

August 2, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God’s Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude Processional on “Ellacombe” Richard Warner

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

*Call to Worship Diane Hines
The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all, and God’s compassion is over all that God has made.
The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you, God, and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is just in all God’s ways, and kind in all God’s doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on the Lord, to all who call on the Lord in truth.

*Hymn 260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus HYFRYDOL

Invitation to Confession
We come to confession not because we believe we are bad people, but because we know there are areas of our lives that stand in need of God’s healing touch. And God, who is more ready to forgive than we are to confess, will hear us with a loving ear, ready to heal any brokenness within us or between us.

Prayer of Confession
Holy God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ. Everything we need to know about you has been shown. Your goodness, mercy, healing and renewal are on full display. But sometimes we do not see what is right before us. Sometimes we miss the miracle. We misunderstand you, and so we misunderstand the world. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the ability to see you as you reveal yourself. Renew within us the capacity to perceive your way in the world, for this life, and in the life that is to come. We pray it in Jesus’ name, and for his sake.

Assurance of Pardon
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see: everything has become new. All this is from God, who reconciled us to God’s self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Believe the promise of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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: Isaiah 55:1-5
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Come Together” Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (from A Declaration of Faith, 1977)
Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God’s word and action in history, together with his people’s response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

*Hymn 769 For Everyone Born EVERYONE BORN

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prelude in A-Flat Major, No. 26 Frederic Chopin

*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 What a Friend We Have in Jesus David Hegarty
Breathe on Me Breath of God Don Phillips

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

*Hymn 418 Softly and Tenderly SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

*Benediction

Benediction Response 542 God Be With You Till We Meet Again
Chancel Choir GOD BE WITH YOU

*Postlude St. Anthony’s Chorale Franz Josef Haydn

*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 Church This Week (8/2/2026)

Today 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship (Communion)
 12:00 p.m. Faith Formation Meeting

Mon.

Tue. 12:00 p.m. At Ease

Wed.

Thurs.

Fri.

Sun. 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship (Rally Day & Backpack Sunday)
 12:00 p.m. Covered Dish Luncheon

Prayer List as of August 2, 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
Lynn Smith
Harold Watson
Susan Malloy
Mary Gulledge
Kathy Bradshaw
Jessie Baker
Betty Davis
Sue Funderburk
Jessi Tillman

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 Luncheon - Sunday, August 9th

Following our **Rally Day Worship Service**, we will gather for a **Covered Dish Luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall. The committee will be providing fried chicken, and we invite everyone planning to attend to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We hope you will join us for a wonderful time of fellowship as we celebrate the beginning of our new church season. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

‘Blessing of the Backpack Sunday’ is next Sunday, August 9th!

Children & youth are asked to bring their bookbags to church next Sunday for a time of prayer and blessing. We also invite you to bring a school supply donation for those in need. As we begin a new school year, let us uplift our students, teachers, bus drivers, administrators, and the entire school community in prayer. Hope to see you next Sunday!

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for August – September

August 2	Brittany Tillman
August 9	Kelli Beck
August 16	Charlene Tillman
August 23	Lainey Baker
August 30	Laura Folger
Sept. 6	Mary Jane Evans
Sept. 13	Jenny Michaels
Sept. 20	Maggie Barton
Sept. 27	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 Deacons 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	
Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	



Our Vision

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

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