

May 24, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Fowler's March*

William P. Rowan

Welcome

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** (*based on Acts 2:1-4*)

Steve Cook

All together in one place;

they heard the rush of a violent wind;

it filled the entire house.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;

they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

***Hymn** *8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

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Invitation to Confession

God's Spirit is alive and at work among us, gathering us for worship, calling us to return to God through prayer, praise and confession. Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession

Spirit of the Living God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly, but fear keeps us quiet and circling. We confess our lack of courage, splintered by uncertainty and second-guessing. Forgive us for all the times we shrink from your call. Embolden us to dream beyond what we know and imagine the world as beloved community. Let your Spirit fill us, prodding us beyond inertia. Grant that we might be Christ's body, not in fits and starts but with steady conviction. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us be active participants in ushering in your peaceable kin-dom. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (*Acts 2:21*)

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. 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 *Open My Eyes*
Chancel Choir

Gilbert Martin

We Receive God's Word

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Numbers 11:24-30

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-21

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "*One Love*"

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; he suffered death and was buried. 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 worshiped 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** *688 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* (vs. 1,3,4)

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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 Meditation on "*Veni Creator Spiritus*" Traditional Plainsong
arr. by Douglas Wagner

***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.

Prayer of Dedication

You give with open hands, Most Generous God, sharing gifts as seed to sow. We gather these offerings, asking only that they might take root and flourish — to tend your Kin-dom, to nurture your beloved community. Let our acts be not merely ritual but a commitment: a shaping of the world in your image, one generous gesture at a time. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** *279 Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

ST. AGNES

***Benediction**

Benediction Response *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

***Postlude** *Ceremonial March*

Edward H. Wetherill

***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: Jem & Ella Morgan

The flowers are placed in the church today to the glory of God by Reba & Buddy Brooks.

The Church This Week (5/24/2026)

Today 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
Mon. Memorial Day Church Office closed
Tues. 6:00 p.m. CW Bible Study
Wed. 9:00 a.m. CW Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Covered Dish Lunch

Prayer List as of May 24, 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
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.

Covered Dish Lunch May 31st

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 May31!

VBS Registration

VBS "Rainforest Falls" registration is now open online and closes June 1st.

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!

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for April – June

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

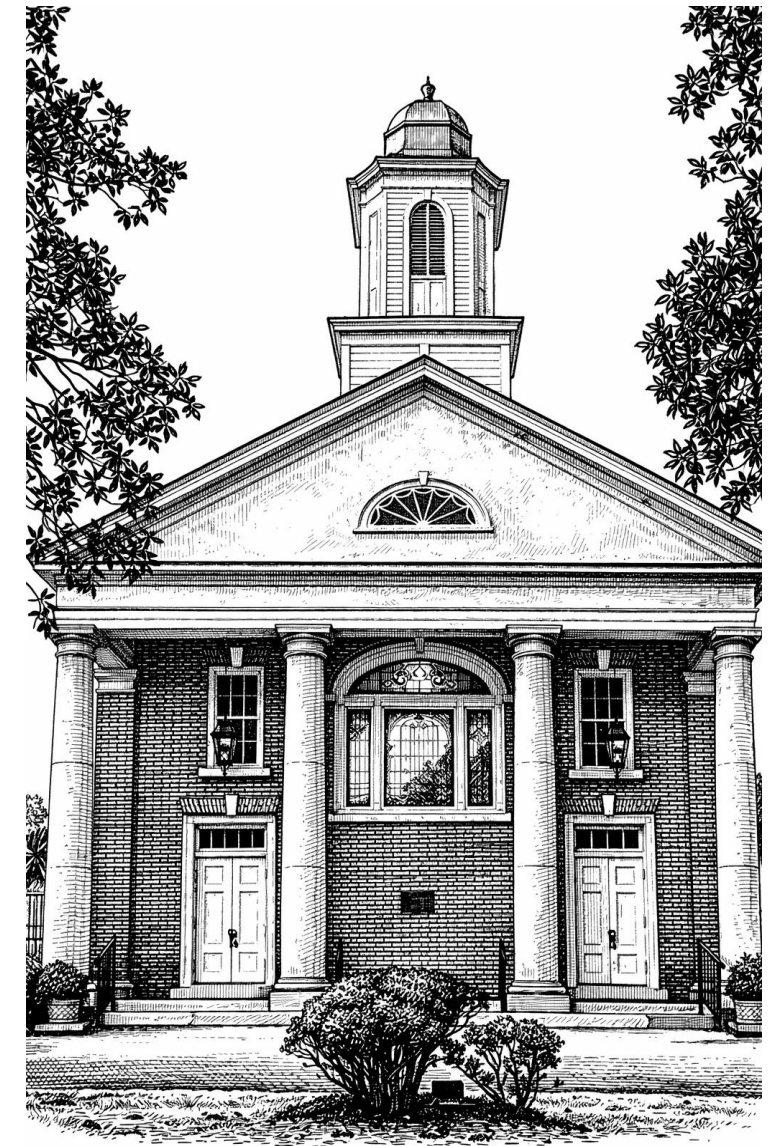
<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Mary Anderson	Mike Chapman	John Folger
Andrew McLeod	Christie McLeod	Cam Beck
Kristen Miller	Tracie Phillips	Tammy Joyce
Richard Pierce	Harold Watson	Steve Cook

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<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
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Becky Childers		Debra Luke
Bron Long		

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor
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Mrs. Arnetta 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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