

## NEW & UPCOMING AT FIRST PRES

### **73<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:Janette.Barnes@gmail.com) or Rosa Wrenn [RWrenn@Epbfi.com](mailto: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](http://Bit.ly/CVP2025) to register. For questions, contact the camp office at [CVP@VesperPoint.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:MC@1stPresbyterian.com) by October 20. Learn more about Reformation Sunday at [1stPresbyterian.com/Events](http://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](http://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](http://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 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**

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, OCTOBER 6, 2024

11:00 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.

#### PRELUDE

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. Bill Ingram

Reformation Bell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

CHORAL INTROIT

*“Praise Ye the Name of the Lord” by Gordon Young*

† Please stand as you are able.

† 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

† HYMNS OF PRAISE

***“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” No. 297 (vv. 1, 3, 5, 6)***

***“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” No. 604 (vv. 1-3)***

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.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

***“My Hope Is in the Lord” No. 523, (vv. 1,2,4)***

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*George Scobey Clark  
son of David & Meredith Clark*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” arr. James Mulholland  
Please sing as directed.*

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

*Please take your PreK-1st grade children to the check-in station  
at the 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Fluhner*

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

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

***“Jesus Shall Reign” No. 441 (vv. 1,3,4,5)***

**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.

POSTLUDE

*“And Can It Be?” arr. Bill Ingram*

*Reformation Bell Choir*

**Worship Leader**

Darrin Hassevoort, *Director of Music & Worship*

**Presiding Minister**

Ron Brown, *Pastor of Congregational Care*

**Minister of the Word**

Gabriel N.E. Fluhner, *Senior Pastor*



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**Giving Update as of 9/29 – fiscal year April 1 - March 31**

	Deacons (General Fund)	World Missions
<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.*