

NEW & UPCOMING AT 1ST PRES

Announcing the new Assistant Minister of Discipleship, Joshua Adair

We are pleased to announce that the Lord has called Joshua Adair to be 1st Pres's new Assistant Minister of Discipleship! Josh started his ministry at ETSU, where he worked for Cru for ten years. He graduated from RTS Charlotte in 2021, and comes to us now from First Presbyterian Church of Hattiesburg, MS, where he served as their Minister of Discipleship. He and his wife Samantha have three children, Caleb 10, Daniel 7, and Kathryn 4. They plan to begin their time here later this spring!

Women's Bring-a-Lunch Fellowship - February 27

Pack your lunch for our next Bring-a-Lunch Fellowship this Tuesday at 11:45am in the Nell Davis. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other!

Inquirer's Class - March 23

Are you interested in learning more about 1st Pres or would you like to become a member? We will have our next Inquirer's Class on Saturday, March 23, 8:30am - 12:00pm in the Nell Davis Classroom. Come hear about our church's vision for the city, what we believe, and discipleship and ministry opportunities. A light breakfast will be provided. Register at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Annual World Missions Retreat - March 23

Join the World Missions Ministry and Committee for our 2nd Annual World Missions Retreat at Camp Vesper Point! This is a great time to learn more about what we're doing in missions so you can be inspired to join! Learn more and register by March 17 at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Women's Spring Conference - April 5-6

We are excited to announce our Women's Spring Conference "Singing in the Dark; Finding Contentment Even When Life Hurts," featuring Emily Hartman, a counselor, pastor's wife, and former missionary. Emily will speak to us Friday, April 5, 6:30pm – 8:00pm (dessert & coffee) and Saturday, April 6, 8:30am – 11:30am (continental breakfast and snacks). The cost is \$25 and childcare will be available. Learn more and register by April 3 at 1stPresbyterian.com/Women.

Family Camp - August 30-September 1

Save the date for our next Family Camp at Camp Vesper Point! Registration will be available for First Pres families starting March 1, before opening to the public on March 15. Families can sign up for two nights, one night, or Saturday only. Keep an eye on the announcement for more information!

Midweek - February 28

Midweek continues with a meal and fellowship at 5:30pm and electives for nursery, kids, youth, and adults starting at 6:15pm. This semester's adult elective features guest experts who will examine the Biblical foundations of Western society and equip you to answer the objections raised against them. For more information, go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Midweek.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:15AM EACH SUNDAY

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 Colossians; 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. Feb 11 - March 17, we will hear from Jonathan Ingram, Exec. Dir. at Faith Co-Op, on Faith and Work.

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

Fellowship and prayer followed by a study of Philippians. 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.

Welcome All Class, all ages, Tower 403

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 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-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, & 2nd level Children's Wing

Nursery: Infant - 4-years-old



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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, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

9:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

It is often the adversity of life that softens us sufficiently to make us open to the Lord's grace.
– *ESV Gospel Transformation Bible*

I am sure I have derived more real benefit, permanent strength, growth in grace, and every precious thing from the furnace of affliction than I have ever derived from prosperity.
– *Charles Spurgeon*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
You have given Your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of a godly life. Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of His redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of His most holy life through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"How Great Thou Art"

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 106:47

Save us, O LORD our God,
and gather us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to Your holy name
and glory in Your praise.

† 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.

† SONG OF PRAISE

“Goodness of God”

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, (1563 AD), Q&A 26

Pastor: What do you believe when you say,
“I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?”

**People: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
Who still upholds and rules them
by His eternal counsel and providence,
is my God and Father
because of Christ the Son.
I trust God that He will provide whatever I need
for body and soul and will turn to my good
whatever adversity He sends upon me in this sad world.
God is able to do this because He is almighty God
and desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of shame and judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change.
Open to us a future in which we can be changed,
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in the image of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
for Your glory and our flourishing. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Proverbs 28:13-14 ESV

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.
Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always,
but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

† SONG OF ASSURANCE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & OFFERING

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

“Family Reunion”

Genesis 42:1-38 (pp. 35-36 in pew Bible)

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

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

OUTLINE

1. Joseph Tested
2. Joseph's Brothers Tested

† SONG OF RESPONSE

“How Deep the Father's Love for Us”

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

1 Peter 5:10-11 ESV

Pastor: And after you have suffered a little while,
the God of all grace,
Who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ,
will Himself restore, confirm,
strengthen, and establish you.
To Him be the dominion forever and ever.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Giving Update for Deacons/General Fund

Annual Budget (fiscal year ends March 31):

\$3,046,380

Raised Year-to-Date:

\$2,956,211



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*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 and in loving memory of
Virginia and Bill Gault by sons, Jim and Robert, and their families.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, February 26.*

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