



First Presbyterian Church

PresbyNews

November, 2023

Praise the Lord!
Oh give thanks to the
Lord, for He is good,
for His steadfast love
endures forever!

PSALM 106:7



Music & Christian Education

By Mary Louise Baker

Sunday School Classes

- Fellowship Class (meets in Fellowship Building)
- Parlor Class (meets in parlor)
- Young Adult Class (meets in library)
- Children's Class (meets upstairs)
- Preschool Class (meets downstairs)
- Nursery available (downstairs)

Join us for Sunday School!

We have 5 classes available. One for all ages! Fantastic material ensure to rich your faith! Join us every Sunday from 10:00-10:45a.m. Nursery available!

Youth SS Teachers

11/5 Tracie
11/12 Penny
11/19 Kristen
11/26 Marietta
12/3 Gina
12/10 Penny
12/17 Tracie
12/24 Kristen
12/31 Ashley

Children's SS Teachers

Preschool

11/5 Kelli
11/12 Dena
11/19 Sadie
11/26 Fill-in

K-5th Grades

11/5 Tammy
11/12 Becky
11/19 Karen/Shelley
11/26 Jean Page/Fred

We will have a covered dish supper on Wednesday, November 1st beginning at 5:30 pm followed by Bingo with prizes! Please bring your favorite dish and join us for some great food and fun fellowship.



Mark your calendars! Our Chancel Choir will be presenting nine "Lessons & Carols," on Sunday, December 17, during the 11 a.m. service. Come & support our music ministry!

**Christmas Pageant
Costume fitting
session and
rehearsal, Sunday,
11/19, 4:30-5:45p.m.
NO FUN PROGRAM
on Wednesday, 11/22.**



**No Fun
Program or
Chancel Choir
on Wednesday,
November 22.
Happy
Thanksgiving!**



Chancel Choir will
rehearse from
6-7:30p.m.

*Sun., November 19

*Sun., December 3rd

*No Choir practice
Wed., 12/6

LET'S HAVE FUN!

AT EASE

THE AT EASE GROUP MEETS ON
THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH
MONTH IN THE FELLOWSHIP
BUILDING AT FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Join us!

PLAY CARDS AT
9:30AM FOLLOWED
BY A \$10 CATERED
LUNCH AT 12:00PM.
ENJOY TRIVIA,
BINGO, OR A GUEST
SPEAKER AFTER
LUNCH!



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Upcoming December Dates

12/3 Youth Bells & Fun Program to ring handbells
12/3 Children's Choir rehearsal from 4:30-5:45p.m
12/3 Chancel Choir Practice 6-7:30p.m.
12/6 No Chancel Choir
12/9 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 10-11:30a.m.
12/10 Christmas Pageant at 11a.m. in sanctuary
12/13, 12/20, 12/27, 1/3 No Fun Program
12/13 White Christmas 5:30p.m. in Fellowship Building
12/17 Chancel Choir Lessons and Carols at 11 a.m.
12/24 Christmas Eve with Trumpet & Organ at 11 a.m.
12/24 Christmas Eve Service 5:30 p.m.
No Chancel Choir 12/20, 12/27, 1/3

FPC Acolyte Schedule Fall 2023

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

Session Highlights

September

- 1) Received Financial report for month ending August 2023
- 2) Heard updated report from Playground Sub-Committee on their plans for church campus
- 3) CE Committee reported 23 children have been signed up for Fun Program.
- 4) Mission Outreach Team has scheduled a yard cleanup day for October 28th.
- 5) Giving Committee Stewardship Season has chosen theme of Energized by Faith, Prompted by Love, Inspired by Hope.
- 6) Approved Worship Ministry Team pulpit supplies for October 8 and 15, 2023 as Rev. Dr. Dan Sansbury, October 29, 2023 as Rev. Annette Brewer and November 5, 2023 as Rev. Gavin Meek.
- 7) Approve Rev. Dr. Scott B. Andrews as Moderator for the 10/24/2023 stated Session Meeting.

October

- 1) Heard updated financial report for September.
- 2) Heard CE plans for youth/parent kickball game for October 29th.
- 3) Heard request from Worship Committee to suggest line item in budget for guest musicians.
- 4) Approved Advent Sunday programs(Children's Christmas Pageant 12/10, Cancel Choir 12/17 and Christmas Candle Light 12/24.
- 5) Heard request for more monitors for Pathfinders "Right to Read" program through Thornwell.
- 6) Cleanup day at church on Saturday, October 28, 2023
- 7) Heard report from Lois G. McArn Memorial Fund regarding donations and McArn Food Bank activity.
- 8) Updated Elder and Usher responsibilities.

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#/>

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.



Presbyterian Women News

Communion

November 5, 2023- Jean Page Watson and Dena Tillman

Circle Bible Study- November 1, 2023- Fellowship Building at 10:00 am.

Title of Bible Study "Leah: Overcoming Rejection and Insecurity

Transitional Shelter needs the following items:

Household Cleaning Supplies

Paper Products

Plastic Bags

Laundry Detergent

Christmas Shoe Boxes are due November 19 no later than noon. They will be delivered to the pickup station November 19.

PW will be decorating the church for Christmas on November 30 at 10:00am. Please plan to come and join in the fellowship.

Fellowship Committee News

Friendsgiving (Thanksgiving) Dinner Wednesday November 15 at 5:30. The Church will provide the ham and turkey. We are asking everyone to bring their favorite Thanksgiving side dish and dessert. Fellowship Committee will provide tea and lemonade to drink. Hope everyone can come join us for this special meal!

White Christmas Cover-dish will be on Wednesday December 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm. Donations will be taken up for Pee Dee Coalition at this special meal.

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.



Thornwell Emphasis Sunday - November 19

Joseph Murray from Thornwell Home will be speaking to the adult church school classes and presenting a minute for mission during worship on Sunday, November 19. You are encouraged to attend church school and hear his presentation.

Joseph has been at Thornwell since 2021 as an Advancement Officer on the Mission Advancement Team. He works with donors and Churches across the Southeast, primarily in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Florida to enhance the mission of Thornwell. Thornwell's mission is to "prevent child-abuse and neglect, build and strengthen families, and support health communities in the name of Jesus Christ." Joseph and his wife Katie have two adopted girls and are very passionate about family and children's ministry. They love Thornwell and are honored to play their part in bringing hope and healing to abused and neglected children!

Prayer Changes Things

Gerry & Bobby Rogers; Ina Coggeshall
 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)



**Remember to set your clocks BACK
 one hour on Sunday, November 5th.**



The sympathy of the congregation is extended
 to the friends and family of Mrs. Atha Lou
 Freeman Gibson.



Calendar Of Events

1	8:30 am	MMO
	10:00 am	PW Bible Study
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
2	10:00 am	Giving Ministry Team
5	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
	5:30 pm	Mission Outreach
6	8:30 am	MMO
7	12:00 pm	At Ease Lunch
	5:30 pm	Christian Education
8	8:30 am	MMO
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
12	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
13	8:30 am	MMO
15	8:30 am	MMO
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	5:30 pm	Friendsgiving Supper
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
19	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
	4:30 pm	Pageant rehearsal/fitting
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
20	8:30 am	MMO
	6:00 pm	Worship Ministry Team
22		Office Closed
23		Happy Thanksgiving
26	10:00 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Worship
27	8:30 am	MMO
28	6:00 pm	Session Meeting
29	8:30 am	MMO
	3:15 pm	Fun Program
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
30	10:00 am	Decorating of Church



Birthdays

- 4- Lynn Smith
- 5- B J Moore
- 8- John Joyce
- 10-Dru Penny
- 12-Charlotte Folger, James Morgan
- 13-Grace Tillman
- 15-Emily Beck
- 16-Save Cook, Emma Smith
- 18-Susan Gainey
- 19-Nancy Newsom
- 20-Blair Driggers, Kane Driggers, Alice McLeod
- 21-Fred Harris
- 22-Maggie Lloyd
- 24-Dan Driggers
- 26-David Brabham
- 27-Ruth Jackson
- 28-Becky Childers, Debbie McCall
- 29-Sloan Baker
- 30-Andrew Boykin Tucker

It's time to order our Christmas poinsettias! If you would like to honor or remember someone please place your order by Sunday, November 19th. Poinsettias will be red with green wrappers.

The prices are:

small: 6 1/2 inch - \$11.50

large: 8 inch - \$16.00

Please place your money and requests in the offertory plate in an envelope or drop it off at the church office. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church. **Include all money and requests in an envelope and label:**
ATTN: Karen Tillman



Mrs. Sloan Baker has been in rehab at Murrells Inlet, SC for the past 4 weeks. She is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on November 8, 2023. Here is her address if you would like to send her a card.

NHC Health Care
Rehab center rm 233 East
9405 US Hwy 17 south
Murrells Inlet 29576