

NEW & UPCOMING AT FIRST PRES

73rd Annual World Missions Conference

Thank you for joining us for the conclusion of our annual World Missions Conference! We're honored to have had Dr. Irwyn Ince as our keynote speaker this year, and we hope his sermon today will move your hearts to continue reaping the harvest here at 1st Pres. A big thank you to Pastor of Missions Randy Nabors for leading, Assistant Director of World Missions Elinor Espinosa for coordinating, and all our volunteers who made this year's Conference happen! Those who registered, remember to join us in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:00am or 11:00am service for the brunch celebration.

Camp Vesper Point Registration – October 7 - 13

Today is the last day for First Pres members to take advantage of early registration for Vesper Point 2025! 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.

New Church Directory Program

As a reminder, we have implemented a new church management system, which includes our directory and calendar. **We are asking all members to transition to our new system, ShelbyNext, by October 31.** You can download the ShelbyNext app for Android and iPhone by searching “ShelbyNext Membership.” If you need your login, or you need assistance, please reach out to the church office at Office@1stPresbyterian.com or 423-267-1206 ext. 101.

First Takes, a podcast from First Pres

Check out the latest episode from *First Takes* on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, or wherever you get your podcasts! This week, we featured a report from Forrest Walker, Director at Camp Vesper Point. Listen to the full episode, plus other interviews with staff like our College Director Gunther Griffin and our Assistant Director of Worship West Breedlove!

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 16

Break from your usual weeknight routine and join us for dinner & teachings starting at 5:30pm! Learn more at 1stPresbyterian.com/Midweek.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:15AM

This week, each class will hear a presentation from one of our supported missionaries.

Adult

Bible 101: Tower 805

Thobi Sithole, South Africa; combining with the International & Adult class

Chapter by Chapter: Tower 804

Abel Sisco, Canada, and David & Kathy North, international

College Class: Fellowship Hall

Graham & Emily Guo, Taiwan; combining with the First Pres Forum and Welcome All classes

Fellowship Class: SS 210

Martha Makuku, Kenya

First Pres Forum Class: Fellowship Hall

Graham & Emily Guo, Taiwan; combining with the College and Welcome All classes

Icebreakers Class: SS 211

Oong & Elena Lee, England

The Joy of Learning: Tower 258

Roger Lowther, Japan

Link Class: SS 209

Daniel Mathuva, East Africa

McCallie/Anderson Class: Chapel

Chris & Josephine Hatch, Third Millennium Ministries

Reformed by the Word: Tower 10th Floor

Victor & Nosizo Nakah, Sub-Saharan Africa

Rocking Chair Class: Tower 302

Lois Semenye, Kenya

International & Adult Bible Discussion: Tower 805

Thobi Sithole, South Africa; combining with the Bible 101 class

Welcome All Class: Fellowship Hall

Graham & Emily Guo, Taiwan; combining with the College and First Pres Forum classes

Young Professionals: Tower 304

Phil & Barb, Asian Crescent

Youth & Kids

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

Pete Evans, UK

Kid's Sunday School: Pre K – 5th grade, ground & 1st level Children's Wing

Nursery: Infant – 4-years-old

SS = Sanctuary Side



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

73RD ANNUAL WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

Today is World Missions Sunday.

We believe that the Gospel makes us a people for others and that it is our personal responsibility and privilege to help make disciples of Jesus of every tribe, language, people, and nation.

Christopher Ash reminds us that:

“No church can be built up in gospel harmony without reaching out with gospel zeal.

No church can reach out with the authentic gospel unless at the same time

they are being built up in gospel peace.

The full measure of the blessing of Christ

does not rest on the successful,

but on those whose hearts are set on gospel ambition and whose lives are given to gospel service.”

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord of the nations,

You are pursuing with omnipotent passion the worldwide purpose of gathering joyful worshippers from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

As we prepare to worship You today, grant us to share in Your inexhaustible enthusiasm for the supremacy of Your name among the nations.

Bring our affections into line with Yours,

and, for the sake of Your name,

may we renounce the quest for worldly comforts

and join Your global cause. Amen.

– adapted from John Piper

For more information on these and other upcoming events, subscribe to our Weekly Announcements email on our website under the “Resources” tab, or go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Find more info on our Discipleship Ministries at 1stPresbyterian.com/Discipleship.

† Please stand as you are able.

† GATHERING SONG

“Lift High the Name of Jesus”

FLAG PROCESSION

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” No. 7 (vv. 1-3)

† SONG OF PRAISE

“Father of Lights”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:1-4,7 ESV

Pastor: I will extol You, my God and King,
and bless Your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless You
and praise Your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and His greatness is unsearchable.

**People: One generation shall commend
Your works to another,
and shall declare Your mighty acts.
They shall pour forth the fame
of Your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

“Let Your Kingdom Come”

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMN OF PRAISE

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” No. 164 (vv. 1-4, 6)

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS

MISSIONARY TESTIMONY

9:00am: Oong Lee

11:00am: Victor Nakah

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

“Spirit-Empowered Kingdom Mission: The Gospel Unbound”

Acts 28:11-31 (p. 937-938)

Dr. Irwyn Ince

PRAYER FOR FAITH PROMISE CARDS & OFFERING

Shad Guinn

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

adapted from Psalm 67:1-2

May God be merciful to you and bless you,
And cause His face to shine upon you,
That His way may be known on earth,
His salvation among all nations. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Let Your Kingdom Come” by Kauflin

Orchestra

Worship Leaders

Darrin Hassevoort, *Director of Music & Worship*
West Breedlove, *Assistant Director of Worship*

Presiding Minister

Randy Nabors, *Pastor of Missions*

Minister of the Word

Irwyn Ince, *Coordinator of Mission to North America*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of
J. Frank Harrison, Jr., and Sue R. Harrison by Mitch and Deborah Everhart.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, October 14.*

SERMON NOTES



*New to 1st Pres?
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to fill out a connect card!*



*To make a secure contribution
to 1st Pres, scan with your
phone camera or go to
1stPresbyterian.com/Give.*

Giving Update as of 10/6 – 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>	\$1,796,538	\$467,308
<i>Raised</i>	\$1,585,310	\$322,311

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.