October 25, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
Reformation Sunday

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Toccata in D Minor*, BWV 565 J.S. Bach

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Tom Hammer
Happy are those who do not take the path that sinners tread.
Our delight is in the law of the Lord.
May we be like trees planted by streams of God's living water.
May our lives bear good fruit, loving God and loving neighbor.

***Hymn** 275 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* EIN FESTE BURG

Invitation to Confession (1 John 1:8)
Let us speak the truth about ourselves to our neighbors and to God, acknowledging what we have done and what we have left undone.

Prayer of Confession
Eternal God, your law commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often we prioritize our own interests above the health and welfare of others. We betray you and our best selves by living without regard for the ways our actions harm our neighbors in need and the planet entrusted to our care. Open our hearts to love. Open our minds to honestly acknowledge our role in wrongdoing. Forgive us and return us to your way of righteousness.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
Brothers and sisters, the Holy One who promises forgiveness to those who seek the good hears your confession. As the crucified and risen child of God, your Redeemer fully knows your sorrow and your desire for reconciled relationships. You are forgiven. In that promise is the power to love your neighbors and yourselves as beloved of God who created all that exists.

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 *Sing Dem Herrn* (Sing to the Lord)
Praetorius/Traditional German
Chancel Choir
S*ing dem Herrn, Alleluia!*
Alle lieben ihn. Lobe seinen namen!
Singet mit tambourin und harfe!
(Translation)
Sing to the Lord, Alleluia!
All love Him. Praise His name!
Sing with tambourine and harp!

We Receive God's Word

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Love Is *"* Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith *(from Matthew 22)*
What is the greatest commandment?
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

***Hymn** 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

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 Anthem *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her* Unknown
(Salvation Unto Us Has Come)

***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
Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully entrust these gifts to your care and Christ's ministry. May these gifts reflect our love for our neighbors in need; blessing others as we have been blessed. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 321 *The Church's One Foundation* (vs. 1,2,5) AURELIA

***Benediction**

Benediction Response *Glory be to God on High* Healy Willan

***Postlude** *A Mighty Fortress* Wilbur Held

***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 Kaiden & Knox Miller

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Steve and Kathie Cook.

The Church This Week (10/25/2026)

Today 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Fall Carnival
Mon. 8:30 a.m. MMO
Tue. 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
Wed. 8:30 a.m. MMO
8:45 a.m. CW Bible Study
3:15 p.m. Fun Program
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 October 25, 2026
Gerry Rogers
Benny Moore
For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses
Louise Carpenter
Shirley Brock
Ruth Jackson
Nadia Harris
Lynn Smith
Susan Malloy
Tommy Gulledge
Kathy Bradshaw
Betty Davis
Sue Funderburk
Robbie McCombs
Gene & Rosalind Brymer
Lottie Brabham
Marsha Butler
Phil Bayness

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.

Please Join Us
At Ease –Tuesday, November 3rd at 12 noon in the fellowship building.
Circle Meeting – Wednesday, November 4th at 10 am in Ladies Parlor.
Prayer meeting - Wednesday nights at 5:30 pm in the Session House.

Fall Carnival

Today from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Please join us for an evening of fun, food, fellowship, and prizes!

Games • Food • Prizes • Hot Dogs • Cake Walk

Costume Contest for All Ages!

Bring your family and friends! Come and enjoy an evening together.

Everyone is welcome!

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for October-December

Oct. 4	Cathy Chapman
Oct. 11	Lainey Baker
Oct. 18	Alison Chapman
Oct. 25	Kelli Beck
Nov. 1	Brittany Tillman
Nov. 8	Steve Cook
Nov. 15	Charlene Tillman
Nov. 22	Debbie Watson
Nov. 29	Laura Folger
Dec. 6	Mary Jane Evans
Dec. 13	Jenny Michaels
Dec. 20	Maggie Barton
Dec. 27	Heather Tucker

Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
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

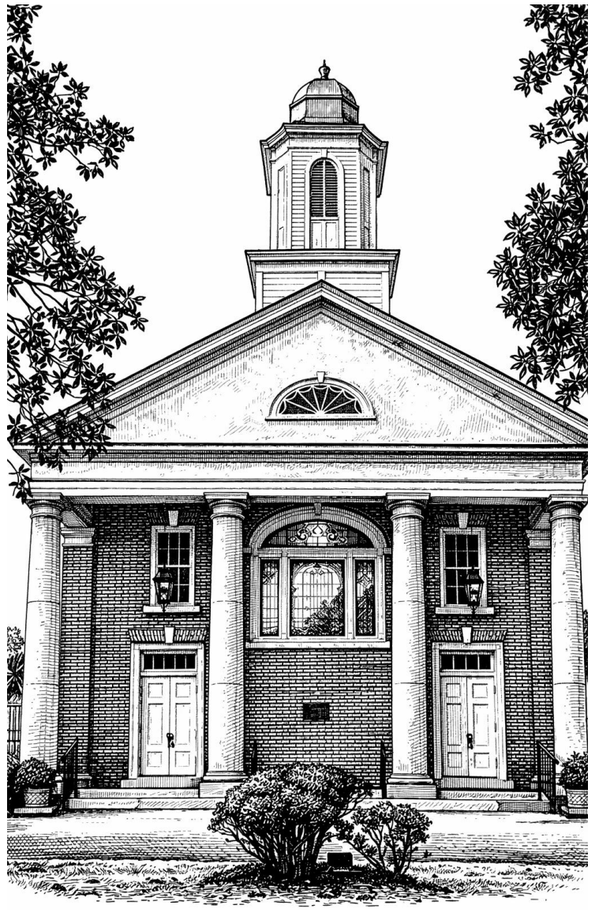
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Marion Anderson	Buddy Brooks	Karen Tillman
Becky Childers		Debra Luke
Bron Long		

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor
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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