

The Gospel Song

Words by Drew Jones
Music by Bob Kauffin

1. Ho - ly God, in love, be - came
2. Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness
5. Je - sus, end - less praise to You!
6. Ho - ly God, in love, be - came

per - fect Man to bear my blame.
are my beau - ty and my dress,
Who in mer - cy did pur - sue,
per - fect Man to bear my blame.

On the cross He took my sin.
be - fore God in these ar - rayed,
and has full a - tone - ment made,
On the cross He took my sin.

By His death I live a - gain.
my sin gone by sov - reign grace.
for my ran - som He has paid!
By His death I live a - gain.

NEW & UPCOMING AT FIRST PRES

College Ministry Volunteer Meeting - August 11

We are looking for volunteers to help out with our new College Ministry! If you're interested, please attend our info meeting next Sunday, August 11, at 10:15am in Room 204-C, or contact Director of College Ministries Gunther Griffin at Gunther@1stPresbyterian.com.

First Pres Forum Sunday School Class

Now through August 18, 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!

Children's Ministry Info Meeting - Today

Thank you for all those who attended our Children's Ministry info meeting today! If your family has a child who participates in the ministry, and you were not able to attend, please email Pastor of Discipleship Joshua Adair at Josh@1stPresbyterian.com for more information about what was discussed.

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.

Recently Bereaved

Please be in prayer for those in our congregation who have recently lost a loved one: Steve Neff & family, in the passing of his mother, Linda Neff.



New to 1st Pres?
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.



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, AUGUST 4, 2024

11:00 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

Living the Christian life means engaging in fierce warfare with the devil himself. No soldier would be adequately equipped for this without a sword. For it provides for him not only a good defense, but uniquely, a good offense.

John Newton knew this when he wrote this hymn text:

"Precious Bible! What a treasure,
does the Word of God afford!
All I want for life or pleasure,
Food and medicine, shield, and sword;
Let the world account me poor
Christ and this, I need no more."

William Gurnall extols the power of the Word of God in spiritual warfare:

"The word of God is a terror to Satan;
he cannot overcome the dread of it.
Let Christ simply say, 'It is written,'
and the fiend runs with confusion and terror.
And saints have found that the most successful instrument to defend themselves against Satan's fiercest temptations is that phrase that came from Christ's own blessed lips."

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Blessed Lord, Who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Medley of "It Is Well with My Soul" and "How Great Thou Art"

Wayne & Jeannie Estrada, trumpet & piano

Information on our Sunday School options can be found at 1stPresbyterian.com/SundaySchool.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT

“When I Can Read My Title Clear” arr. Dan Forrest

† Please stand as you are able.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 41:10; 43:1,4 ESV

Pastor: Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

**People: Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are Mine...
you are precious in My eyes,
and honored, and I love 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

“How Firm a Foundation” No. 94 (vv. 1,2,4,6)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 155

Pastor: How does the Word become effective for salvation?

**People: The Holy Spirit makes reading the Bible,
and especially hearing it preached,
effective for salvation.
It enlightens, convicts, and humbles sinners,
turning us away from self-reliance
and drawing us to Christ.
It transforms us to be more like Him,
aligns our wills with His,
strengthens us against temptations and corruptions,
builds us up in grace, and establishes our hearts
in holiness and comfort through faith, leading to salvation.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

“Be Thou My Vision” No. 642 (vv. 1-5)

CONFESSION OF SIN

**We confess, Lord, that our vision
has often strayed from You.
Worldly desires and selfish ambitions
distract us from a single-minded devotion to You.
Forgive us for allowing other things and people
to take Your rightful place of supremacy in our hearts.
Too often we love the approval of others more than Yours.
We acknowledge that we have relied
on our own understanding and wisdom
rather than seeking You, Your will, and Your Word.
Grant us the gift of repentance
and the grace to keep our eyes fixed on You, now and always.
For we pray in Jesus’s name, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 55:7 ESV
**Let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD,
that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.**

† HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“The Gospel Song”

Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sarah Kate Allred
daughter of Brent and Rachel Allred

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Teach Me, O Lord” by Philip Stopford
from Psalm 119:33-38

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 Most Important Weapon”
Ephesians 6:17 (p. 979)
“A Field Guide to Spiritual Warfare”
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

SERMON OUTLINE

1. The Origin of the Word

2. The Power of the Word

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

Acts 20:32 ESV

Now I commend you to God
and to the word of His grace,
which is able to build you up
and to give you the inheritance
among all those who are sanctified.

And may the blessing of God,
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
descend upon you
and dwell in your hearts forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend” by Georg Böhm
(Lord Jesus Christ, turn to us) Patrick Rice, organ

Worship Leader

Darrin Hassevoort, Director of Music & Worship

Presiding Liturgist

Gunther Griffin, Director of College Ministry

Minister of the Word

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer, Senior Pastor

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

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation
of the Pastoral Staff and their families.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, August 5.