

NEW & UPCOMING AT 1ST PRES

Evangelism Workshop - May 3-4

Learn how to share your faith at our next annual Evangelism Seminar on Friday March 3, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm and Saturday, May 4, from 8:00am - 12:30pm on the 10th floor of the Tower! **Today is the last day to register!** Childcare is available for children ages 0-5. Learn more and register at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Home Missions & Ministries Fair - May 5

Save the date for our next annual Home Missions & Ministries Fair! During the Sunday School hour, you are invited down to the Fellowship Hall to meet our community ministry partners and get to know the 1st Pres ministries available to you! This is your opportunity to appreciate and tap into our church's efforts to build up the Body of Christ here at 1st Pres, and to make known how our congregation reaches out with the love of Christ to Chattanooga. There will be NO adult Sunday School, but youth and kids will still meet.

Five Hebrew Love Songs Concert - May 11

Please join us on the 10th floor at 7:30pm for an evening of romantic music from the Four Bridges String Quartet, comprised of 1st Pres musicians, and our own Christine & Darrin Hassevoort! Space is limited! Tickets are free and may be reserved at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

1st Pres Officer Elections - May 19

On Sunday, May 19, we will hold officer elections during both the 9am and 11am services. To view the full list of candidates and their bios, please go to [Bit.ly/OfficeElection2024](https://bit.ly/OfficeElection2024).

Vacation Bible School - June 24-28

Registration is now open for VBS this summer for children 3-years-old through rising 5th grade! To learn more, register your child, and/or sign up to volunteer, go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Family Camp - August 30-September 1

Registrations are open for our next annual Family Camp at Camp Vesper Point! Families can sign up for two nights, one night, or Saturday only. Spaces are limited! Go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Events to register!

No Midweek

Midweek gatherings and adult elective will start back up next fall! Many electives like Rapha Fellowship, Choir, Youth, and various officer committees will continue to meet through the summer.



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We'd love to connect with you!
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to fill out a connect card!



To make a secure contribution
to 1st Pres, scan the above QR code
with your phone camera or go to
1stPresbyterian.com/Give.

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: 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: Tower 804

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

Fellowship Class: SS 210

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

First Pres Forum Class: Fellowship Hall

Offering a rotating schedule of teachers and speakers. Currently studying "The Joy of Generosity; how worshipping God with our resources is a big part of living a joyful life in Christ."

Icebreakers Class: SS 211

A short lesson followed by small group discussion, focused on understanding Reformed Theology. Currently studying the Westminster Standards.

The Joy of Learning: Tower 258

A no-pressure, discussion-based class currently studying 1 Timothy.

Link Class: SS 209

Fellowship and prayer followed by a study of Philippians. Class is mostly seniors but welcomes all.

McCallie/Anderson Class: 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: Tower 10th Floor

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

Rocking Chair Class: 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: SS 204-F

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

Welcome All Class, 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 Professionals: 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



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, APRIL 28, 2024

11:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

In today's sermon text, we see Jacob in life's sunset. He models for us that the ending of our earthly pilgrimage should be a blending of faith, gratitude, love, and hope . . . a consciousness of the presence and peace of God, an assurance of the mercy and blessing of God, a confidence in the promise and assurance of God's love, and an expectation that what God has promised He is both able and willing to perform.

— W.H. Griffith Thomas

For every morbid person who thinks pathologically about death, there are probably a million more who do not think about it enough. When Moses thought about the brevity of life he prayed: "Teach us to number our days that we might present to You a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). Get correct views of life and learn to see the world in its true light. It will enable you to live pleasantly, to do good, and, when summoned away, to leave without regret.

— John Piper

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternal Father,
You gave to Your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation.
Plant in every heart, we pray,
the love of Him who is the Savior of the world,
our Lord Jesus Christ;
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Seek Ye First" arr. Tammy W. Rawlinson

Reformation Handbells

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

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT

*"And the Father Will Dance" by Mark Hayes
Zephaniah 3:14,17; Psalm 34:2,4*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 2:9-11, Acts 4:12 ESV

Pastor: God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

People: And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMN OF PRAISE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" No. 296 (vv. 1,3,5,6)

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism (1653 AD), Q&A 34

Pastor: Why do we call Jesus Christ "our Lord"?

**People: Because—
not with gold or silver,
but with His precious blood He has set us free
from sin and the tyranny of the devil,
and has bought us, body and soul,
to be His very own.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 164 (vv. 1-6)

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Gracious and holy Father,
our hearts have been saturated
with the toxins of the fears and cares of this world,
the deceitfulness of riches,
and inordinate desires for other things
that have choked out Your Word
and grieved Your Spirit in our lives.
We have been led astray from a single-minded,
pure, and undistracted devotion to You.
Our adversary has deceitfully worked to lead us
to doubt Your promises and question Your goodness.
Send Your Spirit to rekindle
the fires of devotion in our hearts.
For we pray in our Great Conqueror's name! Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Proverbs 28:13; 18:10 ESV

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.
[For] the name of the LORD is a strong tower;
the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"Join All the Glorious Names" No. 301 (vv. 1-5)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

"Anthems of Love" by Dan Forrest

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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 Best Is Yet to Come"

Genesis 48-49 (pp. 41-42)

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

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Jacob's Benediction (Genesis 48:1-22)
2. Jacob's Prediction (Genesis 49:1-33)

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

"God, Our Father, We Adore Thee" Bulletin

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

from Numbers 6:24-26 ESV

Pastor: May the LORD bless you and keep you.
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Bill Ingram
Reformation Handbells*

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Matt. 6:9

1. God, our Fa - ther, we a - dore Thee! We, Thy chil - dren, bless Thy name!
2. Son E - ter - nal, we a - dore Thee! Lamb up - on the throne on high!
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, we a - dore Thee! Par - a - clete and heav'n - ly guest!
4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it— Three in One! we give Thee praise!

Cho - sen in the Christ be - fore Thee, We are "ho - ly with - out blame."
Lamb of God, we bow be - fore Thee, Thou hast brought Thy peo - ple nigh!
Sent from God and from the Sav - ior, Thou hast led us in - to rest.
For the rich - es we in - her - it, Heart and voice to Thee we raise!

We a - dore Thee! we a - dore Thee! Ab - ba's prais - es we pro - claim!
We a - dore Thee! we a - dore Thee! Son of God, who came to die!
We a - dore Thee! we a - dore Thee! By Thy grace for - ev - er blest!
We a - dore Thee! we a - dore Thee! Thee we bless, thro' end - less days!

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We a - dore Thee! we a - dore Thee! Thee we bless, thro' end - less days! A - men.

TEXT: George W. Frazier; Alfred S. Loizeaux, stanza 3
MUSIC: John Zundel
A lower setting may be found at No. 92; Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, No. 89

BEECHER
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Worship Leader

Darrin Hassevoort, *Director of Music & Worship*

Presiding Minister

Richard G. Cain, *Senior Assistant Pastor*

Minister of the Word

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer, *Senior Pastor*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage
Allan Long and Anna Mittelstad.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, April 29.*