



First Presbyterian Church

PresbyNews

October, 2023

Dear Friends,

What an amazing and fast 13 months we have had together, as I served as your interim pastor! October 1 will be my last workday as your interim, but I will also preach and lead worship on the Sundays of October 8 and 15. (If there are any special needs for the rest of October, please contact one of your elders.)

When I think back on my year with you, many pictures come to mind. I think of my first Sunday back with you last September, when my sermon title was, “What If We Told the Truth?” And we did speak truth to each other as we went through a discernment process that led to a pastor search committee that led to our next pastor being called (our September 24 congregational vote was unanimous). We also spoke the truth of Jesus Christ, Savior and Lord, in many and diverse ways to each other and to the surrounding community.

I had conversations with elders and leaders last September and October. They stressed the need for us to be together more often, and we have had numerous fellowship events. The elders stressed more missions emphasis, and we are doing that, too. They also emphasized new outreach for children and young adults. Our new music director and DCE, Mrs. Weiz Baker, is doing a great job with Fun Program, children’s choirs, adult choir and Sunday School. She even hosted the youth at her home on the evening of September 24. We are so thankful to God for her becoming a part of our Church last winter!

I am especially thankful to those who have served so well as elder! Cheraw Church is blessed with capable, diligent, prayerful, caring elders who are generous with their time. They are committed to Christ and his Church – they really love their congregation! They encourage the church staff and make everyone’s work easier. Again, we are blessed!

Of course, none of this could happen without a blessed congregation. You have listened to a lot of sermons (and I tried hard not to repeat what you had heard from me when I was your interim the first time). You have been understanding as we changed things in the order of worship from time to time. You have been supportive of new things, like our acolyte ministry. You have continued to give generously of your time and treasure, and the Church is better for it. You have prayed for my grandson, Henry, named for one of your longtime members, and Joye and I can only say, “THANK YOU!”

I have great confidence in God and the good future God has prepared for you under new pastoral leadership. I will miss being with you every week, but our paths will certainly cross again. I hope to be a guest in worship from time to time, and perhaps even a summer vacation supply preacher. I will keep you in my prayers as, hopefully, you will continue to remember our family. I will always thank God for you, and our thirteen months together.

In the fellowship of Jesus Christ,

Dr. Dan Sansbury

NEWS FROM MRS. WEIZ.....

Christian Education

Fun Program attendance is up to 26 children! We are having fun each week with snacks, arts & crafts, play time, Bible study, handbells, & choir. Special thanks to Kathie Cook for her generosity each week with her time & efforts assisting wherever needed. Also, a big thanks to Mrs. Lindsay for giving of her time & talents to the church as handbell instructor. I am so grateful for her. Please see October's schedule:

Wednesday, October 4-- No Fun Program

Sunday, October 15-- Fun Program rings & sings in church; children's Sunday School will meet for about 20 minutes due to rehearsals that morning.

October 25. 5:30-6:30pm.-- Join us for the annual Trunk or Treat!

Pastor's Pals is going well, and our children are engaging their minds in worship while having fun with activities & stuffed animals. I enjoy seeing the precious responses showing how sincere the children are in their efforts to participate in the worship service. Absolutely adorable. I'm so proud of these children. Parents, hats off to you for ensuring their weekly attendance. This church surely is a blessing to all!

Our newly revived acolyte ministry has 31 children & youth scheduled! Praise God! The rotational schedule and guidelines are listed on next page. Very important—if a child cannot acolyte on their assigned Sunday, I ask that you switch with someone else and notify me of the change. I want to be sure we get the correct name in the bulletin!

Committee chairmen, if you wish to add something to Facebook or the church's website or want me to design a flyer for your church event, I would be happy to help!

Chancel Choir

I always love the seasonal hymns as I'm sure you do too, and fall is no exception. What is your favorite fall hymn? One of my favorites is the endearing hymn, "Sing To the Lord of Harvest," which reminds me of the changing of the leaves and weather—such a welcomed season!

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise; with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.

Our Chancel Choir sings every Sunday and is an absolute joy to hear and work with! They are precious Christian people who have blessed me personally. One choir member who is a blessing is Richard Pierce:

Richard is a 3rd generation choir member—not only in a church choir, but OUR choir! His mother, Dee, was a faithful member until she was no longer able to sing. That was also the same with his Uncle Bill Jacobs (Pop). Music has always been a part of his life with a wide range of classical, country, and rock & roll. Richard is not formally trained in music but he enjoys the challenge of trying to find "the note in his head to match what's on the score." He is excited about the choir's future and looks forward to where the choir is led.

Richard, we are blessed by your dedication and love for singing, the church, and the Lord!

Thanks be the God.

"O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." -Psalm 95.

Love in Christ,
Weiz

FPC Acolyte Schedule Fall 2023

September 17 **Mari Burch** **Ella Morgan**
September 24 **Charlie Phillips** **Eva Goddard**
October 1 **Kaiden Miller** **Knox Miller**
October 8 **Grace Tillman** **Cloie Tillman**
October 15 **MaKenlee Foote** **Junuh Foote**
October 22 **Campbell Harris** **Haley Gantt**
October 29 **Kane Driggers** **Blair Driggers**
November 5 **Jackson Tucker** **Sam Phillips**
November 12 **Layla Tinsley** **Madelyn Tinsley**
November 19 **Hank Parker** **Samuel Wilson**
November 26 **Sara Gavin** **Ella Morgan**
December 3 **Lydia Fenters** **Peyton Haile**
December 10 **Lizzy Lynn Britt** **Weston Gibson**
December 17 **Warren Wetternek & Elliott Lloyd**
December 24 **Penelope Angle** **Duard Angle**
December 31 **Kane Driggers** **Blair Driggers**
January 7 **Kaiden Miller** **Knox Miller**
January 14 **Charlie Phillips** **Eva Goddard**
January 21 **Angela Morgan** **Layla Driggers**

Fun Program Numbers

1st graders: 6
2nd graders: 5
3rd graders: 6
4th graders: 3
5th graders: 6

Fun Program Dates

1. No Fun Program Wednesday, October 4
2. Sunday, October 15 Ring & Sing at 11 a.m.
3. Sunday, December 10 Christmas Pageant at 11 a.m.
4. Acolyte one Sunday per semester (Schedule above—if you cannot acolyte, please switch dates with someone on the list and notify me so that the correct names will be printed in the bulletin)
 5. No Fun Program December 13, 20, 27, January 3rd
 6. Fun Program resumes Wed., 1/10

Acolyte Contacts

1. **Duard Angle** (Penny)
2. **Penelope Angle** (Penny) 843-910-2245
3. **Lizzy Lynn Britt** (Deanna Buchanan) 843-622-5866
4. **Mari Burch** (Marietta) 843-337-0729
5. **Kaine Driggers** (Ashley)
6. **Blair Driggers** (Ashley) 843-910-1218
7. **Layla Driggers** (Katelyn) 843-337-1037
8. **Lydia Fenters** (Jennifer) 843-287-0723
9. **MaKenlee Foote** (Carrie)
10. **Junuh Foote** (Carrie) 843-672-4163
11. **Haley Gantt** (Amanda) 843-910-0258
12. **Sara Gavin** (Amy) 202-441-9310
13. **Weston Gibson** (Nicole) 864-270-9689
14. **Eva Goddard** (Gina) 843-910-1429
15. **Campbell Harris** (Fred) 843-921-9589
16. **Peyton Haile** (Sarah) 803-920-8877
17. **Elliott Lloyd** (Maggie) 843-910-1965
18. **Kaiden Miller** (Kristen)
19. **Knox Miller** (Kristen) 843-992-6407
20. **Angela Morgan** (Brian) 919-702-3942
21. **Ella Morgan** (Shelley) 843-337-9232
22. **Hank Parker** (Linda) 843-910-2202
23. **Charlie Phillips** (Tracie)
24. **Sam Phillips** (Tracie) 843-337-9946
25. **Cloie Tillman** (Jessi) 843-287-0254
26. **Grace Tillman** (Dena) 843-337-7061
27. **Layla Tinsley** (Edward)
28. **Madlyn Tinsley** (Edward) 843-697-6755
29. **Jackson Tucker** (Heather) 843-858-2906
30. **Warren Wetternek** (Maggie) 843-910-1965
31. **Samuel Wilson** (Jackie) 864-201-6328

Fun Program Contacts & Snack Schedule

1. **Lizzy Lynn Britt** 2nd (Deanna) 843-622-5866 **9/13**
2. **Mari Burch** 4th (Marietta) 843-337-0729 **2/21**
3. **Lucy Canpipe** 1st (Haley) 843-910-7450 **9/20**
4. **Ella Davis** 1st (Sarah) 803-730-8860 **9/27**
5. **Brylee Denham** 1st (Rebecca) 843-287-0964 **10/11**
6. **Layla Driggers** 5th (Katelyn) 843-337-1037 **3/20**
7. **Lydia Fenters** 3rd (Jennifer) 843-287-0723 **10/18**
8. **Charlotte Folger** 1st (Laura K.) 843-910-7356 **10/25**
9. **MaKenlee Foote** 2nd (Carrie) **11/1**
10. **Junuh Foote** 2nd (Carrie) 843-672-4163
11. **Haley Gantt** 5th (Amanda) 843-910-0258 **11/8**
12. **Anna Gavin** 1st (Amy) **11/15**
13. **Sara Gavin** 3rd (Amy) 202-441-9310
14. **Weston Gibson** 2nd (Nicole) 864-270-9689 **11/29**
15. **Campbell Harris** 4th (Fred) 843-921-9589 **12/6**
16. **Peyton Haile** 2nd (Sarah) 803-920-8877 ***12/9**
17. **Kaleb Howington** 1st (Jessica) 843-287-0874 **1/10**
18. **Elliott Lloyd** (Maggie) 843-910-1965 **3/13**
19. **Knox Miller** 3rd (Kristen) 843-992-6407 **9/6**
20. **Angela Morgan** 5th (Brian) 919-702-3942 **3/6**
21. **Ella Morgan** 3rd (Shelley) 843-337-9232 **1/17**
22. **Hank Parker** 3rd (Linda) 843-910-2202 **1/24**
23. **Grace Tillman** 5th (Dena) 843-337-7061 **1/31**
24. **Layla Tinsley** 5th (Edward) **2/7**
25. **Madlyn Tinsley** 3rd (Edward) 843-697-6755
26. **Samuel Wilson** 5th (Jackie) 864-201-6328 **2/14**

Preschool, Children & Youth Sunday School are all going well. They are studying the Gospel Project, a beautiful curriculum which takes students through the Bible chronologically. The teaching schedule is posted on church bulletin boards, in their respective classrooms, and circulated among the teachers. **We still need one more Sunday school teacher for the preschool class on Sunday, November 26.** If you are willing to teach and are in town, please contact me!

Our new Young Adult Sunday school class is studying an 8-week series, "The Art of Parenting." We had 12 in attendance for the very first Sunday. Our church is blessed to have this group of eager young adults all with a vested interest in godly parenting.



We are excited to welcome Reverend Max Michaels and his wife Jenny to Cheraw! Max was born and raised in NC and grew up in Belmont. He attended the University of NC at Charlotte and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. After college Max went directly to Union Presbyterian Seminary. There he met his wife, Jenny, and graduated with a Masters of Arts in Christian Education and a Master of Divinity.

After Seminary, Max began serving as the Resident Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne Indiana. Here he has been developing his ministerial skills under dedicated supervision in a 600+ member church.

Max will serve as pastor/head of staff as well as our youth director. Max's first day in the office will be November 13th, with his first Sunday being November 19th.

Max and Jenny can't wait to meet everyone! If you want to reach out to welcome Max, his email is maxmichaels1995@gmail.com.

Nursery Volunteers

Our church is growing and we are so excited. The number of children attending nursery during worship has increased and we need your help!

We ask that **any adult** who is willing to keep the nursery during worship, please sign up at the link listed below. We ask that **parents** with a young child attending nursery, please help us by signing up for a Sunday every other month. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer in our nursery.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0545afaf22ab9-nursery#/>



Presbyterian Women News

Circle / Bible Study October 4, 2023 at 10:00am Fellowship Building.

Our bible study title will be “Rebekah: Breaking Free of Feminine Stereotypes”.

Assignments:

Communion for October- Sue Funderburk/ Cathy Chapman

November -Jean Page Watson/ Dena Tillman

December -Beth Witherspoon / Mary Jane Evans

Thank Offering will be taken up at this meeting. This offering will be used to support medical mission throughout the world. Sixty percent will be used for new creative areas of mission, undesignated in advance.

This expression of thanksgiving is an important part of the work of Presbyterian Women.

Mission Outreach Ministry will have a church grounds clean-up day Saturday, October 28 from 8:00 until 12:00. Bring rakes, chainsaws, shovels, hedge trimmers and gloves. Our main focus will be on cleaning up the backyard of the Fellowship Building and manse yard.

The church sanctuary now has a hearing loop installed. This is a system that sends the audio captured on the microphones directly into a hearing aid worn by anyone in the congregation. The system provides the cleanest, clearest sound imaginable for hearing aid wearers and does not require a headset, as it works with any hearing aid that has a T-coil. We also have a limited supply of loop receivers and headsets that can be used during worship if your hearing aid is not equipped with a t-coil. For assistance during worship, feel free to ask an usher.

If you wear a hearing aid and are unsure if it is equipped with a T-coil, please consult with your audiologist.



Fellowship Committee News

Trunk or Treat will be October 25 at 5:30.

Come join in the fun! Decorate the trunk of your car and bring lots of trick or treat candy! Bring your kids, grandkids, and neighbors to join in the fun! Let's see who can have the most spooktacular costume and trunk.

Friendsgiving (Thanksgiving) Supper November 15 at 5:30pm. Church will supply meats. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish to help celebrate all we are thankful for this Thanksgiving.

Annual White Christmas Covered dish Supper December 13 at 5:30pm.

Lindsey Bennett needs our help collecting gallon and half gallon milk jugs to do a project with Pathfinders for the Jazz Festival. They plan to make musical instruments for the Bebop parade. There will be a plastic laundry basket near the nursery area for you to put the jugs in. Please save your empty milk jugs for this project. Thank you for your help in this project.



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

Jean Page Watson and her family upon the death of her mother, Jeane Griggs Page. Ms. Page died on September 17, 2023.

The friends and family of Miss Sally Bryant. Miss Bryant died on September 22, 2023.

Prayer Changes Things

**Gerry & Bobby Rogers; Ina Coggeshall
Atha Lou Gibson; Gray & Bea Sloop
Bennie and Benny Lou Moore;
Jodi Reid (cancer)
Beth O'Neal
Elsie Rainey (Shirley Brock's sister)
Jo Ellen Stewart
Donna Bilby (Libby Knight's sister in law)
Gloria Turner
M. J. Martin
Emma S. Hamden
Keller Smith
Gene Brymer
Luann Murphy (friend of Weiz Baker)
Kitty G. Grubb (niece of Brother Davis)
Rickey Sellers
Elizabeth "Nubbin" Brown (Miriam
Stricklin's sister)**



- 1- Sidney Miller, Karen Tillman**
- 2- Sam Phillips, Avery Dickson**
- 5- Susie Ingram**
- 6- John Long**
- 9- J. D. Wentz**
- 10- Alison Chapman**
- 12-Dan Tillman**
- 14-Regina Evans**
- 17-Robert Angle**
- 21-Jenn Tillman**
- 22-Sadie Mimms**
- 27-Brylee Denham**
- 31-Tammy Joyce**



Calendar Of Events

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| 1 | 10:00 am | Church School |
| | 11:00 am | Worship-Worldwide Communion Sunday |
| 3 | 12:00 pm | At Ease Lunch |
| 4 | 10:00 am | PW Bible Study NO Fun Program |
| | 6:00 pm | Chancel Choir rehearsal |
| 8 | 10:00 am | Church School |
| | 11:00 am | Worship |
| 11 | 8:30 am | MMO |
| | 3:15 pm | Fun Program |
| 12 | 5:30 pm | Christian Education |
| 15 | 10:00 am | Church School |
| | 11:00 am | Worship |
| | 6:00 pm | Mission Outreach |
| 16 | 8:30 am | MMO |
| 18 | 8:30 am | MMO |
| | 3:15 pm | Fun Program |
| | 6:00 pm | Chancel Choir rehearsal |
| 22 | 10:00 am | Church School |
| | 11:00 am | Worship |
| 23 | 8:30 am | MMO |
| 24 | 6:00 pm | Session Meeting |
| 25 | 8:30 am | MMO |
| | 3:15 pm | Fun Program |
| | 5:30 pm | Trunk or Treat |
| | 6:00 pm | Chancel Choir rehearsal |
| 29 | 10:00 am | Church School |
| | 11:00 am | Worship |
| 30 | 8:30 am | MMO |