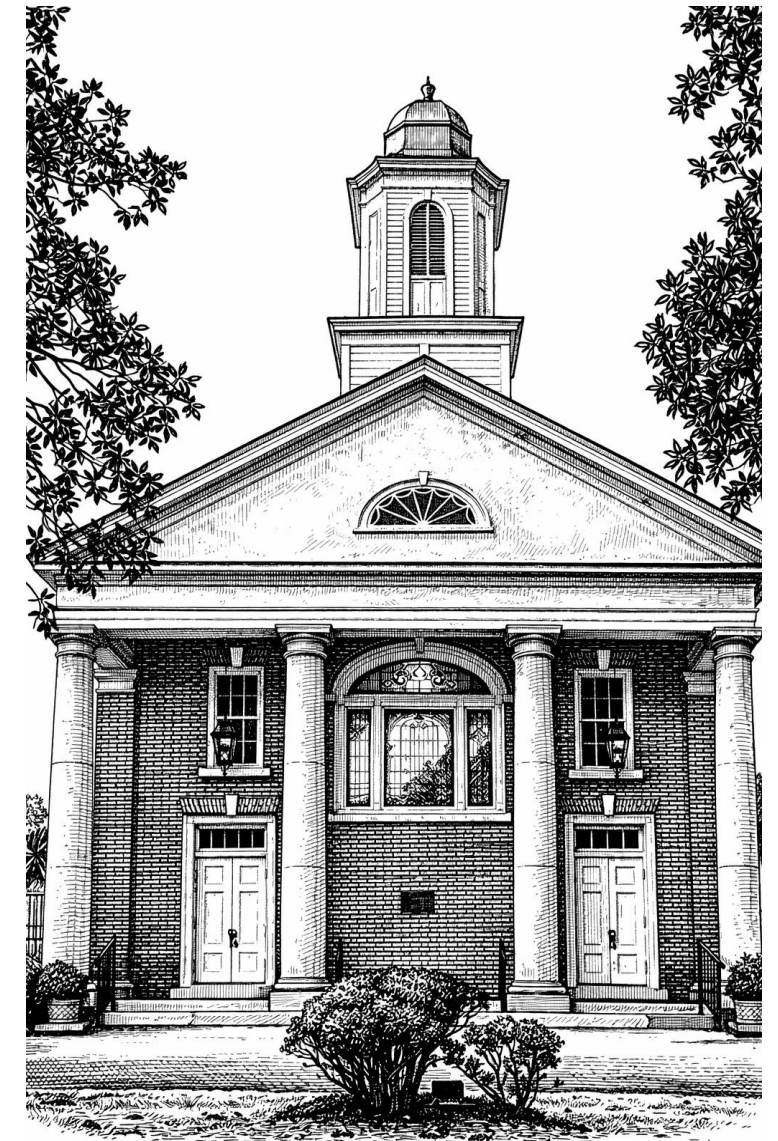
Karen Tillman  
 Debra Luke

### **The Church Staff**

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor  
 Mrs. Danielle Self, Office Administrator  
 Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton  
 Mrs. Armetha 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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