

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 - Mondays

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 Monday at 6:30pm in the Women's Ministry Office in room 801. The next meeting will be June 17.

Family Camp - August 30-September 1

Registrations are open for our next annual Family Camp at Camp Vesper Point! Families can sign up for two nights, one night, or Saturday only. Spaces are limited! Go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Events to register!

PCA Women's Conference - September 13-14

Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, singles, and spiritual mothers, grab the girls in your life, third grade and up, 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!



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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

Offers a rotating schedule of speakers. Current guest is Ron Lowe from Every Valley Leadership Academy on following Jesus among our neighbors.

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 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.



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 9, 2024

11:00 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

Our sermon text reminds us that in the gospel of Jesus Christ, God has shut up all human boasting for all time in three primary ways. First, He sends Jesus to be crucified in weakness. No human, in his or her right mind, would have ever dreamed up God's scheme for redemption — a crucified Messiah. It seems too preposterous and too humiliating for God. Second, God chooses a people marked by unimpressive credentials to be His people. Third, God uses weak people to proclaim His testimony and tell His story. Therefore, let us prepare to worship our great and humble Lord Who comes in weakness to save people like us who are frequently tempted to boast in our strength, our wisdom, and our riches.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Grant us, O Lord,
to trust in You with all our hearts.
For, as You always resist the proud
who confide in their own strength,
so You never forsake those
who make their boast of Your mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Mary McDonald

Sigrid Luther, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT

"Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out" arr. Mark Hayes

† *Please stand as you are able.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 86:8-10 ESV

Pastor: There is none like You, O Lord,
nor are there any works like Yours.

**People: All the nations You have made
shall come and bow down before You, O Lord,
and shall glorify Your name.
For You are great and do wondrous things,
You alone are God.**

† 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**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer" No. 650 (vv. 1,3,4)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 60

Pastor: How are you right with God?

**People: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.
Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned
against all God's commandments
and of never having kept any of them,
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless, without my deserving it at all,
out of sheer grace,
God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.
All I need to do is accept this gift of God
with a believing heart.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" No. 180 (vv. 1,2,4,5)

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Holy and gracious Father,
You have a most scandalous way
of rescuing proud people:
The One who possesses real authority to assert His rights
lays them aside to humbly serve and die for us.
We beseech Your forgiveness for our pride
which has destroyed our ability
to truly love and serve others.
We confess that selfish ambition
has caused squabbling among us.
Pardon us for our status-seeking ways
and consume us with the only status that matters:
proximity to You, for we pray in the Name
of our humble and exalted Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

adapted from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7 ESV

Through Jesus Christ
forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.
In Christ we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of His grace.

HYMN OF HEALING

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

OFFERTORY

*"I Can Stand in His Presence" by Vader & Rouse, arr. Kirkland
Soloist: Kelly Stultz*

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

"Clinging to God's Power in a World that Vilifies Weakness"

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (p. 952)

Joshua Adair

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Worldly Ways of Grasping at Glory

2. Glory Revealed in a Foolishly Weak Fulcrum

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Nearer, My God, to Thee"

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

from 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.

POSTLUDE

"La Morisque" by Tielman Susato

Patrick Rice, organ

Worship Leader

Dr. David Luther

Presiding Minister

Randy Nabors, *Pastor of Missions*

Minister of the Word

Joshua Adair, *Pastor of Discipleship*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Bill and Mary Johnson and Fritz and Helen Stauffer.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, June 10.*