

## NEW & UPCOMING AT FIRST PRES

### ***First Cup – September 10***

Please join us for our First Cup Men's Breakfast on the first Tuesday of every month starting this Tuesday! We'll meet in the Nell Davis classroom at 7:00am for a delicious breakfast (\$5), lots of coffee, and a soul-quenching devotional!

### ***Women's Bible Studies – starting September 10***

Our fall Bible studies are starting up, and we have a variety of options for any schedule! Go to [1stPresbyterian.com/Women](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Women) to learn more and register!

### ***Midweek – starting September 11***

Midweek is back for the fall semester! Please join us each Wednesday at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship, followed by a variety of electives for all ages starting at 6:15pm! We're offering two adult electives this year: *Real Comfort for the Real World – A Study in 2 Corinthians* taught by Ron Brown in the Chapel, and *The Flourishing Marriage* taught by Josh Adair and Dick Cain in the Fellowship Hall. Learn more at [1stPresbyterian.com/Midweek](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Midweek).

### ***Music Ministry Kick-Off— September 11***

Have a passion for music? Consider joining our beloved Music Ministry, led by Darrin Hassevoort, and help bring glory to God through worship! We'll be hosting a kick-off during the Adult Choir Elective at Midweek on Wednesday, September 11, starting at 6:15pm!

### ***It's a Wonderful Life! Senior Fellowship & Program – September 12***

Seniors 60+ are invited to hear from our newest staff members: Josh Adair, Ron Brown, and Gunther Griffin! Fellowship begins at 10:30am, the program begins at 11am, and lunch (\$8) is served at noon, all in the Fellowship Hall. Please register by emailing [RWrenn@Epbfi.com](mailto:RWrenn@Epbfi.com) or [Janette.Barnes@Gmail.com](mailto:Janette.Barnes@Gmail.com).

### ***Dick Fisher Retirement Reception – September 22***

Our Pastor of Visitation Dick Fisher has retired as of August 31, after 11 faithful years of ministry here at 1st Pres. Please join us to celebrate his work here on Sunday, September 22 after the 11:00am service in the Nell Davis Classroom!

### ***Annual Church Picnic – September 28***

Please join us Saturday, September 28, starting at 11:30am for our Annual Church Picnic at Clearwater Farm (7501 W Clearwater Rd). We'll have BBQ, snowcones, swimming, bounce houses, games, hay rides and more! Learn more at [1stPresbyterian.com/Events](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events).

### ***73rd Annual World Missions Conference – October 9 - 13***

Registration is now open for this year's World Missions Conference! Our theme is "Reap the Harvest, Pray for Reapers!" from Matthew 9:37-38, and our keynote speaker is Dr. Irwyn Ince, Coordinator of Mission to North America and Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology for Reformed Theological Seminary! View the full schedule and register at [1stPresbyterian.com/Events](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events).

### ***McCallie/Anderson Class Turning 100***

Today we rejoice with the McCallie/Anderson Sunday school class, which has been blessed by 100 years of faithful Bible teaching and fellowship!

### ***News from the Capital Campaign***

Our Capital Campaign's first priority is to fulfill our stewardship responsibilities by addressing the deferred maintenance to our existing facilities. The Building Committee has employed structural engineers and general contractors to assess these needs and determine their costs. For more information about the Capital Campaign, please visit [1stPresbyterian.com/Build](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Build) or email [CapitalCampaign@1stPresbyterian.com](mailto:CapitalCampaign@1stPresbyterian.com).

## 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 203***

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; Elder Steve Dunn on "The Person of Jesus: Imitating His Dependence on the Father" starting Sept 8.

#### ***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

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Find more info on our Discipleship Ministries at [1stPresbyterian.com/Discipleship](http://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, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

11:00 AM

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

#### **WORSHIP REFLECTION**

The opening of the Scriptures, the opening of our eyes, and the opening of our minds are three great blessings that we should all desire from our resurrected Lord.

– James Montgomery Boice

In Luke 24, Christ opened the Scriptures and made it clear that all of the Old Testament pointed to Him. This is the interpretive key that unlocks the entire Bible. Every text must be understood in relation to Christ, for He is the fulfillment of all the Scriptures.

– Sinclair Ferguson

#### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Almighty God,  
Whose glory is revealed in the face of Jesus Christ,  
grant us, we pray, eyes to behold His beauty,  
hearts to adore His majesty,  
and lives that reflect His grace.  
May we, drawn by the splendor of His love,  
find in Him the source of all goodness and truth,  
and, beholding His beauty,  
be transformed into His likeness,  
from one degree of glory to another,  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **PRELUDE**

*"And Can it Be?" arr. Abby Phillips  
William Navalon, violin & Sigrid Luther, piano*

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

CHORAL INTROIT

“Cornerstone” by Shawn Kirchner  
from Psalm 118:22, Isaiah 11:6, John 12:24, I Corinthians 15:5

† Please stand as you are able.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 30:1-4 ESV

Pastor: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up  
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.  
O LORD my God, I cried to You for help,  
and You have healed me.

**People: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
You restored me to life from among those  
who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the LORD,  
O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMN OF PRAISE

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” No. 521 (vv. 1-4)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge  
the quick\* and the dead;  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic\*\* church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*living \*\*universal

† HYMN OF PRAISE

“In Christ Alone”

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Gracious Father,  
We confess that we often fail to live  
in the assurance that Christ alone  
is our hope, our strength, and our salvation.  
Too often we seek security in the things of this world  
rather than place our trust fully in Your Son.  
Forgive us for our self-reliance.  
We acknowledge that fear, doubt, and anxiety  
frequently immobilize and hinder us.  
Help us to believe that no power of hell  
or scheme of man can ever pluck us from Your hand.  
Grant us to stand firm in the power of His resurrection  
and live lives that reflect the depth of Your love,  
for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:24-25 ESV

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.  
By His wounds you have been healed.  
For you were straying like sheep,  
but have now returned to the Shepherd  
and Overseer of your souls.

† HYMN OF HEALING

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

OFFERTORY

“All Things New” by Boersma & Courtney

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

“How to Read the Bible”

Luke 24:25-27

A City That Lasts: Seeing Christ in the Book of Nehemiah

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

SERMON OUTLINE

1. We Must Take God at His Word
2. We Must See Christ in All of Scripture

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

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

**THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

† BENEDICTION

based on 2 Corinthians 4:6

May the same God, Who said,  
“Let light shine out of darkness,”  
shine in your hearts  
to give the light of the knowledge  
of the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in C major, BWV 547” by J.S. Bach

Josh Park, organ

**Worship Leader**

Darrin Hassevoort, Director of Music & Worship

**Presiding Minister**

Richard G. Cain, Senior Assistant Pastor

**Minister of the Word**

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer, Senior Pastor

**Giving Update as of 9/1 – fiscal year April 1 - March 31**

	<u>Deacons (General Fund)</u>	<u>World Missions</u>
Annual Budget	\$3,460,000	\$900,000
Budgeted Giving	\$1,463,846	\$380,769
Raised	\$1,346,862	\$291,393

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[1stPresbyterian.com/Give](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Give).

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ann Maddox  
by Raleigh, Sam, Michael, and Ashley.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers  
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, September 9.