

NEW & UPCOMING AT FIRST PRES

First Pres Forum Sunday School Class

Now through August 11, we're welcoming guest speaker Tony Souder, a member of 1st Pres and CEO of *One Hundred Years*, on "Helping our Children (and Grandchildren) Flourish in Faith for a Lifetime"! All are invited to explore the importance of embracing our youth as a church and integrating them into the life and relationships of the body. Join us at 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall!

Inquirer's Class - September 7

Are you interested in learning more about 1st Pres or would you like to become a member? Come hear about our church's vision for the city, what we believe, and discipleship and ministry opportunities at our next Inquirer's Class on Saturday, September 7, in the Nell Davis from 8:30am - 12pm! A light breakfast will be provided. Register at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Connect Team - Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to join our Connect Team! As part of this vital ministry, you will be helping us build a warm and inviting atmosphere for newcomers by greeting people at various church entrances on Sunday mornings and assisting with directions and general information. If you're interested, please contact Elder Jim Lyon at JimLyon1@gmail.com.

News from the Capital Campaign - Small Group Presentations

If you're interested in learning more about what the Capital Campaign Committee is doing to accomplish the goals of the Master Plan, we have several options for small group presentations over the coming months in various Sunday School classes and other small groups. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the recent Feasibility Study and ask questions in an intimate setting. If you're interested in attending a small group presentation, please email CapitalCampaign@1stPresbyterian.com.

Bulletin/Announcement Mailer

Not good with technology? Don't use email? Can't make it to our in-person worship each week? You can sign yourself or a loved one up to receive a hard copy of our Sunday bulletins and announcement newsletter in the mail each week! Call the church office at 423-267-1206 to be added to the list!

New Phone System

1st Pres has a new phone system! When you call the church number, 423-267-1206, you will now be directed through a menu of options, including a directory option for reaching specific offices and staff. If you have a general question, and would like to speak to our front desk, please press 0. Direct lines for specific offices no longer exist, and have been replaced with extensions. If you are trying to reach a specific staff member in the church, please use the directory option in the phone menu.



New to 1st Pres?
We'd love to connect with you!
Scan with your phone camera
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.

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.

College Class: SS 204-C

Invites rising and current college students.

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; currently Tony Souder from *One Hundred Years* on helping our children & grandchildren flourish for a lifetime.

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 Hebrews. 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

The current series is "Psalms: Prayers of the Heart."

Youth & Kids

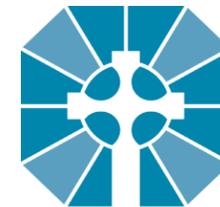
Youth Large Group: 6th - 12th grade, Student Center (across McCallie Ave.)

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.



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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, JULY 28, 2024

11:00 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

We are presently in a series on "Spiritual Warfare," learning how to fight the right enemies with the right weapons. Please use the following reflections to prepare your heart for worship:

And tho' this world with devils filled
should threaten to undo us.

We will not fear for God has willed
His truth to triumph through us.

— Martin Luther

God has set a Savior against sin,
a heaven against a hell,
light against darkness, good against evil,
and the breadth and length
and depth and height of grace
that is in Himself for my good,
against all the power and strength
and subtlety of every enemy.

— John Bunyan

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Heavenly Father,

As we gather to worship, we seek to align our hearts
and minds with Your truth,
so that we might worship You with reverence and awe.
Grant us grace today to take captive every thought
to make it obedient to Christ,
and to stand firm in the truth of Your Word.

Make us vigilant in prayer, seeking Your guidance
and strength in every battle we face.

Thank You for the assurance of victory
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through our worship, equip, guide, and empower us
to fight the right enemies with Your weapons.

For we pray in Jesus's mighty name. Amen.

PRELUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” arr. Mary McDonald

Sigrid Luther, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT

“Celebrate the Day” by Pepper Choplin

† *Please stand as you are able.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 61:1-3 ESV

Pastor: Hear my cry, O God,
listen to my prayer;
from the end of the earth I call to You
when my heart is faint.

**People: Lead me to the rock
that is higher than I,
for You have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMN OF PRAISE

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 127

Pastor: What is the sixth petition of the Lord’s Prayer?

**People: “And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.”
That is: By ourselves we are too weak
to hold our own even for a moment.
And our sworn enemies
—the devil, the world, and our own flesh—
never stop attacking us.
And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong
with the strength of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may not go down to defeat
in this spiritual struggle,
but may we firmly resist our enemies
until we finally win the complete victory.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

“All Praise to God Who Reigns Above” No. 4 (vv. 1-4)

CONFESSION OF SIN

based on the Lord’s Prayer

Pastor reads bolded; follow unbolded silently

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Let us confess the ways that we have become
more enamored with making our name great
rather than our Father’s.

**Your kingdom come. Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Let us confess the ways that we have pursued
our kingdom and our wills more than God’s.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Let us confess all of our ways of self-sufficiency
and acknowledge our dependence.

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Let us confess the ways we have not pursued interpersonal reconciliation.

And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

Let us confess our own personal struggles with temptation and evil.

For the kingdom and the power and the glory are Yours forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Exodus 6:6b-7a ESV

I will redeem you with an outstretched arm
and with great acts of judgment.

I will take you to be My people, and I will be your God,
and you shall know that I am the LORD your God

† HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Blessed Assurance” No. 693 (vv. 1&3)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“Only God” 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

*“Boys, You Don’t Know Who You Messin’ With”
2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (p. 969)*

Randy Nabors

SERMON OUTLINE

1. It might be concealed, but I’m definitely packing.
2. Who is the enemy, and what can these weapons do?
3. What are these weapons?
4. Know how and where to use your weapons well.

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” No. 296 (vv. 1,3,5,6)

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 3:5 ESV

May the Lord direct your hearts
to the love of God
and to the steadfastness of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in Eb Major, BWV 552” by J.S. Bach

Patrick Rice, organ

Worship Leader

Darrin Hassevoort, *Director of Music & Worship*

Presiding Minister

Richard G. Cain, *Senior Assistant Pastor*

Minister of the Word

Randy Nabors, *Pastor of Missions*

Giving Update	<u>Deacons (General Fund)</u>	<u>World Missions</u>
<i>Annual Budget</i>	\$3,460,000	\$900,000
<i>Budgeted Giving*</i>	\$1,064,615	\$276,923
<i>Raised*</i>	\$869,299	\$235,533
<i>*as of 7/21</i>		

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Gerry U. and Estes Carter Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Chester O. Stephens,
Mr. and Mrs. John O. Carter Jr. and Carter Holland by Gerry Stephens, Jr.*

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