

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

### **Holy Week Schedule**

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 worship at 9am, a special music performance at 10:15am and worship at 11am; there will be NO Sunday School. Throughout the morning starting at 9:30am, everyone is invited to stop by the Nell Davis for ham and sweet rolls! We are looking for volunteers to bring sweet rolls and help with clean up following the Easter Sunday reception!

### **First Cup - April 2**

1st Pres Men are invited to join us for our next monthly breakfast on the 10th floor of the Tower from 7am - 8am. Come get some good food, delicious coffee, and a soul-quenching devotional!

### **It's a Wonderful Life! Senior Excursion - April 13**

Adults 60+ are invited to join the IAWL group on the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum's "Chickamauga Turn" excursion! We will meet at the Railroad Museum on Cromwell Rd. at 9:45am and depart at 10:15am for the 6-hour ride. Signup and \$46 fee are due by Monday, April 1. Email David Cooper at [Cannon55@epbf.com](mailto:Cannon55@epbf.com) to reserve your spot!

### **Vacation Bible School - June 24-28**

Save the dates for VBS this summer and keep an eye out for registration details! We are looking for volunteers! Sign up at [1stPresbyterian.com/Events](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events).

### **NO Midweek - March 27**

There will be NO Midweek gathering this week in observation of Holy Week.

#### **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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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](http://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. Currently learning about "The Joy of Biblical Stewardship" from various 1st Pres ministry leaders.

**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 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, SS 204-F*

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:** *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> level Children's Wing*

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

Find more info on our Discipleship Ministries at [1stPresbyterian.com/Discipleship](http://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

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024**

**11:00 AM**

† *Please stand as you are able.*

### **THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

#### WORSHIP REFLECTION

Welcome to our celebration of Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week.

Long ago the people expected the Messiah to come armed to the teeth and riding a war horse. Instead, He came riding a lowly donkey, the symbol of peace.

When you come under the sway of this King, He will transform your life.

Invite the humble Christ in and He will kill your bad temper, conquer your malice, cast out your pride, and tenderize your heart to love others well.

Prepare your heart now for worship by offering to Him the following prayer . . .

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

On this day Lord Jesus,  
You did enter the rebellious city where You were to die.

Enter into our hearts, we beseech You,  
and subdue them wholly to Yourself.

And as Your faithful disciples rejoiced in Your coming  
and spread their garments on the road,  
make us ready to lay at Your feet all that we have and are.

And grant that we,  
after having confessed and worshiped You upon earth,  
may be numbered among those

who shall hail Your eternal triumph  
and bear in their hands the palms of victory

when every knee shall bow

and every tongue confess that You are Lord. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Gayden Sikes*

*Sigrid Luther, piano & Wesley Roberts, organ*

*"A Joyful Ring" arr. Barbara B. Kinyon*

*Reformation Bells*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

HYMN OF PROCESSION

*“Procession and Hymn for Palm Sunday” by Craig Courtney  
(Please sing with choir as directed.)*

CHORAL INTROIT

*“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” arr. Mark Patterson  
Children’s Choir*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 24:7,10 ESV*

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**People: Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
He is the King of glory!**

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†HYMN OF PRAISE

*“O God Beyond All Praising” No. 660 (vv. 1,3)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Father,  
Long ago the crowds with incessant hallelujahs  
greeted Your dearly loved Son,  
but how quickly they mocked  
as He went lonely to the cross.  
Forgive us for the ways that we, too,  
have welcomed Him only in words  
and resisted His kingship.  
Subdue our restless and rebellious hearts  
so that we might serve You faithfully  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who is the gentle King of Glory. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Zechariah 9:9-10 ESV*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you,  
righteous and having salvation is He,  
humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt,  
the foal of a donkey . . .  
He shall speak peace to the nations;  
His rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

†HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

*“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” by Gilbert Martin*

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.*

†HYMN OF PREPARATION

*“The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power”*

*Bulletin*

**THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE**

SERMON

*“Who is He, and Whose Kingdom Is It?”  
Mark 11:1-11 (p. 847 in pew Bible)  
Randy Nabors*

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Jesus is coming!
2. The Kingdom is coming!

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

*“The Lord Is My Salvation”*

**THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

†BENEDICTION

*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.

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

POSTLUDE

*“Onward Christian Soldiers” arr. Martha Lynn Thompson  
Reformation Bells*

**Worship Leader**

Darrin Hassevoort, *Director of Music & Worship*

**Presiding Minister**

Richard G. Cain, *Senior Assistant Pastor*

**Preacher**

Randy Nabors, *Pastor of Missions*

JESUS OUR SAVIOR

**192 The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power**

*... the blood of the eternal covenant. Heb. 13:20*

1. The blood that Je - sus shed for me, 'Way back on  
2. It soothes my doubts and calms my fears, And it dries

Cal - va - ry; The blood that gives me strength from day to  
all my tears; The blood that gives me strength from day to

day, It will nev - er lose its power.  
day, It will nev - er lose its power.

*Refrain*  
It reach - es to the high - est moun - tain. It flows to the

low - est val - ley. The blood that gives me strength from

day to day, It will nev - er lose its power.

TEXT and MUSIC: Andraé Crouch

THE BLOOD  
Irregular meter

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*The flowers are given today by Carla and Scott Brown to the glory of God  
and in memory of their parents and siblings.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers  
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, March 25.*