

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 a worship service at 9am immediately followed by a reception in the Nell Davis, then a special music performance at 10:15am and worship at 11am; there will be NO Sunday School.

First Pres Forum Class

The First Pres Forum Sunday School class will temporarily be in room 403 of the Tower today!

Summer Short-Term Mission Trips - Deadline Today!

Today is the last day to apply for our two adult short-term mission trips to London July 1-8 for the London Evangelism And Prayer (LEAP) Week, and Nairobi, Kenya July 18-28 to provide basic health care services for several communities in the are, and to our youth short-term mission trip to the Yakama Reservation in Washington. Learn more and apply by going to 1stPresbyterianWorldMissions.com/Teams/Applications.

Annual World Missions Retreat - March 23, Deadline Today!

Today is the last day to register for our 2nd Annual World Missions Retreat at Camp Vesper Point! This is a great time to learn more about what we're doing in missions so you can be inspired to join! Learn more and register at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Inquirer's Class - March 23

Are you interested in learning more about 1st Pres or would you like to become a member? Our next Inquirer's Class is Saturday, March 23, from 8:30am - 12pm in the Nell Davis Classroom. Come hear about our church's vision for the city, what we believe, and our discipleship and ministry opportunities! A light breakfast will be provided. Register by this Wednesday at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Men's Retreat - April 19 - 20

Men 18+ are invited to our Men's Retreat at Quail Run Farm, featuring Dr. Richard Phillips, Senior Minister at Second Presbyterian in Greenville, as our guest speaker! The cost is \$30 for general attendees and \$10 for college students. Register by April 5 at 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.

Midweek - March 20

Midweek continues with a meal and fellowship at 5:30pm and electives for nursery, kids, youth, and adults starting at 6:15pm! Learn more at 1stPresbyterian.com/Midweek.

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.

It Is Good to Sing Your Praises

PSALM 92

1. It is good to sing Your praises and to thank You,
 2. You have filled our hearts with gladness at the works Your
 3. But the good shall live before You, planted in Your

O Most High, showing forth Your loving-kindness
 hands have wrought; You have made our lives victorious;
 dwelling place, fruitful trees and eververdant,

when the morning lights the sky. It is good when
 great Your works and deep Your thoughts. You, O Lord, on
 nourished by Your boundless grace. In His goodness

night is falling of Your faithfulness to tell, while, with
 high exalted, reign forevermore in might; all Your
 to the righteous, God His righteousness displays; God, our

sweet melodious praises, songs of adoration swell.
 enemies shall perish, sin be banished from Your sight.
 Rock, our Strength and Refuge, just and true are all Your ways!

Words: *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms*, 1909, alt.
 Music: American folk tune
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Information on our Sunday School options can be found at 1stPresbyterian.com/SundaySchool.



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 17, 2024

11:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORD ON WORSHIP

Why heed God's call to sing His praise?
 Singing delights our God.
 He loves it because He repeatedly calls us to sing and make music.
 Singing galvanizes us to trust God in the midst of trouble (as in Acts 16:25, when Paul and Silas sing hymns in prison).
 God uses singing to make His Word memorable and vivid for us.

Martin Luther claims that singing God's praise makes people kinder, gentler, and more reasonable... it affords peace and joy to our hearts.
 It also serves as a tool in spiritual conflict because "the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God."

The Scriptures teach us that we not only sing with the people whom we see around us, but our Lord Jesus Christ Himself also sings with us (see Psalm 22:22; Zephaniah 3:17; Hebrews 2:12).
 If our singing Savior leads us in triumphant song, how can we keep from singing?

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
 You alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners.
 Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise;
 that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed
 where true joys are to be found;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” by Ralph Vaughan Williams
Kurt Miyashiro, organ*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT

*“May the Peoples Praise You” arr. Dan Galbraith
(Please sing with choir as directed.)*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 67:4-5 ESV

Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for You judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

**People: Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise 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.**

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 25

Pastor: How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

**People: Christ executes the office of a priest,
in His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice
to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God;
and in making continual intercession for us.**

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“It Is Good to Sing Your Praises (Psalm 92)” *Bulletin*

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Merciful God,
for the things we have done that we regret, forgive us;
for the things we have failed to do that we regret, forgive us;
for all the times we have acted without love, forgive us;
for all the times we have reacted without thought, forgive us;
for all the times we have withdrawn care, forgive us;
for all the times we have failed to forgive, forgive us.
For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,
for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,
God of all time, forgive us and help us
to lay down our burden of regret.
For we pray in the blessed name
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 7:25 ESV

Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost
those who draw near to God through Him,
since He always lives to make intercession for them.

†HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” No. 679 (vv. 1,2,4)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“Be Still” by Mary McDonald

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

“The Substitute Who Keeps Us Safe”

Genesis 44:1-45:28 (pp. 38-39 in pew Bible)

“Keeping Your Faith When Life Lets You Down: A Study of the Life of Joseph”

Gabriel N.E. Fluhner

SERMON OUTLINE

1. A Substitute Offered (44:1-34)

2. Safekeeping Provided (45:1-28)

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Before the Throne of God Above”

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

adapted from Psalm 67:1-2 ESV

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

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer” arr. Susan Whitacre

Celtic Ensemble

Worship Leader

Darrin Hassevoort, *Director of Music & Worship*

Presiding Minister

Davis Mooney, *RUF Campus Minister at UTC*

Preacher

Gabriel N.E. Fluhner, *Senior Pastor*

Giving Update for Deacons/General Fund

Annual Budget (fiscal year ends March 31):

\$3,046,380

Raised Year-to-Date:

\$3,205,104



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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 Chrissi and George Vieth.

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, March 18.*