

Holy Week Schedule

On Palm Sunday, March 24, we will have our regular Sunday worship schedule. There will be NO Midweek on Wednesday, March 27. On Maundy Thursday, March 28, we will have a Communion service at 6:30pm. On Good Friday, March 29, we will have a Tenebrae service at 6:30pm. On Easter Sunday, March 31, we will have a worship service at 9am immediately followed by a reception in the Nell Davis, then a special music performance at 10:15am and worship at 11am; there will be NO Sunday School.

First Pres Forum Class

The First Pres Forum Sunday School class will temporarily be in room 403 of the Tower today!

Summer Short-Term Mission Trips - Deadline Today!

Today is the last day to apply for our two adult short-term mission trips to London July 1-8 for the London Evangelism And Prayer (LEAP) Week, and Nairobi, Kenya July 18-28 to provide basic health care services for several communities in the are, and to our youth short-term mission trip to the Yakama Reservation in Washington. Learn more and apply by going to 1stPresbyterianWorldMissions.com/Teams/Applications.

Annual World Missions Retreat - March 23, Deadline Today!

Today is the last day to register 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 at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Inquirer’s Class - March 23

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

Men’s Retreat - April 19 - 20

Men 18+ are invited to our Men’s Retreat at Quail Run Farm, featuring Dr. Richard Phillips, Senior Minister at Second Presbyterian in Greenville, as our guest speaker! The cost is \$30 for general attendees and \$10 for college students. Register by April 5 at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

World Missions Lunch Bunch - April 11

Please join us for our next World Missions Lunch Bunch from 12pm to 1pm on the 10th floor of the Tower. We’ll hear from Andy Weatherley, a pastor and trainer for church planters in Birmingham, UK. You can bring your own lunch, or order Chicken Salad Chick for \$10 when you register. Reserve your spot by April 7 at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Midweek - March 20

Midweek continues with a meal and fellowship at 5:30pm and electives for nursery, kids, youth, and adults starting at 6:15pm! Learn more at 1stPresbyterian.com/Midweek.

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, Tower 403 (today only)

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, SS 204-F

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

Welcome All Class, all ages, 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 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 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, MARCH 17, 2024
9:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

WORD ON WORSHIP

Why heed God’s call to sing His praise?
Singing delights our God.
He loves it because He repeatedly calls us to sing and make music.
Singing galvanizes us to trust God in the midst of trouble (as in Acts 16:25, when Paul and Silas sing hymns in prison).
God uses singing to make His Word memorable and vivid for us.

Martin Luther claims that singing God’s praise makes people kinder, gentler, and more reasonable... it affords peace and joy to our hearts.
It also serves as a tool in spiritual conflict because “the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.”

The Scriptures teach us that we not only sing with the people whom we see around us, but our Lord Jesus Christ Himself also sings with us (see Psalm 22:22; Zephaniah 3:17; Hebrews 2:12).
If our singing Savior leads us in triumphant song, how can we keep from singing?

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
You alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners.
Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise;
that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING SONG
“Come, Ye Sinners”

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalm 67:4-5
Pastor: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for You judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
People: Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise 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.

†SONG OF PRAISE
“Only a Holy God”

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 25
Pastor: How does Christ execute the office of a priest?
People: Christ executes the office of a priest,
in His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice
to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God;
and in making continual intercession for us.

CONFESSION OF SIN
Merciful God,
for the things we have done that we regret, forgive us;
for the things we have failed to do that we regret, forgive us;
for all the times we have acted without love, forgive us;
for all the times we have reacted without thought, forgive us;
for all the times we have withdrawn care, forgive us;
for all the times we have failed to forgive, forgive us.
For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,
for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,
God of all time, forgive us and help us
to lay down our burden of regret.
For we pray in the blessed name
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Hebrews 7:25
Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost
those who draw near to God through Him,
since He always lives to make intercession for them.

†SONG OF ASSURANCE
“Psalm 130”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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
“The Substitute Who Keeps Us Safe”
Genesis 44:1-45:28 (pp. 38-39 in pew Bible)
“Keeping Your Faith When Life Lets You Down: A Study of the Life of Joseph”
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

SERMON OUTLINE
1. A Substitute Offered (44:1-34)

2. Safekeeping Provided (45:1-28)

†SONG OF RESPONSE
“One Day (When We All Get to Heaven)”

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION
adapted from Psalm 67:1-2
Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that His way may be known on earth,
His saving power among all nations.
People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Worship Leader
West Breedlove, Assistant Director of Worship
Presiding Minister
Randy Nabors, Pastor of Missions
Preacher
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer, Senior Pastor

Giving Update for Deacons/General Fund
<i>Annual Budget (fiscal year ends March 31):</i>
\$3,046,380
<i>Raised Year-to-Date:</i>
\$3,205,104


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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 by Chrissi and George Vieth.
The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, March 18.