

**Adult**

**Bible 101:** all ages, SS 212

A round-table discussion on the basic studies of Scripture following the Chalmers Center Guide. Currently studying *The Jesus Storybook Bible*.

**Chapter by Chapter:** ages 50+, Tower 804

Currently studying Philippians 4; mostly 50s+ but all ages welcome.

**Fellowship Class:** all ages, SS 210

Currently studying Isaiah verse-by-verse. Class is mostly seniors but welcomes all.

**First Pres Forum Class:** all ages, Fellowship Hall

Offering a rotating schedule of teachers and speakers.

See [1stPresbyterian.com/SundaySchool](http://1stPresbyterian.com/SundaySchool) for the full class schedule.

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

A no-pressure, discussion-based class currently studying God's Biblical responses to Screwtape/Satan in C.S. Lewis's book *The Screwtape Letters*.

**Link Class:** ages 60+, Tower 301

Currently studying Romans, followed by prayer requests and a time of prayer. Class is mostly seniors but welcomes all.

**McCallie/Anderson Class:** all ages, Chapel

Class dates back to 1924 and is named after legendary Sunday School teachers J. Park McCallie and Lee Anderson. Currently studying Isaiah verse-by-verse.

**Reformed by the Word:** ages 50s - 80s, Tower 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

An interactive class studying the Gospel according to Mark. Lessons are followed by a time of prayer.

**Rocking Chair Class:** all ages, Tower 302

Focuses on discovering "what sayest the Scripture." Currently studying John MacArthur's series, "The Rapture & the Day of the Lord."

**International & Adult Bible Discussion:** all ages, Tower 805

Part of the First Friends Ministry, welcomes international college students. Currently studying the Kingdom of God.

**Young Couples:** ages 20s - 30s couples, SS 211

A short lesson followed by group discussion. Class is currently studying the Book of Church Order from the Presbyterian Church in America's Constitution.

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

Aimed at connecting recent college graduates and newly-weds in their 20s and 30s, class begins with a time of fellowship followed by a short lesson.

**Youth & Kids**

**Youth Large Group:** 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Student Center (across McCallie Ave.)

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

**Nursery:** Infant - 4-years-old

**NEW & UPCOMING AT 1<sup>ST</sup> PRES**

**NO Regular Evening Worship - Tonight**

There will be no regular 5:15pm Evening Worship Services starting tonight and through the end of the year.

**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](http://1stPresbyterian.com/events).

**Ways to Serve This Holiday Season**

This Holiday Season, our local ministry partners need our help in showing the Love of Christ to their clients and our community. A list of ways you can serve locally this season, and year-round, can be found on our website at [1stPresbyterian.com/Serve-Locally](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Serve-Locally).

**Concert Series - Handel's Messiah, presented by the CSO - Dec 2 & 3**

Please join us on Saturday, December 2 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, December 3 at 3pm, in the Sanctuary for Handel's *Messiah*, presented by the CSO. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at the door or online at [ChattSymphony.org](http://ChattSymphony.org), and discounted tickets are available for 1st Pres congregants using the code HANDEL23.

**Concert Series - 1st Pres Christmas Concert - Dec 9 & 10**

All are invited to our annual **free** 1st Pres Christmas Concert, presented by the 1st Pres Choir and Orchestra, led by our Worship and Music Director, Darrin Hassevoort, on Saturday, December 9 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, December 10 at 3pm in the Sanctuary.

**Holiday Worship Schedule**

On Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, we will have one combined service at 10am, and a 4pm evening service, and on New Years Eve, Sunday, December 31, we will have one combined service at 10am. There will be no Sunday School on either Sunday, and we will not have a service on Christmas Day.

**First Takes, a Podcast from 1st Pres**

Our latest episode of *First Takes* features a discussion between Gabe Fluhrer and Randy Nabors with our World Missions Conference guests, Rev. Andy Longwe and Karen Ellis, on ministering to nonbelievers worldwide and the persecuted church in both the West and around the world. To listen, search "First Takes" on any major podcast outlet!



*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 26, 2023**

**11:00 AM**

† Please stand as you are able.

**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**WORSHIP REFLECTION**

The Psalmist describes corporate worship as entering the Lord's gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise (Psalm 100:4).

As we prepare for worship, let us ask the Lord to show us all the ways that He has been good and faithful to us. Let us ask ourselves: "What do you have that you did not receive?" (I Corinthians 4:7). Asking this question will help to produce in us a spirit of thankfulness.

May the Lord cause us to see all that God is to us and all that God has done for us in our Lord Jesus Christ, and as a result, may our hearts be filled with thankfulness.

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Most loving Father,  
Whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things,  
to fear nothing but the loss of You,  
and to cast all our care on You Who care for us.  
Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties,  
that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us  
the light of that love which is immortal,  
and which You have revealed to us in Your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord; Who lives and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*"Far and Near the Fields Are Teeming" arr. Susan Whitacre*

*Celtic Ensemble*

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

“Now Thank We All Our God” arr. Felix Mendelssohn  
Please sing as directed.

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92:1-4 NASB 2020

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;  
to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,  
and Your faithfulness by night,

People: For You, O LORD,  
have made me glad by Your work;  
at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

†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

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” No. 715 (vv. 1-4)  
“For the Beauty of the Earth” No. 116 (vv. 1,2,4,5)

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 98

Pastor: What is prayer?

People: Prayer is an offering up  
of our desires to God,  
for things agreeable to His will,  
in the name of Christ,  
with confession of our sins,  
and thankful acknowledgement of His mercies.

CONFESSION OF SIN

**O Father, Whose tender mercies are over all Your works,  
we humbly ask Your forgiveness  
for the sins of this past week.  
For every weak and defiling thought  
to which our minds have given harbor;  
for every harsh and critical word  
spoken in haste and passion;  
for every failure of self-control;  
for every stumbling-block  
which by deed or example  
we have set in another’s way;  
for every opportunity lost to do good;  
and for every blessing thanklessly received.  
May Your Holy Spirit so rule our hearts  
that You give us victory  
over these and all the other sinful tendencies of our hearts  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Zechariah 13:1,7 ESV

On that day there shall be a fountain opened  
for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,  
to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.  
Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd,  
against the Man who stands next to Me,  
declares the LORD of hosts.  
Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“Teach Me, O Lord” by Philip Stopford

GREETING

There will be NO Children’s Church this service.

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

**John 17:18-19 — “Set Apart to be Sent”**  
“A Bright Future: Jesus’s Vision for Our Church”  
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

OUTLINE

1. Sent (v. 18)
2. Set Apart (v. 19)

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Let All Things Now Living” No. 125 (vv. 1-2)

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

adapted from Psalm 67:1-2 (ESV)

Pastor: May God be gracious to you and bless you  
and make His face to shine upon you  
so that His way may be known on earth,  
His saving power among all nations.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Kesh Jig Medley” arr. Susan Whitacre

Celtic Ensemble

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



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to First Pres, scan the above QR  
code with your phone camera or  
text GIVE to 423-888-0345.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God with great love and thanksgiving  
for our Congregational Care Ministry here at First Pres.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by  
volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, November 27.

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