

NEW & UPCOMING AT 1ST PRES

Urban Camp – Call for Donations

July 31 - August 3 we will be hosting Urban Camp at Camp Vesper Point! Urban Camp is the latest initiative through our Community Outreach Ministry & CVP to reach inner city children and offer them a low-cost opportunity to attend a sleep-away camp out in God's creation! We are looking for sleeping bag and beach towel donations, as well as financial donations to cover products like sunscreen, bug spray, flashlights, etc. Donation bins are available in the Connector, and you can donate financially by going to 1stPresbyterian.com/Give and select "other giving" with "Urban Camp 2024" as the memo.

Connect Team Information Meeting – July 2

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, we invite you to an introductory meeting on Tuesday, July 2, at 5:30pm in the Nell Davis Classroom. For questions, please contact Elder Jim Lyon at JimLyon1@gmail.com.

Woman at the Well – July 9

Join us from 6:30pm - 8pm in the Fellowship Hall for Woman at the Well! We'll have a fun evening of fellowship, getting to know one another, and delicious cheesecake. Elinor Espinosa, our Assistant Director of World Missions, will be sharing with us that evening. No need to register. Just come and bring a friend! For childcare, please email MC@1stPresbyterian.com by July 6th.

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.



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

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.

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 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

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 30, 2024

9:00 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

The devil fears and hates the gospel of Jesus Christ, because it is God's power to rescue people from his tyranny, both for us who have received it and for those with whom we share it. So we need to keep our gospel boots strapped on. We should pray for and cultivate a readiness to bear witness to Jesus Christ as God's peacemaker.

– adapted from John R. W. Stott

As Christ-followers, we are meant to be steadfast, active, moving, progressing, ascending. Therefore, our feet are carefully provided for. We are feeble in ourselves and need protection. Our road also is rough.

Thus, we need the shoes which grace provides.

– Joseph S. Exell

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Gracious Father, Your greatness is unsearchable, Your goodness infinite, Your compassions unfailing, Your providence boundless, and Your mercies ever new. We bless You for the gospel of our salvation. How important, suitable, and encouraging are the promises and invitations of the gospel of peace! We are lost. But in it You have presented to us a full and eternal salvation. We are weak. But here we learn that help is found in One that is mighty. We are poor. But in Him we discover unsearchable riches. We are blind. But we find He has treasures of wisdom and knowledge. We thank You for Your indescribable gift. Jesus is our only refuge, foundation, hope, and confidence. We depend upon His death, rest in His righteousness, and desire to bear His image. May His glory fill our minds, His love reign in our affections, and His cross inflame us with zeal. Amen.

– adapted from The Valley of Vision

GATHERING SONG

“Whom Shall I Fear”

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

† *Please stand as you are able.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 52:7 NIV

Pastor: How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,

**People: Who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”**

† 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

“O God Beyond All Praising”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 5:1-2 ESV

Pastor: Christian, how do you have peace with God?

**People: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Through Him we have also obtained access by faith
into His grace in which we stand,
and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Generous Father,
You want Your house full at Your gospel feast.**

**And You call us by our lives and words to compel others
to embrace Your Messiah and enjoy His banquet.**

Yet our hearts are too full of this world.

**The cares of the world, the deceitfulness of riches,
and the pleasures of this life**

fill our heart’s affections and our mind’s attention.

We value and treasure the material over the spiritual,

our bodies over our souls, things of time over those of eternity.

**These tendencies have proven spiritually fatal
for many who have gone before us.**

**Give us grace this day to heed Your invitation
to repent, believe and run to Jesus,**

Who is a most gracious Host and Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 53:5-6 NIV

But He was pierced for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on Him,
and by His wounds we are healed.
We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on Him
the iniquity of us all.

† SONG OF ASSURANCE

“Oh Sin-Sick Soul”

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

“Good News for the Battle Weary”

Ephesians 6:15 (p. 979)

A Field Guide to Spiritual Warfare

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Peace with God
2. Peace with Ourselves and Others

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

*Adam Tignor, Deacon
Bart Rolen, Elder*

† SONG OF RESPONSE

“Whom Shall I Fear”

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

Romans 15:13 ESV

Pastor: May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Worship Leader

West Breedlove, Assistant Director of Music & Worship

Presiding Minister

Joshua Adair, Pastor of Discipleship

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>	\$699,667	\$196,539
<i>Raised*</i>	\$782,506	\$208,184
<i>*as of 6/23</i>		

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Dr. David Park McCallie, Maddin Lupton McCallie, Frederick Maddin McCallie,
and Nancy Bockbrader McCallie, and in celebration of our nation’s 248th birthday.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, July 1.*