

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:15AM EACH SUNDAY

Adult

Bible 101: all ages, SS 212

Chapter by Chapter: ages 50+, Tower 804

Fellowship Class: all ages, SS 210

First Pres Forum Class: all ages, Fellowship Hall

Offering a rotating schedule of teachers and speakers. See 1stPresbyterian.com/SundaySchool for the full class schedule.

The Joy of Learning: ages 30s - 70s, Tower 258

Link Class: ages 60+, Tower 301

McCallie/Anderson Class: all ages, Chapel

Reformed by the Word: ages 50s - 80s, Tower 10th Floor

Rocking Chair Class: all ages, Tower 302

International & Adult Bible Discussion: all ages, Tower 805

Young Professionals: ages 20s - 30s, Tower 304

Youth & Kids

Youth Large Group: 6th - 12th grade, Student Center (across McCallie Ave)

Kid's Sunday School: Pre K - 5th grade, ground, 1st, & 2nd level Children's Wing

Nursery: Infant - 4-years-old



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NEW & UPCOMING AT 1ST PRES

Installation Service for Dick Cain - Tonight

This evening, during our 5:15 Worship Service, Dr. Dick Cain will be installed as our Senior Assistant Pastor. We welcome all to join in support and celebration!

1st Pres Kids Fall Fest - Tonight

1st Pres families are invited to a Fall Fest, sponsored by 1st Pres Kids, on November 5 at 4pm at Riverview Park! There will be pizza, face painting, pumpkin decorating, kickball, NFL livestream, and more! Please bring your own blankets and chairs. Friends are welcome!

1st Cup Men's Breakfast - November 7

1st Pres Men are invited to join us on the first Tuesday of each month for First Cup! We will meet on the 10th floor from 7am-8am for our monthly men's breakfast meeting.

It's a Wonderful Life! - November 9

Seniors age 60+ are invited to attend the It's a Wonderful Life! lunch on the second Thursday of every month in the **Fellowship Hall starting at 11am**. This month, we will hear from Marine Corp veteran Bill Norton. Please RSVP to Janette Barnes or Rosa Wrenn.

1st Pres Women Fall Arts & Crafts Fair - November 11

Ladies of all ages are invited to our Arts and Crafts Fair from 9:30am-12:30pm on November 11 in the Fellowship Hall! We'll have a variety of crafts to make for yourself or as a gift. There will also be a number of vendors and local artisans selling their wares. Light refreshments will be provided. For a list of crafts and vendors, go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Women.

Operation Christmas Child - October 29-November 13

Operation Christmas Child season is upon us! Shoeboxes are available in the Connector for you to take home and fill with school supplies, hygiene items, and a "wow" item, such as a doll, stuffed animal, etc. We ask that you include a \$10 donation in your box to cover shipping costs. Filled boxes may be dropped off in bins around the church. Go to SamaritansPurse.org for more information or to fill a box virtually.

Officer Nominations through November

During the month of November, 1st Pres members in good standing can nominate qualified men in our congregation who you think would be a good fit for Deacon or Elder. Nomination forms and drop-box will be available at the Front Desk in the Connector starting November 1. View a full list of qualifications at 1stPresbyterian.com/events.

Channels of Love Thanksgiving Baskets - November 1-20

1st Pres is partnering once again with Channels of Love, a Christian non-profit ministry for those affected by HIV. Drop-off baskets are available around the church for canned goods and other items. Visit COLMinistry.org or contact our Community Outreach Director Shad Guinn (shad@1stpresbyterian.com) for more information and ways to contribute.

For more information on these and other upcoming events, subscribe to our Weekly Email Announcements at 1stPresbyterian.com, or go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.



At First Presbyterian, we seek to be a healthy church exhibiting all the fullness of Christ as we disciple believers who develop spiritually, connect relationally, and engage missionally to reach Chattanooga and the world with the gospel.

The Lord's Day

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

11:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

The more fully we give ourselves to a life of abiding in Jesus, the richer our fellowship will be with all three members of the Trinity; and intimacy with God will propel us into the mission of God. The more the gospel takes hold in our churches, the more we will be outward-facing in mission, not inward-facing in fear. Grace comes to us in order that it might flow through us. Thus, according to Jesus, we should not be surprised at growing opposition, even persecution, from the world.
– *ESV Gospel Transformation Bible*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, by the suffering of your blessed Son
You made an instrument of shameful death
to be for us the means of life.
Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ,
that we may gladly suffer shame and loss
for the sake of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace" arr. Craig Courtney

Covenant Singers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

“God Be in My Head” by John Rutter

Covenant Singers

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 41:10 and 43:2 ESV

Pastor: Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**People: When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† THE 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.**

† HYMNS OF PRAISE

“It Is Well with My Soul” No. 691 (vv. 1-4)
“He Will Hold Me Fast”

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism (1563 AD), Q&A 127

Pastor: What does the sixth request mean?

**People: “And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one” means,
by ourselves we are too weak
to hold our own even for a moment.
And our sworn enemies—the devil, the world,
and our own flesh—never stop attacking us.
And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong
with the strength of Your Holy Spirit,
so that we may not go down to defeat
in this spiritual struggle,
but may firmly resist our enemies
until we finally win the complete victory.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Merciful Father,
Your Son declares that we are blessed
if we are persecuted for His sake.
Forgive us for retreating from a hostile world
that bullies us to keep quiet about the very best news.
We’ve sought to please the world
rather than risk the disapproval of those who need the Messiah.
Have mercy upon us
for regarding rejection for righteousness
as a burden to be borne,
rather than an honor to be received.
Send Your Spirit to renew us
so that we might faithfully bear witness
to the transforming power
of the Gospel of Your Son, our Savior.
For we pray in His blessed name, amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 53:4-5 ESV

Surely He has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But He was pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His wounds we are healed.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Rock of Ages” No. 500 (vv. 1-4)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“Then Sings My Soul” arr. Mary McDonald

Covenant Singers

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Please check in your children PreK-1st grade at the check-in station by the Fellowship Hall level elevator and walk them to the PreK-K dept.

† DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

John 15:18-27 — “What Comes from Following Christ? (Besides Jesus, His Word, His Love, and His Joy abiding in us.)”
“A Bright Future: Jesus’s Vision for Our Church”
Randy Nabors

OUTLINE

1. Hatred (vv.18-26)
2. Help (vv.26-27)

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Spirit of the Living God” No. 726

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

1 Peter 5:10-11 NASB 2020

Pastor: After you have suffered for a little while,
the God of all grace,
Who called you to His eternal glory in Christ,
will Himself perfect, confirm,
strengthen, and establish you.
To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” arr. Andrew Welcher
Dr. Kurt Miyashiro, organ

We welcome the Covenant Singers from Covenant College, directed by Christine Hassevoort and accompanied by pianist Noah Shelden, and we thank them for contributing to our worship this morning.

<u>Giving Update</u>	<u>Deacons (General Fund)</u>	<u>World Missions</u>
<i>Annual Budget</i>	\$3,046,380	\$850,000
<i>Raised Year-to-Date</i>	\$1,353,778	\$466,946

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Betty Evans.*

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, November 6.

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