

## NEW & UPCOMING AT FIRST PRES

### ***Children's Ministry Info Meeting - Today***

We are holding an informational meeting today at 10:125am in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the current state of our Children's Ministry and the search for a new director. We're requesting at least one parents be in attendance if your family has any children who participate in the ministry. Anyone else currently involved in the ministry, or who are interested in being involved, are welcome. If you cannot attend the meeting, please email Pastor of Discipleship Joshua Adair at [Josh@1stPresbyterian.com](mailto:Josh@1stPresbyterian.com).

### ***College Ministry Volunteer Meeting - Today & August 11***

We are looking for volunteers to help out with our new College Ministry! If you're interested, please attend our info meeting today and next Sunday, August 11, at 10:15am in Room 204-C, or contact Director of College Ministries Gunther Griffin at [Gunther@1stPresbyterian.com](mailto:Gunther@1stPresbyterian.com).

### ***First Pres Forum Sunday School Class***

We will take a break this Sunday to accomodate the Children's Ministry meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to join us next week as our current speaker Tony Souder, a member of 1st Pres and CEO of *One Hundred Years*, continues "Helping our Children (and Grandchildren) Flourish in Faith for a Lifetime"! All are invited to explore the importance of embracing our youth as a church and integrating them into the life and relationships of the body. Join us at 10:15am!

### ***Inquirer's Class - September 7***

Are you interested in learning more about 1st Pres or would you like to become a member? Come hear about our church's vision for the city, what we believe, and discipleship and ministry opportunities at our next Inquirer's Class on Saturday, September 7, in the Nell Davis from 8:30am - 12pm! A light breakfast will be provided. Register at [1stPresbyterian.com/Events](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events).

### ***News from the Capital Campaign - Small Group Presentations***

If you're interested in learning more about what the Capital Campaign Committee is doing to accomplish the goals of the Master Plan, we have several options for small group presentations over the coming months in various Sunday School classes and other small groups. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the recent Feasibility Study and ask questions in an intimate setting. If you're interested in attending a small group presentation, please email [CapitalCampaign@1stPresbyterian.com](mailto:CapitalCampaign@1stPresbyterian.com).

### ***Recently Bereaved***

Please be in prayer for those in our congregation who have recently lost a loved one: Steve Neff & family, in the passing of his mother, Linda Neff.



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[1stPresbyterian.com/Give](http://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; currently Tony Souder from *One Hundred Years* on helping our children & grandchildren flourish for a lifetime.

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

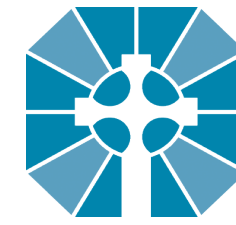
***Youth Large Group:*** 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Student Center (across McCallie Ave.)

***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, AUGUST 4, 2024

9:00 AM

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

#### **WORSHIP REFLECTION**

Living the Christian life means engaging in fierce warfare with the devil himself. No soldier would be adequately equipped for this without a sword. For it provides for him not only a good defense, but uniquely, a good offense.

John Newton knew this when he wrote this hymn text:

"Precious Bible! What a treasure,  
does the Word of God afford!  
All I want for life or pleasure,  
Food and medicine, shield, and sword;  
Let the world account me poor  
Christ and this, I need no more."

William Gurnall extols the power of the Word of God in spiritual warfare:

"The word of God is a terror to Satan;  
he cannot overcome the dread of it.  
Let Christ simply say, 'It is written,'  
and the fiend runs with confusion and terror.  
And saints have found that the most successful instrument  
to defend themselves against Satan's fiercest temptations  
is that phrase that came from Christ's own blessed lips."

#### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Blessed Lord, Who caused all holy Scriptures  
to be written for our learning,  
grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn,  
and inwardly digest them,  
that we may embrace and ever hold fast  
the blessed hope of everlasting life,  
which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ;  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

*“Only a Holy God”*

**THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

† *Please stand as you are able.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

*Isaiah 41:10; 43:1,4 ESV*

Pastor: Fear not, for I am with you;  
be not dismayed, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

**People: Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are Mine...  
you are precious in My eyes,  
and honored, and I love 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

*“To God Be the Glory”  
“Whom Shall I Fear”*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*adapted from Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 155*

Pastor: How does the Word become effective for salvation?

**People: The Holy Spirit makes reading the Bible,  
and especially hearing it preached,  
effective for salvation.  
It enlightens, convicts, and humbles sinners,  
turning us away from self-reliance  
and drawing us to Christ.  
It transforms us to be more like Him,  
aligns our wills with His,  
strengthens us against temptations and corruptions,  
builds us up in grace, and establishes our hearts  
in holiness and comfort through faith, leading to salvation.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**We confess, Lord, that our vision  
has often strayed from You.  
Worldly desires and selfish ambitions  
distract us from a single-minded devotion to You.  
Forgive us for allowing other things and people  
to take Your rightful place of supremacy in our hearts.  
Too often we love the approval of others more than Yours.  
We acknowledge that we have relied  
on our own understanding and wisdom  
rather than seeking You, Your will, and Your Word.  
Grant us the gift of repentance  
and the grace to keep our eyes fixed on You, now and always.  
For we pray in Jesus’s name, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Isaiah 55:7 ESV*

**Let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD,  
that He may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.**

SONG OF ASSURANCE

*“Oh Sin-Sick Soul”*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*James Percy Austin*

*son of Andrew and Anna Austin*

MORNING PRAYER

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 Most Important Weapon”  
Ephesians 6:17 (p. 979)  
“A Field Guide to Spiritual Warfare”  
Gabriel N.E. Fluhner*

SERMON OUTLINE

1. The Origin of the Word
2. The Power of the Word

† SONG OF RESPONSE

*“O Church Arise”*

**THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

† BENEDICTION

*Acts 20:32 ESV*

Now I commend you to God  
and to the word of His grace,  
which is able to build you up  
and to give you the inheritance  
among all those who are sanctified.

And may the blessing of God,  
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
descend upon you  
and dwell in your hearts forever. Amen.

**Worship Leader**

West Breedlove, *Assistant Director of Worship*

**Presiding Minister**

Richard G. Cain, *Senior Assistant Pastor*

**Minister of the Word**

Gabriel N.E. Fluhner, *Senior Pastor*

<b>Giving Update</b>	<u>Deacons (General Fund)</u>	<u>World Missions</u>
<i>Annual Budget</i>	\$3,460,000	\$900,000
<i>Budgeted Giving*</i>	\$1,064,615	\$276,923
<i>Raised*</i>	\$869,299	\$235,533
<i>*as of 7/21</i>		

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation  
of the Pastoral Staff and their families.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers  
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, August 5.*