

NEW & UPCOMING AT 1ST PRES

Ladies Fellowship Lunch – July 18

Women are invited for a delicious lunch in the charming, relaxed atmosphere at The Tea Cottage on Hickory Valley Road, featuring Susan Brown as our special guest! Reservations are \$20 and must be made **by the end of the day today** at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Summer Together: Family Playgroup in the Park – July 19

Family Playgroup will meet Friday, July 19, from 9am to 11am at Vandergriff Park! Families of all ages are welcome, and we encourage you to invite friends! This will be a great time to fellowship and get to know the other families at 1st Pres while your children play together! Please bring your own snacks, toys, chairs, etc. For questions, please reach out to our Interim Nursery Coordinator Mary Campbell Harris at MC@1stPresbyterian.com.

Prison Ministry Info Meeting – July 25

You are invited to learn more about our Prison Ministry at the upcoming informational meeting at 6pm on the 10th floor of the Tower! You'll hear from Meta-noia Prison Ministry staff about training and ministry opportunities for mentoring and correspondence discipling, and be able to talk to the Prison Ministry Committee members who are also long-term mentors. For more information, please contact Leslie Cory at LeslieCory@Comcast.net.

Search for New Kid's Ministry Director

As many of you know, our Interim Children's Ministry Director, Grace O'Dell, and Children's Ministry Director, Emily Brelsford, have resigned. We ask for prayer for the coming months as we work to fill this vital role with the help of our newly formed Children's Ministry Committee. If you know of someone who would be a blessing to our Children's Ministry, please reach out to Pastor of Discipleship Josh Adair at Josh@1stPresbyterian.com.

Connect Team - Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to join our Connect Team! As part of this vital ministry, you will be helping us build a warm and inviting atmosphere for newcomers by greeting people at various church entrances on Sunday mornings and assisting with directions and general information. If you're interested, please contact Elder Jim Lyon at JimLyon1@gmail.com.

Stephen Ministry – “I Began to Feel God's Love Again”

1st Pres has the privilege of offering a Stephen Ministry program: members of our congregation, Stephen Ministers, who have received special training to provide confidential one-on-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community. You can learn more about Stephen Ministry by picking up one of the updated brochures in the hallway between the Connector and the black & white foyer, or going to 1stPresbyterian.com/Care.



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To make a secure contribution
to 1st Pres, scan the above QR code
with your phone camera or go to
1stPresbyterian.com/Give.

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.

College Class: SS 204-C

Invites rising and current college students.

Fellowship Class: SS 210

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

First Pres Forum Class: Fellowship Hall

Offers a rotating schedule of speakers. Current guest is Pastor Grady Davidson from Timothy Two Project International, on overcoming spiritual strongholds.

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 selected Psalms for the summer. 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 Hebrews. 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

The current series is “Psalms: Prayers of the Heart.”

Youth & Kids

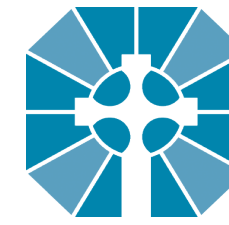
Youth Large Group: 6th – 12th grade, Student Center (across McCallie Ave.)

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, JULY 14, 2024

9:00 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. Today, we examine the fourth piece of our armor called “the shield of faith.”

This shield enables us to extinguish the devil's fiery darts. It is called the shield of faith.

Some of these darts are his mischievous accusations which inflame our conscience with what can only be called false guilt. Other darts are unsought thoughts of doubt, disobedience, rebellion, lust, malice, and fear. God Himself is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

It is by faith that we flee to Him for refuge. For faith lays hold of the promises of God in times of doubt and depression. Faith lays hold of the power of God in times of temptation.

– adapted from John Stott

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,
and, as You know the weaknesses of each of us,
let each one find You mighty to save.
We pray 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

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† *Please stand as you are able.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 91:1-2; James 4:8a,10 ESV

Pastor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the LORD,
“My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in Whom I trust.”

**People: Draw near to God,
and He will draw near to you.
Humble yourselves before the Lord,
and He will exalt 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**

† SONGS OF PRAISE

*“Our Great God”
“Only a Holy God”*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A1

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People: That I am not my own,
but belong, body and soul, in life and in death,
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to Him,
Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for Him.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.
We confess that it is all too easy for us
to sacrifice our convictions for convenience,
Your standards for status,
Your principles for promotion,
Your absolutes for our ambition,
our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success.
How easily we are seduced by power, prestige,
pleasure, or possessions—
seduced into violating our integrity
or harming our fellowship with You.
From earth's fullest bliss we turn to You again, unfulfilled.
Forgive us our half-hearted devotion
and our double-minded spirit.
In the name of Him Who gave Himself up for us we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 53:5-6 ESV

But He was pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

† SONG OF HEALING

“Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)”

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

“Faith Under Fire”
Ephesians 6:16 (p. 979)
“A Field Guide to Spiritual Warfare”
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

SERMON OUTLINE

1. The When of Faith
2. The What of Faith
3. The Why of Faith

† SONG OF RESPONSE

“By Faith”

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
and may He equip you with the shield of faith
so that you may extinguish
all the flaming arrows of the evil one
until the God of peace crushes Satan under your feet.
Amen.

Worship Leader

West Breedlove, *Assistant Director of Music & Worship*

Presiding Minister

Ron Brown, *Pastor of Congregational Care*

Minister of the Word

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer, *Senior Pastor*

Giving Update	<u>Deacons (General Fund)</u>	<u>World Missions</u>
<i>Annual Budget</i>	\$3,460,000	\$900,000
<i>Budgeted Giving*</i>	\$931,538	\$242,308
<i>Raised*</i>	\$797,271	\$215,034
<i>*as of 7/17</i>		

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Sawrie and Susan Sawrie Doubleday
by Steve and Sue Sawrie, Sharon Sawrie, and Mike Doubleday.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, July 15.*