

NEW & UPCOMING AT 1ST PRES

Summer Together: Parent's Night Out – June 21

Need a night out? Let us care for your kids (infant - high school) while you get away for a few hours! Drop off for infants through 4 years old is in the Nursery off of Douglas Street, and pre-k through high school is in the Student Center off of McCallie Avenue. If you're interested in volunteering to help watch children, please reach out to our Interim Nursery Coordinator, Mary Campbell at MC@1stPresbyterian.com.

VBS Snack Donations

We've already got almost 160 kids signed up and we need snack donations so that every child can get a nutritious and filling snack each day! Last year, through your wonderful donations, 100% of all snacks were provided by church members. We want to make that happens again...but bigger! Sign up at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Woman at the Well – July 9

Join us from 6:30pm - 8pm in the Fellowship Hall for Woman at the Well! We'll have a fun evening of fellowship, getting to know one another, and delicious cheesecake. Elinor Espinosa, our Assistant Director of World Missions will be sharing with us that evening. No need to register. Just come and bring a friend! For childcare, please email MC@1stPresbyterian.com by July 6th.

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. Space is limited! Go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Events to register!

PCA Women's Conference – September 13 - 14

Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, singles, and spiritual mothers, grab the girls in your life, third grade and up, and join us for the PCA's *Made for More* Conference in Birmingham, Alabama! This will be a unique time for intergenerational bonds to be forged or strengthened in our church and for us to be equipped to navigate questions of identity and creation design. Register at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events by July 13 to get the early bird rate!



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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

Offers a rotating schedule of speakers. Current guest is Ron Lowe from Every Valley Leadership Academy on following Jesus among our neighbors.

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 selected Psalms for the summer. 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

SS = Sanctuary Side

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, JUNE 16, 2024

11:00 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

How prone we are to shake like reeds and rushes which cannot resist the wind when the principalities and powers begin to blow. The Apostle desires to see us so strong and stable that we remain firm even against the devil's wiles and even in the evil day, that is, in a time of special pressure. For such stability, both of character and in crisis, the armor of God is essential.

– John R. W. Stott, *God's New Society: The Message of Ephesians*

In heaven we shall appear not in armor but in robes of glory. But here the armor is to be worn night and day. We must walk, work and sleep in it, or else we will not become steady soldiers of Christ. In this armor, we are to stand and watch, and never relax our vigilance.

– adapted from William Gurnall, *The Christian in Complete Armor*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
You know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Finale" from "Sonata 6, op. 65" by Felix Mendelssohn

Patrick Rice, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT

“Lead On, O King Eternal”
(Please sing as directed.)

† Please stand as you are able.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 26:3-4,8 NIV

Pastor: You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in You.
Trust in the LORD forever,
for the LORD, the LORD Himself, is the Rock eternal.

**People: Yes, Lord, walking in the way of Your laws,
we wait for You; Your name and renown
are the desire of our hearts.**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Church, Arise (Arise, Shine)”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge
the quick* and the dead;
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic** church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*living **universal

† HYMN OF PRAISE

“Reformation Hymn”

Bulletin Insert

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Alexih Best

Emery Best

Adah Bower

Joseph Frees

Dorothy Fluhrer

Alex Granberry

Braden Knauth

Thatcher Knauth

Wynton Swansbrough

Hollis Swansbrough

Issac Sweets

Ellison Walker

Leighton Walker

Jean Whitacre

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“O Great God” arr. Joey Hoelscher
(Please sing as directed.)

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.

† GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

“Take Up and Stand”
Ephesians 6:13

A Field Guide to Spiritual Warfare
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

SERMON OUTLINE

1. You Are Equipped

2. You Are Empowered

3. You Must Endure

THE TABLE FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

COMMUNION

- Communion, also called the Lord’s Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians when we recall Jesus’s cross, relieve the anguish and renew our vows to live as His followers.
- We invite all followers of Jesus Christ to participate in this meal: those who are members of a gospel-proclaiming church, those who are endeavoring to live at peace with God and others, and those who seek grace and strength to live more faithfully for Jesus.
- If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time contemplating the costly love of Jesus Christ for you. As a result, we hope that you will trust Him as your Savior, Lord, and King!

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

“There Is a Fountain”

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

“Psalm 19” by Benedetto Marcello

String Quartet

Worship Leader

Darrin Hassevoort, Director of Music & Worship

Presiding Minister

Dick Cain, Senior Assistant Pastor

Minister of the Word

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer, Senior Pastor

Giving Update	Deacons (General Fund)	World Missions
Annual Budget	\$ 3,460,000	\$850,000
Raised Year-to-Date	\$ 540,109	\$176,363

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Parker.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, June 17.