

NEW & UPCOMING AT 1ST PRES

Home Missions & Ministries Fair - Today

During the Sunday School hour, you are invited down to the Fellowship Hall to meet our community ministry partners and get to know the 1st Pres ministries available to you! This is your opportunity to appreciate and tap into our church's efforts to build up the Body of Christ here at 1st Pres, and to make known how our congregation reaches out with the love of Christ to Chattanooga. There will be NO adult Sunday School, but youth and kids will still meet.

First Cup Men's Breakfast - May 7

Please join us at our final First Cup meeting until the fall! Starting at 7am on the 10th floor of the Tower, come get some good food, delicious coffee, and a soul-quenching devotional!

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Interest Meeting - May 8

Come see how you can help with our Jungle Journey before, during, or after VBS! Anyone interested is invited to an introductory meeting on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm.

It's a Wonderful Life! Senior Fellowship Group - May 9

It's time for our annual picnic and service project! We'll have a traditional Southern picnic lunch at Camp Vesper Point (3216 Lee Pike in Soddy Daisy). We'll work up our appetites by filling 100 grocery bags with food for the homeless in our community, for distribution by our partner Vision of Mercy. For more information on the picnic, to RSVP, and/or to arrange a ride from 1st Pres to CVP, contact Janette.Barnes@Gmail.com RWrenn@Epbfi.com. The cost of the picnic lunch is \$10.

Five Hebrew Love Songs Concert - May 11

Please join us on the 10th floor at 7:30pm for an evening of romantic music from the Four Bridges String Quartet, comprised of 1st Pres musicians, and our own Christine & Darrin Hassevoort! Space is limited! Tickets are free and may be reserved at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Kids Playgroup - May 17

On the third Friday of every month from 9:00am - 11:00am, come to the Student Center and connect with other parents while your kids (ages 0-5) play in a safe and fun environment!

1st Pres Officer Elections - May 19

On Sunday, May 19, we will hold officer elections during both the 9am and 11am services. To view the full list of candidates and their bios, please go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

No Midweek

Midweek gatherings and adult elective will start back up next fall! Many electives like Rapha Fellowship, Choir, Youth, and various officer committees will continue to meet through the summer.

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.

Fellowship Class: SS 210

Currently studying Isaiah verse-by-verse. Class is mostly seniors but welcomes all.

First Pres Forum Class: Fellowship Hall

Offering a rotating schedule of teachers and speakers. Currently studying "The Joy of Generosity; how worshipping God with our resources is a big part of living a joyful life in Christ."

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 Philippians. 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 the Gospel according to Mark. 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

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

SS = Sanctuary Side

Find more info on our Discipleship Ministries at 1stPresbyterian.com/Discipleship.



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, MAY 5, 2024

9:00 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

"You meant evil . . . God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20) is a classic text on God's sovereign overruling of human history to accomplish His gracious purposes. God ultimately overrules human sin for His glory and the ultimate good of His people. This story points forward to the crucifixion of Jesus which is the ultimate example of God overruling human sin for His glory.
— adapted from the ESV Study Bible

Behold what an excellent spirit Joseph had. Let us learn of him to render good for evil. He comforted his brothers, and, to banish all their fears, he spoke kindly to them. Broken spirits must be bound up and encouraged. Those we love and forgive, we must not only do well for, but speak kindly to.
— adapted from Matthew Henry

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, Whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of Your people, grant that when we hear His voice we may know Him Who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; Who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Build My Life"

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† *Please stand as you are able.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 80:1-2, 17-19 ESV

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel . . .
stir up Your might and come to save us!
Let Your hand be on the Man of Your right hand,
the Son of Man Whom You have made strong for Yourself!
Then we shall not turn back from You;

**People: Give us life, and we will call upon Your name!
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!
Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† SONG OF PRAISE

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 18 & 19

Pastor: Who is your only Mediator—
the One Who is true God, and at the same time
a true and righteous human?

**People: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who was given to us to completely deliver us
and make us right with God.**

Pastor: How do you come to know this?

**People: The gospel tells me so.
For God began revealing this gospel in Paradise,
later He proclaimed it by the patriarchs and prophets,
and foreshadowed it by the sacrifices
and other ceremonies of the law,
and finally God fulfilled it through His own beloved Son.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, forgive us for the times
that we have tried to forgive in our own strength. Pardon us for the times
that we have repaid
evil with evil and not evil with good.
Thank You that there is One Who,
into earth's bitter waters of sin, injustice, hatred, and revenge,
poured a crimson flood to make them sweet.
Never was any man more unjustly sinned against.
The world Jesus loved drove nails into His hands and feet.
Yet He prayed, “Father, forgive them.”
Remind us, Lord, that we, Your servants, are not above You, our Lord.
Help us this day to experience anew Your liberating forgiveness.
Then, empower us to forgive others the same way You have forgiven us
for our good and Your glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 ESV

Because of Him you are in Christ Jesus,
Who became to us wisdom from God,
righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
so that, as it is written,
“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

SONG OF ASSURANCE

“There Is a Fountain”

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

“All Things for Good”

Genesis 50:1-26 (pp. 43-44)

“Keeping Your Faith When Life Lets You Down: A Study of the Life of Joseph”
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Our Limitation (v. 19)

2. God's Exaltation (v. 20)

† SONG OF RESPONSE

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

from Psalm 67:1-2 ESV

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

Scotty Brown III

Presiding Minister

Joshua Adair, *Discipleship Pastor*

Minister of the Word

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer, *Senior Pastor*



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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.*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
William Muecke Barker by Cathy Barker and family.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, May 6.*