November 1, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
All Saints Sunday

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Meditation*, from Thaïs — J. Massenet
Paul Goldsberry, violin

Welcome — Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 43:3-4) — Sam Baker
The psalmist sings:
O send out your light and your truth;
Let them lead me;
Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
Then I will go to the alter of God, to God my exceeding joy;
And I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

***Hymn** 326 *For All the Saints* — SINE NOMINE

Invitation to Confession
God is the one in whom we are called to take refuge, who eternally forgives and renews. Therefore, let us name before God and each other how we have turned away from the source of truth so that in our humility, we may be truly exalted.

Prayer of Confession
We acknowledge before you, O God, that we are drawn to false teachings. We succumb to the adoration of this world when we seek to be noticed, crave being honored, and look for the best seats. We have ignored the true teacher who calls us to lives of humility, kindness, and service toward others. Forgive us. Help us to practice the teachings of Jesus. As we long to place our burdens on you, confident that you will lighten our journeys, families, neighbors, and creatures of earth. Set us on your path, O God; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
God is filled with everlasting mercy and desire for your well-being. God's beloved Jesus was given to dwell among us and, in dying, was raised to be with us always. In the gift of resurrection, we can rejoice and know the hope of renewed lives. Trust that you are forgiven, that you belong to the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer who has known you for ages.

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 *The God of Second Chances* — David Haas
Chancel Choir; Paul Goldsberry, violin

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Micah 3:5-12
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Matthew 23:1-12
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon "If Not Now, Then When?" — Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (from the Heidelberg Catechism)
What is your only comfort in life and in death?
That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***Hymn** 442 *Just as I am, Without One Plea* — WOODWORTH

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem *The Swan* — C. Saint-Saëns
Paul Goldsberry, violin

***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 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* — Charles Callahan
Amazing Grace — Cathy DeRousse
Paul Goldsberry, violin

Prayer After Communion

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 629 *Jesus the Very Thought of You* — ST AGNES

***Benediction**

Benediction Response *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* — Weiz Baker

***Postlude** *Crown Him With Many Crowns*, — Phillip Keveren
Paul Goldsberry, violin

***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 (11/1/2026)

Today 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
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
11:00 a.m. Circle Meeting
3:15 p.m. Fun Program
5:00 p.m. Pancake Supper
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 November 1, 2026
Gerry Rogers
Benny Moore
For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses
Louise Carpenter
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.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for November-December

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

Today we thank our guest violinist, Paul Goldsberry, for joining us for worship. Paul has been a member of the North Carolina Symphony for 53 years and has worked alongside Weiz's dad since 1985. We thank him for coming all the way from Raleigh to share his musical offerings with us!

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

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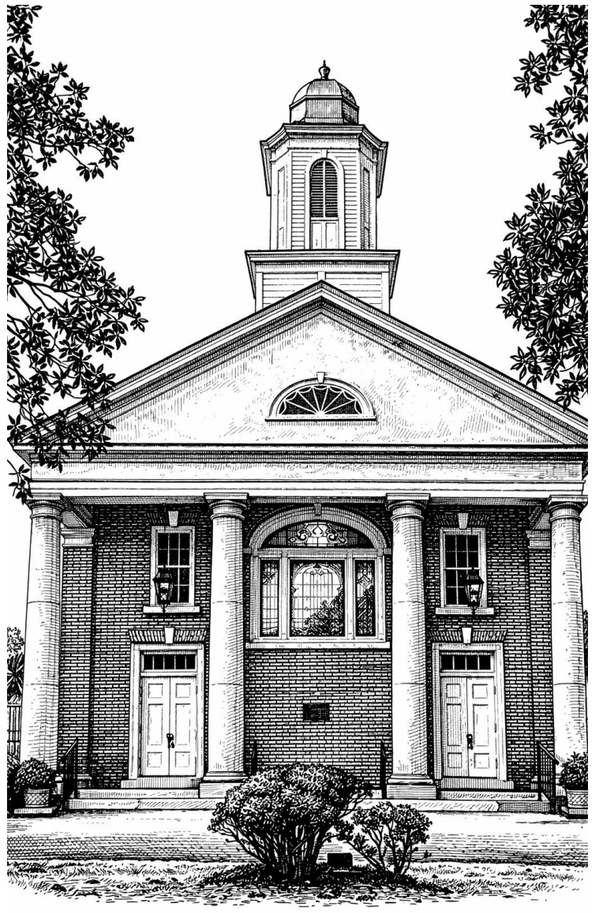
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Marion Anderson	Buddy Brooks	Karen Tillman
Becky Childers		Debra Luke
Bron Long		

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor
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Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper
Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery

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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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