

NEW & UPCOMING AT 1ST PRES

1st Pres Officer Elections - Today

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.

It's a Wonderful Life! Senior Fellowship Group - May 24

Our annual picnic and service project have been rescheduled for Friday, May 24. 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 or RWrenn@Epbf.com. The cost of the picnic lunch is \$10.

Women's Summer Bible Study - Tuesdays Starting May 28

Our study this summer is *No Empty Word: Relentless Pursuit, a Study on Hosea*. Join us this summer for 8 weeks as we dig into Hosea and learn the story of Israel's disobedience, God's discipline, and His steadfast love for Israel and for us! Childcare available with registration. Register at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Ladies Fellowship Luncheon - June 6

Join us for our first Fellowship Luncheon of the summer at The Tea Cottage on Hickory Valley Road, featuring our special guest Samantha Adair! The cost is \$20, and reservations must be made by May 28 at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

VBS - June 24-28

Join us for this year's VBS where your kids will set off on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. Amid sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs, your children will sail along on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at five ports of call: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Christ and the Cross, and Consummation. Kids will discover how these events shape our world, and they will learn to connect the Bible to their everyday lives. We're still looking for volunteers! Learn more at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

PCA Women's Conference - September 13-14

Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, singles, and spiritual mothers, grab the girls in your life grades 3-12 and join us for the PCA's Made for More Conference in Birmingham, Alabama! This will be a unique time for intergenerational bonds to be forged or strengthened in our church and for us to be equipped to navigate questions of identity and creation design. Register at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events by July 13 to get the early bird rate.

Diaconate Announcement - Elevator Repairs (Your Deacons Budget at Work!)

The Diaconate is currently in the process at looking into all mechanical systems at 1st Pres and any issues that need to be addressed. The Tower elevators have served us well and now it's time for them to be replaced. We expect them to be installed later this summer. Thank you in advance for your patience!

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

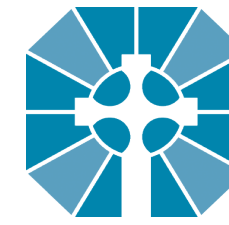
Youth Large Group: 6th - 12th grade, Student Center (across McCallie Ave.)

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.



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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, MAY 19, 2024

9:00 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Today, we commemorate and celebrate the Church receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. Like the early Church, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon us to ensure that we experience the Lord's love and that we have His power to engage His mission and to fight the good fight of faith.

John Stott says, "Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible.

There can be no life without the Life-giver, no understanding without the Spirit of truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christlikeness of character apart from His fruit, and no effective engagement in spiritual warfare without His power.

As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead."

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Wind of God, blow far from us . . .
all dark despair, all deep distress,
all groundless fears, all sinful desires,
all Satan's snares, all false values,
all selfish wishes, and all wasteful worries.
Blow into us . . .
Your holy presence, Your living love,
Your healing touch, Your splendid courage,
Your mighty strength, Your perfect peace,
Your caring concern, Your divine grace,
and Your boundless joy.

Wind of God, blow strong, blow fresh, and blow now!
Send times of refreshing from the presence of our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Who You Say I Am"

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

† *Please stand as you are able.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

John 7:37-39 ESV

Pastor: On the last day of the feast, the great day,
Jesus stood up and cried out,
“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.
Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said,
‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

**People: Now this He said about the Spirit,
Whom those who believed in Him were to receive,
for as yet the Spirit had not been given,
because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† SONG OF PRAISE

“Come Ye Sinners”

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Q&A 127

Pastor: What is the sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

**People: And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
That is: In ourselves we are so weak
that we cannot stand even for a moment.
Moreover, our sworn enemies—
the devil, the world, and our own flesh—
do not cease to attack us.
Will You, therefore, uphold and strengthen us
by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
so that in this spiritual war
we may not go down to defeat,
but always firmly resist our enemies,
until we finally obtain the complete victory..**

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.*

† GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

“The Peace that Starts a War”

Ephesians 6:10 (p. 979)

“A Field Guide to Spiritual Warfare”

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Our Orders for the War

2. Our Warrior in the War

THE TABLE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our heavenly Father,
send the reviving wind of Your Spirit
to blow away the dust of sin in our lives.
Forgive our dullness in hearing and heeding Your Word.
Create in us open ears that listen intently to Your voice.
Pardon our timidity in commending You to others.
Create in us bold tongues to declare Your excellencies.
Restore to us the joy of our salvation
and grant us a willing spirit to serve You with gladness
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1-2 ESV

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Through Him we have also obtained access by faith
into this grace in which we stand,
and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

COMMUNION

- Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians when we recall Jesus's cross, relive His anguish, and renew our vows to live as His followers.
- We invite all to participate in this meal:
who profess faith in Jesus Christ,
who are members of a gospel-proclaiming church,
who are endeavoring to live at peace with God and others,
and who seek strengthening grace to live more faithfully for Jesus.
- If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, we encourage you to spend this time considering Jesus's broken body and shed blood. Pray and ask Him to forgive your sins and to give you eternal life.

† SONG OF RESPONSE

*“Here Is Love”
“His Mercy Is More”*

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

based on 2 Corinthians 13:14 ESV

Pastor: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen!

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Worship Leader

West Breedlove, *Assistant Director of Music & Worship*

Presiding Minister

Joshua Adair, *Pastor of Discipleship*

Minister of the Word

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer, *Senior Pastor*



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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 our parents by John Bond and Lucy Foster.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, May 20.*