

## NEW & UPCOMING AT FIRST PRES

### **Midweek – continues September 18**

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! Learn more at [1stPresbyterian.com/Midweek](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Midweek).

### **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 Room!

### **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; follow Thrasher Pike to W Clearwater Rd, NOT Manassas Dr.). We'll have BBQ, snowcones, swimming, bounce houses, games, hay rides and more! Learn more at [1stPresbyterian.com/Events](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events).

### **Stephen Ministry Informational Meeting – September 29**

Are you interested in training to be a Stephen Minister, and learning the skills that facilitate one-on-one Christian care-giving? Come to the First Pres Forum Class in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 29, at 10:15am to learn about our Stephen Ministry and how to join the upcoming training program!

### **Woman at the Well – September 30**

Join us Monday, September 30, from 6:30pm - 8:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall for a fun evening of fellowship, getting to know one another and dessert! Samantha Adair will be sharing her testimony! We'll also be participating in a service project, and have partnered with New City Fellowship to help stock their Outreach Pantry! Go to [1stPresbyterian.com/Events](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events) for a list of items, and you can deposit them in one of the donation boxes during the event. For childcare, please contact Mary Campbell Harris at [MC@1stPresbyterian.com](mailto:MC@1stPresbyterian.com) by September 25.

### **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).



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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.

#### **College Class: SS 203**

Invites rising and current college students.

#### **Fellowship Class: SS 210**

Currently studying Isaiah verse-by-verse.

#### **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" through Sept. 15.

#### **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.

#### **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).



*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 15, 2024

11:00 AM

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

#### WORSHIP REFLECTION

This morning we will feast at the Lord's Table.

To prepare your heart for this incredible privilege, reflect on Question 171 from the Westminster Larger Catechism:

How are we who receive the Lord's Supper to prepare ourselves beforehand?

We who receive the Lord's Supper are to prepare ourselves by:

- examining whether or not we belong to Christ,
- and whether we have truly repented of our sins;
- of the truth and measure of our knowledge, faith, repentance, love for God and our brothers and sisters and charity to all,
- forgiving those that have done us wrong;
- examining our desires for Christ, and of our new obedience;
- and by renewing the exercise of these graces by serious meditation and fervent prayer.

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God,  
Whose blessed Son made Himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread:  
Open the eyes of our hearts that we may behold Him in all His redeeming work,  
Who lives and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

"Holy Manna (Brethren, We Have Met to Worship)" arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick  
Dr. Wesley Roberts, organ & Dr. Sigrid Luther, piano

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

#### CHORAL INTROIT

"Beautiful Savior" arr. Tom Fettke  
Please sing as directed.

† *Please stand as you are able.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 86:9-10, 12-13a ESV*

Pastor: All the nations You have made shall come  
and worship before You, O LORD,  
and shall glorify Your name.  
For You are great and do wondrous things;  
You alone are God.

**People: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God,  
with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify Your name forever.  
For great is Your steadfast love toward me!**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMN OF PRAISE

*“His Mercy Is More”*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*New City Catechism Q&A 46*

Pastor: What is the Lord's Supper?

**People: Christ commanded all Christians  
to eat bread and to drink from the cup  
in thankful remembrance of Him and His death.  
The Lord's Supper is a celebration  
of the presence of God in our midst;  
bringing us into communion with God  
and with one another;  
feeding and nourishing our souls.  
It also anticipates the day  
when we will eat and drink with Christ  
in His Father's kingdom.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Nothing but the Blood”*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

*“It Is Well with My Soul” arr. Bob Krogstad*

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.*

† GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

*“Coming Together for Better”*  
**1 Corinthians 11:17-34**  
Richard G. Cain

SERMON OUTLINE

1. To remember the gospel
2. To proclaim the gospel
3. To model the gospel
4. To be nourished by the gospel

THE TABLE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Merciful Father,  
You sent Jesus to be for us the way,  
the truth, and the life.  
Yet, we have turned aside to our own way,  
ignoring Your precious word,  
and attempting to find happiness  
outside of You and Your perfect will.  
In Your mercy, forgive us.  
Grant us to flee to no other refuge,  
to build on no other foundation,  
to receive from no other fullness,  
to rest in no other relief,  
but alone to entrust ourselves to Jesus  
and His saving power,  
in Whose name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Micah 7:18-19 ESV*

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of His inheritance?  
He does not retain His anger forever,  
because He delights in steadfast love.  
He will again have compassion on us;  
He will tread our iniquities underfoot.  
You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.

COMMUNION

- Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians when we recall Jesus's cross, relieve His anguish, and renew our vows to live as His followers.
- We invite all to participate in this meal: who profess faith in Jesus Christ, who are members of a gospel-proclaiming church, who are endeavoring to live at peace with God and others, and who seek strengthening grace to live more faithfully for Jesus.
- If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, we encourage you to spend this time considering Jesus's broken body and shed blood. Pray and ask Him to forgive your sins and to give you eternal life.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful  
than I ever imagined, but, through You,  
I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope.  
I thank You for paying my debt,  
for bearing my punishment on the cross  
and offering me forgiveness and eternal life.  
Knowing that You have been raised from the dead,  
I turn from my sins and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

*“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

*Romans 15:13 ESV*

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. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!” arr. Susan Whitacre*  
*Celtic Ensemble*

**Worship Leader**

Darrin Hassevoort, *Director of Music & Worship*

**Presiding Minister**

Randy Nabors, *Pastor of Missions*

**Minister of the Word**

Richard G. Cain, *Senior Assistant Pastor*

**Giving Update as of 9/8 – fiscal year April 1 - March 31**

	<u>Deacons (General Fund)</u>	<u>World Missions</u>
<i>Annual Budget</i>	\$3,460,000	\$900,000
<i>Budgeted Giving</i>	\$1,530,385	\$398,077
<i>Raised</i>	\$1,385,841	\$298,753

*Donations to First Presbyterian Church are tax-deductible. In accordance with IRS regulations, donors agree that ultimate control over donated funds lies with the church.*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God in appreciation for those  
serving in Stephen Ministry.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers  
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, September 16.*