

NEW & UPCOMING AT 1ST PRES

Holy Week Schedule

On Palm Sunday, March 24, we will have our regular Sunday worship schedule. There will be NO Midweek on Wednesday, March 27. On Maundy Thursday, March 28, we will have a Communion service at 6:30pm. On Good Friday, March 29, we will have a Tenebrae service at 6:30pm. On Easter Sunday, March 31, we will have services at 9am and 11am, and a special music presentation at 10:30am; there will be NO Sunday School.

Missionary Closet Open House - March 13

We are looking for more volunteers to help process donations to the Hattie McCallie Missionary Closet! Drop by our open house between 9am and 11am on the 6th floor of the Tower for more information and a tour of the closet! For questions, please email Elinor@1stPresbyterian.com.

It's a Wonderful Life! Senior Fellowship & Program - March 14

Join us for IAWL to hear from our own church historian David Cooper on "Chattanooga Churches Under Siege - 1862-1863." Fellowship begins at 10:30am, followed by the program at 11am in the Fellowship Hall, and lunch (\$8) at 12pm. RSVP to Janette.Barnes@gmail.com or RWrenn@Epbfi.com.

Hearts & Hammers - March 16

Interested in volunteering for our community and church family? Our next Hearts & Hammers service project day is this Saturday! We will be sending two teams out, one to Vision of Mercy and one to help out right here at 1st Pres! If you'd like to join this weekend, please email Shad@1stPresbyterian.com.

Senior Adult Luncheon - March 17

Adults age 65+ are invited to our annual Senior Adult Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the 11am service! Register by Wednesday, March 13 at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

"Singing in the Dark" Women's Conference - April 5-6

Our spring conference is one month away! We will have a display table set up in the Connector the next two Sundays, March 10 and 17, to answer any questions and help with registrations. For more information and to register, go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

World Missions Lunch Bunch - April 11

Please join us for our next World Missions Lunch Bunch from 12pm to 1pm on the 10th floor of the Tower. We'll hear from Andy Weatherley, a pastor and trainer for church planters in Birmingham, UK. You can bring your own lunch, or order Chicken Salad Chick for \$10 when you register. Reserve your spot by April 7 at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Family Camp - August 30-September 1

Registration for Family Camp is now open to First Pres families! Families can sign up for two nights, one night, or Saturday only. Registrations will open to the public on March 15, so reserve your spot soon at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Midweek - March 13

Midweek continues with a meal and fellowship at 5:30pm and electives for nursery, kids, youth, and adults starting at 6:15pm!

For more information on these and other upcoming events, subscribe to our Weekly Email Announcements on our website under the "Resources" tab, or go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:15AM EACH SUNDAY

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 Colossians; 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. Feb. 11 - March 17, we will hear from Jonathan Ingram, Exec. Dir. at Faith Co-Op, on Faith and Work.

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

Fellowship and prayer followed by a study of Philippians. 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 10th 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.

Welcome All Class, all ages, SS 202

Currently studying how Jesus lived as a person and what it means to be fully human as God planned, using Paul Miller's *The Person of Jesus*.

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-30s; current series is "Soul Care: Spiritual Food for Hungry People," studying Psalms.

Youth & Kids

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

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

Nursery: Infant - 4-years-old

Find more info on our Discipleship Ministries at 1stPresbyterian.com/Discipleship.



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, MARCH 10, 2024

11:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

For any relationship to flourish, dialogue must occur. This is why the dialogical principle permeates our services. What do we specifically mean by this? In worship, God speaks to us, and then, God listens to us. By the power of the Holy Spirit, God challenges, comforts, and awakens us. Then, by the prompting of the Holy Spirit we listen and respond with praise, confession, petition, giving, and commitment.

A healthy life with God maintains a balance of attentive listening and honest speech. So does healthy worship. You can observe this dialogue in our services by noting the times when we listen to God and the times when we respond to God. Why is this important? Our words matter in worship; they are used by God to speak to us, and they carry our praise and prayer back to Him.
— adapted from John D. Witvliet

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty and everlasting God,
You govern all things both in heaven and on earth.
Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people,
and in our time grant us Your peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Frances L. Callahan

Reformation Handbells

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT

*“O Worship the King”
(Please sing with choir as directed.)*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:1-4 ESV

Pastor: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless Your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless You
and praise Your name forever and ever.

**People: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and His greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall commend Your works to another,
and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

†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.**

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” No. 53 (vv. 1-5)

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 28

Pastor: How does the knowledge of God’s providence help us?

**People: We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have good confidence
in our faithful God and Father
that nothing in creation will separate us from His love.
For all creatures are so completely in God’s hand
that without His will they can neither move nor be moved.**

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“All Creatures of Our God and King” No. 115 (vv. 1-5)

CONFESSION OF SIN

from Psalm 25:6-8,11,16-18 ESV

**Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions;
according to Your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!
Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore He instructs sinners in the way.
For Your name’s sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.
The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.
Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**

**For I pray in the name of the One who fully paid my debt,
even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 32:1-2 ESV

Blessed is the one
whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom
the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

†HYMN OF HEALING

“Children of the Heavenly Father” No. 131 (vv. 1-6)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

OFFERTORY

“Idyll of Praise” by Craig Courtney

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

*Please take your PreK-1st grade children to the check-in station
at the PreK-K department on the Fellowship Hall level.*

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

“Amazing Grace”

Genesis 43:1-34 (pp. 36-37 in pew Bible)

*“Keeping Your Faith When Life Lets You Down: A Study of the Life of Joseph”
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer*

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Jacob’s Faith (vv. 1-5)
2. The Brothers’ Unfounded Fear (vv. 16-25)
3. Joseph’s Unexpected Grace (vv. 26-34)

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“To God Be the Glory” No. 55 (vv. 1-3)

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

adapted from Numbers 6:24-26 ESV

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace;
and may the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

*“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” arr. Frances L. Callahan
Reformation Handbells*

<p>Giving Update for Deacons/General Fund <i>Annual Budget (fiscal year ends March 31):</i> \$3,046,380 <i>Raised Year-to-Date:</i> \$3,205,104</p>
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to fill out a connect card.*



*To make a secure contribution
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 by John and Glenda Henegar
on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, March 11.*