

NEW & UPCOMING AT FIRST PRES

73rd Annual World Missions Conference – October 9 - 13

Join us 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. We have a variety of events for all ages, and childcare is available for most events. **Certain events and all childcare (except Midweek childcare) require registration by the end of the day today, including the brunch reception following the worship services on October 13.** Plan your week and register at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

It's a Wonderful Life! Senior Fellowship & Program – October 10

This month, we will celebrate World Missions with our visiting missionary Roger Lowther, an organ virtuoso who will perform for us! We will begin with fellowship in the Library at 10:30am. At 11:00 we will adjourn to the Sanctuary to hear Roger, after which we will head back to the Fellowship Hall at 11:30am and host all our visiting missionaries for lunch (\$8) at 12:00pm. Please RSVP to Janette Barnes Janette.Barnes@Gmail.com or Rosa Wrenn RWrenn@Epbfi.com.

Camp Vesper Point Registration – October 7 - 13

Vesper Point 2025 is just around the corner! We're holding a special one-week exclusive sign-up window for First Pres members from October 7-13. Registration to the public will open on Monday, October 14. Go to [Bit.ly/CVP2025](https://bit.ly/CVP2025) to register. For questions, contact the camp office at CVP@VesperPoint.org or 423-332-1849.

An Evening with Keith & Kristyn Getty – October 17

1st Pres and Covenant College present an evening with Grammy-nominated hymn-writers and singers Keith & Kristyn Getty Thursday, October 17, at 7:30pm at Redemption to the Nations Church! Tickets are \$40 and may be purchased at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Tennessee Valley Reformation Hymn Festival – October 27

Please join us in celebrating the Reformation alongside Lookout Mountain Presbyterian on Sunday, October 27 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary! Childcare is available upon request; please email MC@1stPresbyterian.com by October 20. Learn more about Reformation Sunday at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Children's Ministry – Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers for our Children's Ministry! We especially ask that parents whose child(ren) regularly participate in our Children's Ministry commit to volunteering with us at least once a quarter. Note that a background check may be required for you to volunteer, and we will reach out to you if necessary. **If you're interested, please fill out the interest form at 1stPresbyterian.com/Kids to indicate how often and in what areas you can volunteer.**

Prayer for Officer Nominations

Please pray for qualified and willing men to serve as deacons and elders at 1st Presbyterian. The officer nomination period is the month of November. More information is forthcoming later this month.

Midweek – continues October 9

Join us in celebrating world missions with special guest Dr. Irwyn Ince! Dinner is at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed at 6:15pm by a presentation from Dr. Ince in the Sanctuary and a Kids Mission program in the Children's Wing. Learn more and view the payments options at 1stPresbyterian.com/Midweek.

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: today only a report on this past summer at Camp Vesper Point from Director Forrest Walker; Oct. 13 we'll hear from one of our supported missionaries during the World Missions Conference.

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.

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

Current series is "Psalms: Prayers of the Heart."

Youth & Kids

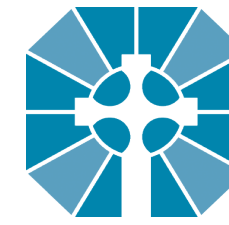
Youth Large Group: 6th – 12th grade, Student Center (across McCallie Ave.)

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, OCTOBER 6, 2024

9:00 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

If God highly values the diligent work of His people to fulfill His purposes to rebuild a wall around an earthly city, how much more does He value a building project with eternal implications! "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:19-21 esv).

Nehemiah 3 shows us "what happens when God's people with a common mission are willing to work together for the glory of God."

— *J.I. Packer*, *A Passion for Faithfulness: Wisdom from the Book of Nehemiah*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
You have built Your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.
Grant us to be so joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to You.
We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† Please stand as you are able.

† GATHERING SONG

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 135:1-2, 13-14 ESV

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD,
give praise, O servants of the LORD,
who stand in the house of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God!

**People: Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
Your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.
For the LORD will vindicate His people
and have compassion on his servants.**

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†SONGS OF PRAISE

“King of Kings”

CONFESSION OF SIN

**God our heavenly Father,
Your Son offers us a truly beautiful life when He announces:
“Blessed are the pure in heart.”
Yet our lives are cluttered with impure thoughts and actions.
“Blessed are the peacemakers.”
Yet we are slow to forgive and pursue reconciliation.
“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness.”
Yet our lives seldom challenge the ways,
priorities, and values of the world.
Forgive us for blushing to speak Your name
and to make known that we are Yours.
Have mercy upon us for Jesus’s sake. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Proverbs 20:9, 28:13 ESV

Who can say, “I have made my heart pure;
I am clean from my sin”?
Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them
will obtain mercy.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

“One Day (When We All Get to Heaven)”

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Barrett Anthony Wayne Griffin
son of Gunther & Samantha Griffin*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

*Please take your PreK-1st grade children to the check-in station
at the 1st - 3rd grade Children’s Wing on the first floor behind the Sanctuary.*

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

“God Finishes What He Starts”

Nehemiah 3:1-32 (pp. 399-400)

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

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

SERMON OUTLINE

1. The Nature of the Work (vv. 1-14)
2. The Names of the Workers (vv. 15-32)
3. The Name Above Every Name

†SONG OF RESPONSE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

Now may the Lord Jesus Christ Himself,
the One Who is the Alpha and Omega,
the Name above every name,
grant you His peace, fill you with His grace,
and strengthen you by His Spirit to walk in His ways.
May His name be glorified in your life,
as you bear witness to His love, power, and salvation.
To Him be all glory and honor,
now and forevermore. Amen.

Worship Leader

West Breedlove, *Assistant Director of Worship*

Presiding Minister

Randy Nabors, *Pastor of Missions*

Minister of the Word

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer, *Senior Pastor*



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to fill out a connect card!*



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phone camera or go to
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Giving Update as of 9/29 – 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>	\$1,730,000	\$450,000
<i>Raised</i>	\$1,515,529	\$311,223

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 and in loving memory of Ann Walldorf
by Rudy Walldorf, Chad, Jeff, and Chris.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, October 7.*