

NEW & UPCOMING AT 1ST PRES

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've already got over 100 kids signed up and are looking for both **volunteers** and **snack donations!** Learn more about how you can help at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

ONE Women's Summer Prayer Gathering - Starting June 3

The ONE Women's Bible Study group will continue to meet through the summer for a time of prayer and scripture reading to encourage our souls in our love for Christ. All women are welcome every other Tuesday starting June 3 at 6:30pm in the Women's Ministry Office in room 801.

51st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America - June 10-14

The 51st General Assembly will be held in Richmond, VA, this year, and this is a great opportunity to observe the gathered church as it worships and works together. This year's theme is "Knit Together," based on Colossians 2:2, ". . . that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ . . ." We encourage everyone to participate via their livestream, which can be found at PCAGA.org.



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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. Current study is available via 1stPresbyterian.com/SundaySchool.

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, JUNE 2, 2024

9:00 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

The devil must be daily resisted.
The world must be daily overcome.
There is a warfare to be waged,
and a battle to be fought.

- J.C. Ryle

May the Holy Spirit so work in our lives
that we can say with the Apostle Paul:
"I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:7 esv)!"

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy and gracious Father,
life in this world is a spiritual minefield.
Therefore, we come today pleading for Your protection.
We contend with a cunning devil
who was not even afraid to assault our Savior.
We also live in a broken and fallen world
that attempts to squeeze us into its mold.
Our hearts are prone to wander and become ensnared
by the world's values, priorities, and commitments.
Lead us to the rock that is higher than we are—
none other than our Lord Jesus Christ,
for we pray in His mighty and merciful name. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Let Us Adore"

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

2 Chronicles 20:15; Exodus 14:13 ESV

Pastor: Thus says the Lord to you,
'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed
at this great horde
for the battle is not yours but God's.'

**People: "Fear not, stand firm,
and see the salvation of the LORD,
which He will work for you today."**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† SONG OF PRAISE

"O Great God"

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 127

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

**People: "And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one" means:
By ourselves we are too weak
to hold our own even for a moment.
And our sworn enemies—
the devil, the world, and our own flesh—
never stop attacking us.
And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong
with the strength of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may not go down to defeat
in this spiritual struggle,
but may firmly resist our enemies
until we finally win the complete victory.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**God of all grace,
forgive us for the ways
that we have not resisted temptation.
We doubt Your care and succumb too often
to anxiety and fear.
We are wearied by the guilt and shame of our past.
Give us a new resolve to run to the cross.
Wash us clean with Your blood
so that we are more watchful against temptation,
more contented in our circumstances,
and more useful in Your service,
for Jesus's sake. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:13-14 ESV

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

† SONG OF ASSURANCE

"Near the Cross"

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Titus William Duble,
son of Rachel Lemay Duble & JohnMark Patrick Duble
Rachel Lemay Duble*

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

*"The Nature of Our Battle"
Ephesians 6:12 (p. 979)
"A Field Guide to Spiritual Warfare"
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer*

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Our Weakness

2. Satan's Power

† SONG OF RESPONSE

"Made Me Glad"

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

Jude 1-2; 24-25 ESV

Pastor: To those who are called,
beloved in God the Father
and kept for Jesus Christ:
May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.
Now to Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling
and to present you blameless
before the presence of His glory with great joy,
to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,
before all time and now and forever.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

CAMP VESPER POINT COMMISSIONING

Worship Leader

West Breedlove, *Assistant Director of Music & Worship*

Presiding Minister

Richard G. Cain, *Senior Assistant Pastor*

Minister of the Word

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer, *Senior Pastor*

The flowers today are given to remind us of God's love, glory, and promise.

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, June 3.*