

June 28, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God’s Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho Lee Harris

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

*Call to Worship (based in Psalm 89) Tom Hammer
Let us sing of God’s steadfast love forever;
With my mouth I will proclaim God’s faithfulness to all generations.
Let us declare that God’s steadfast love is established forever;
God’s faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

*Hymn 363 Rejoice The Lord is King DARWALL’S 148TH

Invitation to Confession
We have been called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength, and soul and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, our neighbor, and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

Prayer of Confession
God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. And we yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Indeed, free us from the graves of self-hatred, so that we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be your people. 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

We Receive God’s Word

Children’s Message

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 28:5-9
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Matthew 10:40-42
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Hands on the Wheel” Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

*Hymn 839 Blessed Assurance ASSURANCE

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 Holy, Holy, Holy Dino Kartsonakis

*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
O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.

We Go Out to Serve

*Hymn 834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand PRECIOUS LORD

*Benediction

Benediction Response Go, My Children, With My Blessing
Chancel Choir AR HYD Y NOS
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*Postlude Thine is the Glory Handel arr. by Albin Whitworth

*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 Mary Jane Evans.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Betty Davis upon the passing of her sister, Lillis McCormic. Please keep Betty and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

The Church This Week (6/28/2026)

Today 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
Fri. Church office closed for 4th of July
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship

Prayer List as of June 28, 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
Sherryl Shaw (Friend of Susie Pace)

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.

Church Office Closed Notice

The Church Office will be closed on **Friday, July 3rd**, in observance of the **Independence Day holiday**.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July!

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.

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**):

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| *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 June

June 28	Heather Tucker
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Session of First Presbyterian Church

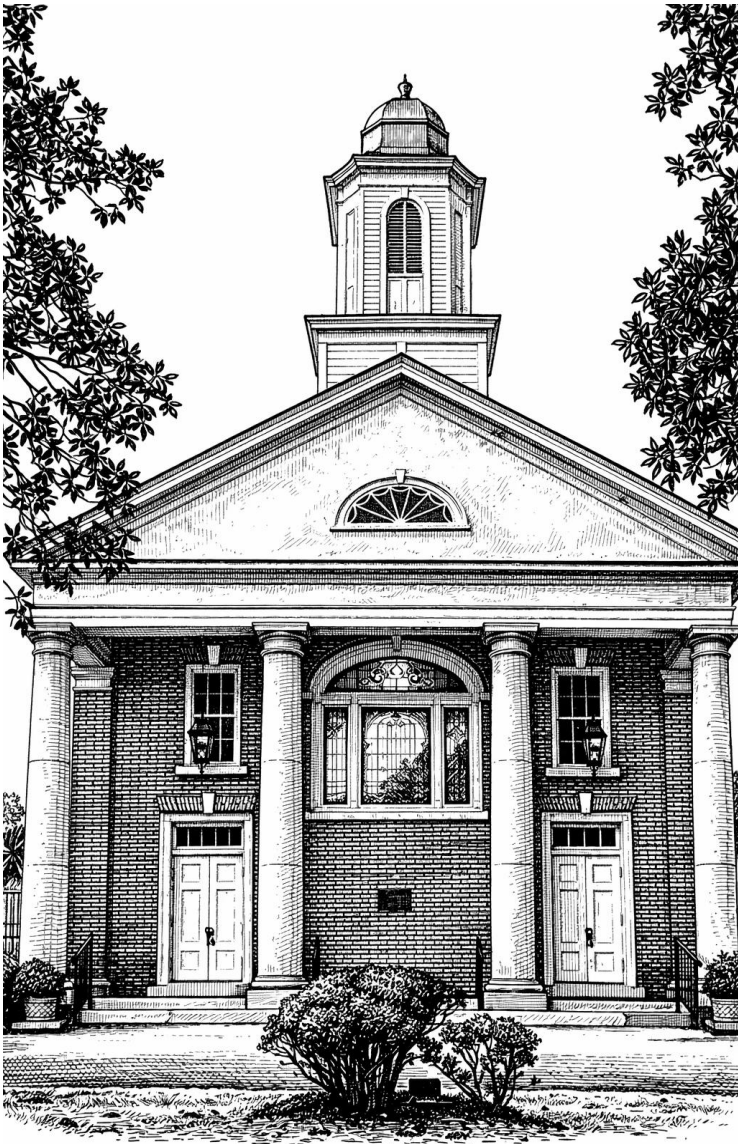
<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Mary Anderson	Mike Chapman	John Folger
Andrew McLeod	Christie McLeod	Cam Beck
Kristen Miller	Tracie Phillips	Tammy Joyce
Richard Pierce	Harold Watson	Steve Cook

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. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
Mrs. Danielle Self, Office Administrator	
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton	Mrs. Gini Eddins, Director MMO
Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper	
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Our Vision

*Rooted by God's Grace,
Growing in the Spirit,
Reaching Out with Christ's Love!*

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