

June 21, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
Mission Trip Sunday

We Gather in God’s Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude Great is Thy Faithfulness arr. by Mark Hayes

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

*Call to Worship (from Matthew 10:29-31) Buddy Brooks
Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.
God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.
God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.
We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!

*Hymn 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

Invitation to Confession

Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us prepare our hearts through the confession of our individual and collective sins.

Prayer of Confession

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Through Christ’s death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God’s glory and testify to God’s grace. In the name of 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

Children’s Message Mary Louise Baker

We Receive God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 20:7-13
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Romans 6:1b-11
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Report from the Mission Team

Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, p1 male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*Hymn 370 This is My Father’s World TERRA BEATA

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 A Father’s Day Hymn Celebration
(Men are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary to sing a selection of cherished hymns in celebration of Father’s Day).

*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

Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us, shape us, send us, so that we might be your body in the world you so love. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

*Hymn 8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save MELITA

*Benediction

Benediction Response Blest Be the Tie That Binds Lowell Mason
Blest Be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Amen.

*Postlude When We All Get to Heaven Emily Wilson
arr. by Mark Hayes

*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

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Gene and Rosalind Brymer in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary on June 24.

The Church This Week (6/21/2026)

Today 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
Tues. Church Office Closed
Wed. 5:30 p.m. Prayer meeting
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

Prayer List as of June 21, 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 Gulledge
Kathy Bradshaw
Jessie Baker
Betty Davis
Sue Funderburk

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.

Happy Father's Day!
Happy Father's Day to all the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures in our church family!

We thank God for your faith, love, guidance, and example.
May you be blessed today as you continue to lead and serve with Christlike devotion.

Ice Cream Social – Sunday, July 19 at the New Shelter at 4:00 pm
If you have a favorite home-made ice cream you would like to bring and share it with everyone, please bring it! We will also have ice cream and all the fixing, too. So come join the fun!

Join Us Sunday, July 26th!
Join us for a special afternoon of music as we celebrate the talents of Jackson & Watson in a combined organ and piano recital. Their dedication, hard work, and love of music have blessed our church family, and we invite the congregation to come and support them as they share their gifts in praise to God. We hope you will attend this joyful occasion of music and celebration on **Sunday, July 26th at 3pm** in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Building.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for June	
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>
Marion 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!

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