

NEW & UPCOMING AT 1ST PRES

Woman at the Well – July 9

Join us from 6:30pm - 8pm in the Fellowship Hall, where 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. For childcare, please email MC@1stPresbyterian.com by July 6th.

College Sunday School – starting July 14

College students are invited to our new College Sunday School class, starting Sunday, July 14, at 10:15am in classroom 204-C; that's on the 2nd floor of the Sanctuary Side building, in room C of the larger room 204! For questions, please email our Director of College Ministry Gunther Griffin at Gunther@1stPresbyterian.com.

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.

PCA Women's Conference – September 13-14

Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, singles, and spiritual mothers, grab the girls in your life grades 3-12 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 next Saturday, July 13, to get the early bird rate.

News from the Capital Campaign: Planning Study

Earlier this week, we sent out the latest update from the Capital Campaign, which includes key themes, outcomes, and resulting action steps for the Master Plan. As a committee, we are striving to better communicate with the congregation. The complexity of this project demands that we move intentionally, sacrificing speed for transparency. Please pray as we work to meet these goals over the next weeks and months. Paper copies of the Planning Study are available at the Front Desk in the Connector. If you have any questions, please email CapitalCampaign@1stPresbyterian.com.

New Members – Joined Sunday, June 30

Please take time to welcome and get to know our new additions to the 1st Pres family: Russ & Dee Grier, and John Clark! Please be in prayer that the love and enrichment they receive from and add to our community will be a reflection of God's grace and glory! Interested in joining? Keep an eye on the announcements for our next scheduled Inquirer's Class this fall!



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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.

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

Information on our Sunday School options can be found at
1stPresbyterian.com/SundaySchool.



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 7, 2024

11:00 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us.

The only hope for the church of Jesus today is His promise that He made long ago:

"I will build My church."

Today, we come to learn more about the implications of this promise.

We therefore affirm God's vision for His new community, the church.

It is His family which He loves,

His kingdom which He rules,

and His temple in which He dwells.

As this reality dawns in our hearts,

we "shall constantly be seeking

to make our church's worship more authentic,

its fellowship more caring,

and its outreach more compassionate.

In other words, we shall be ready to pray,

to work, and if necessary to suffer"

in order to make God's vision

more of a reality in our world.

– John Stott

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty and everlasting God,
in Christ You have revealed Your glory
among the nations.

Preserve the works of Your mercy,
that Your Church throughout the world
may persevere with steadfast faith
in the confession of Your Name.

We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

*Excerpt from "Freu dich sehr, o meine seele" by Georg Böhm
(Rejoice greatly, O my soul) Patrick Rice, organ*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† *Please stand as you are able.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7 ESV

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

**People: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand**

† 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

"We Are God's People" No. 355 (vv. 1-4)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54

Pastor: What do you believe concerning the holy catholic church?

**People: I believe that the Son of God,
out of the whole human race,
from the beginning of the world to its end,
gathers, defends, and preserves for Himself,
by His Spirit and Word,
in the unity of the true faith,
a church chosen to everlasting life.
And I believe that I am
and forever shall remain
a living member of it.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" No. 345 (vv. 1-4)

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You
with our whole heart, mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In Your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:9-10 ESV

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people for His own possession,
that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him
Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"The Church's One Foundation" No. 347 (vv. 1,2,5,6)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. David Parker & Joseph Dilley
Christine Hassevoort, soprano*

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

*"We Engage in Spiritual Warfare as a Church"
Matthew 16:18 (p. 822)
Ron Brown*

SERMON OUTLINE

1. The Church will prevail against Satan.
 - a. The Church is an organism.
 - b. The Church is an organization.
2. Christ's Church will prevail against Satan because Christ has prevailed against Satan.

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" No. 342 (vv. 1,2,4,5)

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

adapted from 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God the Father
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

POSTLUDE

*Excerpt from "Freu dich sehr, o meine seele" by Georg Böhm
(Rejoice greatly, O my soul) Patrick Rice, organ*

Worship Leader

Christine Hassevoort

Presiding Liturgist

Joshua Adair, *Pastor of Discipleship*

Minister of the Word

Ron Brown, *Pastor of Congregational Care*

Giving Update	<u>Deacons (General Fund)</u>	<u>World Missions</u>
<i>Annual Budget</i>	\$3,460,000	\$900,000
<i>Budgeted Giving*</i>	\$865,000	\$225,000
<i>Raised*</i>	\$747,733	\$210,000
<i>*as of 6/30</i>		

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our Pastors' wives:
Callie, Scottie, Joan, Susan, and Samantha.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, July 8.*