

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 Philippians 4; 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.

See 1stPresbyterian.com/SundaySchool for the full class schedule.

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

Currently studying Romans, followed by prayer requests and a time of prayer. 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 10th 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, Tower 805

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

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 and 30s, class begins with a time of fellowship followed by a short lesson.

Youth & Kids

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

Kid's Sunday School: Pre K - 5th grade, ground, 1st, & 2nd level Children's Wing

Nursery: Infant - 4-years-old

NEW & UPCOMING AT 1ST PRES

NO Regular Evening Worship - Tonight

There will be no regular 5:15pm Evening Worship Services starting tonight and through the end of the year.

Officer Nominations through November

During the month of November, 1st Pres members in good standing can nominate qualified men in our congregation who you think would be a good fit for Deacon or Elder. Nomination forms and drop-box will be available at the Front Desk in the Connector starting November 1. View a full list of qualifications at 1stPresbyterian.com/events.

Ways to Serve This Holiday Season

This Holiday Season, our local ministry partners need our help in showing the Love of Christ to their clients and our community. A list of ways you can serve locally this season, and year-round, can be found on our website at 1stPresbyterian.com/Serve-Locally.

Concert Series - Handel's Messiah, presented by the CSO - Dec 2 & 3

Please join us on Saturday, December 2 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, December 3 at 3pm, in the Sanctuary for Handel's *Messiah*, presented by the CSO. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at the door or online at ChattSymphony.org, and discounted tickets are available for 1st Pres congregants using the code HANDEL23.

Concert Series - 1st Pres Christmas Concert - Dec 9 & 10

All are invited to our annual **free** 1st Pres Christmas Concert, presented by the 1st Pres Choir and Orchestra, led by our Worship and Music Director, Darrin Hassevoort, on Saturday, December 9 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, December 10 at 3pm in the Sanctuary.

Holiday Worship Schedule

On Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, we will have one combined service at 10am, and a 4pm evening service, and on New Years Eve, Sunday, December 31, we will have one combined service at 10am. There will be no Sunday School on either Sunday, and we will not have a service on Christmas Day.

First Takes, a Podcast from 1st Pres

Our latest episode of *First Takes* features a discussion between Gabe Fluhrer and Randy Nabors with our World Missions Conference guests, Rev. Andy Longwe and Karen Ellis, on ministering to nonbelievers worldwide and the persecuted church in both the West and around the world. To listen, search "First Takes" on any major podcast outlet!



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, NOVEMBER 26, 2023
9:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

The Psalmist describes corporate worship as entering the Lord's gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise (Psalm 100:4).

As we prepare for worship, let us ask the Lord to show us all the ways that He has been good and faithful to us. Let us ask ourselves: "What do you have that you did not receive?" (I Corinthians 4:7). Asking this question will help to produce in us a spirit of thankfulness.

May the Lord cause us to see all that God is to us and all that God has done for us in our Lord Jesus Christ, and as a result, may our hearts be filled with thankfulness.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Most loving Father,
Whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things,
to fear nothing but the loss of You,
and to cast all our care on You Who care for us.
Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties,
that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us
the light of that love which is immortal,
and which You have revealed to us in Your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord; Who lives and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.

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.

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92:1-4 NASB 2020

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,
and Your faithfulness by night,

**People: For You, O LORD,
have made me glad by Your work;
at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.**

† 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.**

† SONGS OF PRAISE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 98

Pastor: What is prayer?

**People: Prayer is an offering up
of our desires to God,
for things agreeable to His will,
in the name of Christ,
with confession of our sins,
and thankful acknowledgement of His mercies.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**O Father, Whose tender mercies are over all Your works,
we humbly ask Your forgiveness
for the sins of this past week.
For every weak and defiling thought
to which our minds have given harbor;
for every harsh and critical word
spoken in haste and passion;
for every failure of self-control;
for every stumbling-block
which by deed or example
we have set in another's way;
for every opportunity lost to do good;
and for every blessing thanklessly received.
May Your Holy Spirit so rule our hearts
that You give us victory
over these and all the other sinful tendencies of our hearts
through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Zechariah 13:1,7 ESV

On that day there shall be a fountain opened
for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.
Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd,
against the Man who stands next to Me,
declares the LORD of hosts.
Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & OFFERING

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*Please check in your PreK-1st grade children at the check-in station by the 1st-3rd
department on the main Sanctuary level.*

† DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

*John 17:18-19 — "Set Apart to be Sent"
"A Bright Future: Jesus's Vision for Our Church"
Gabriel N.E. Fluhner*

OUTLINE

1. Sent (v. 18)
2. Set Apart (v. 19)

† SONG OF RESPONSE

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

adapted from Psalm 67:1-2 (ESV)

Pastor: May God be gracious to you and bless you
and make His face to shine upon you
so that His way may be known on earth,
His saving power among all nations.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Giving Update	<u>Deacons (General Fund)</u>	<u>World Missions</u>
<i>Annual Budget</i>	\$3,046,380	\$850,000
<i>Raised Year-to-Date</i>	\$1,321,609	\$466,946



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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 First Pres, scan the above QR
code with your phone camera or
text GIVE to 423-888-0345.*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God with great love and thanksgiving
for our Congregational Care Ministry here at First Pres.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by
volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, November 27.*

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