

## NEW & UPCOMING AT 1<sup>ST</sup> PRES

### **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 before we begin this Tuesday at [1stPresbyterian.com/Events](http://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](http://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](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events).

### **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!



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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](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events).

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

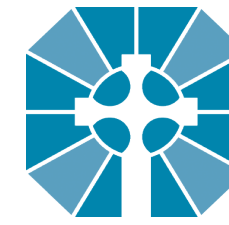
**Youth Large Group:** 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Student Center (across McCallie Ave.)

**Kid's Sunday School:** Pre K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, ground & 1<sup>st</sup> level Children's Wing

**Nursery:** Infant - 4-years-old

SS = Sanctuary Side

Find more info on our Discipleship Ministries at [1stPresbyterian.com/Discipleship](http://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 26, 2024

9:00 AM

### **THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

#### WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Satan through his agents, both devilish and human, assaults all Christians.

He does so most fiercely to leaders.

Therefore, all Christians, and leaders supremely must learn to pray with Nehemiah:

O God, strengthen our hands (Nehemiah 6:9).

Strengthen them not only for constructive ministry, but also for mortal combat

as we fight "against the schemes of the devil."

His objective is to devour us (1 Peter 5:8).

His typical strategies for deceiving and destroying us are: blinding us to the truth,

distorting the truth,

fomenting persecution against us,

and discouraging us through self-condemnation, despair, or feelings of abandonment.

Let us resist the devil by standing firm in our faith,

and putting on the armor of God.

*- adapted from J.I. Packer, A Passion for Faithfulness*

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,

Whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit

to be tempted by Satan,

come quickly to help us

who are assaulted by many temptations.

As You know the weaknesses of each of us,

let each one find You mighty to save,

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

*"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

## THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† *Please stand as you are able.*

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 46:1,10-11 ESV*

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**People: "Be still, and know that I am God.**

**I will be exalted among the nations,**

**I will be exalted in the earth!"**

**The LORD of hosts is with us;**

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

### † 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

*"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"*

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 102*

Pastor: What do we pray for in the second petition?

**People: In the second petition,**

**which is, "Thy kingdom come,"**

**we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed;**

**and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced,**

**ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it;**

**and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.**

### CONFESSION OF SIN

**O mighty, conquering Lord,**

**Your battle with Satan has never been uncertain**

**and will end in victory.**

**Calvary broke the dragon's head,**

**and we contend with a vanquished foe.**

**Where we have gathered defilement,**

**where our faith has suffered damage,**

**where our hope is less than bright,**

**where our love is not fervent,**

**where some creature comfort occupies our hearts,**

**or where our souls sink under pressure of the fight,**

**bring Your healing balm and touch.**

**Let us drink of the fountain**

**of Your everlasting love and strengthening grace.**

**Then shall our hands never weaken,**

**our feet never stumble, our swords never rest,**

**our shields never rust, our helmets never shatter,**

**and our breastplates never fall**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*1 Peter 2:24-25 ESV*

He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By His wounds you have been healed.

For you were straying like sheep,

but have now returned

to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### † SONG OF HEALING

*"Before the Throne"*

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

### 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

*"Preparing for Battle"*

**Ephesians 6:11 (p. 979)**

*"A Field Guide to Spiritual Warfare"*

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

### SERMON OUTLINE

1. Required Armor

2. Real Enemy

### † SONG OF RESPONSE

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

## THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### † BENEDICTION

*based on 2 Timothy 4:18*

Pastor: May the Lord rescue you from every evil deed  
and bring you safely into His heavenly kingdom.

To Him be the glory forever and ever.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Worship Leader**

Derek Holland

**Presiding Minister**

Randy Nabors, *Pastor of Missions*

**Minister of the Word**

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer, *Senior Pastor*

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*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mrs. Joan Heywood on  
the occasion of her birthday by Dr. Barry Heywood. They are also given in memory of  
Robert and Virginia Talley and Humphrey B. and Rosina Heywood,  
parents of Joan and Barry Heywood.*

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