

NEW & UPCOMING AT FIRST PRES

Officer Nominations Month – through November 30

During the month of November, First Pres members can nominate qualified men in our congregation who might be a good fit for Deacon or Elder. Nomination forms and drop-box are available at the Front Desk in the Connector. View the list of requirements and a sample form at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events. Forms may be submitted electronically to Tom55Hughes@Gmail.com.

First Cup – November 5

1st Pres men are invited to First Cup, our monthly men's breakfast, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00am in the Nell Davis Room! As part of our study, "The Marks of an Emotionally Healthy Disciple of Jesus," Pete Austin III will give his personal testimony on how his prayer life helped shape him to follow Jesus faithfully and to lead his family. We'll also enjoy delicious egg & cheese biscuits from Bluegrass Grill (\$5) and lots of coffee!

Kids Playgroup – November 8

Families are invited every third Friday of the month from 9:00am - 11:00am to come to the Student Center to fellowship and connect with other parents while your kids (ages 0-5) play in a safe and fun environment!

Disaster Response Relief Kits Drive – until November 15

Mission to North America's Disaster Response needs our help with replenishing their stock of Relief Kits following the devastation from Hurricane Helene. More details and a list of items can be found at 1stPresbyterian.com/Events, or in the Connector by the donation boxes. We will be putting the kits together on Saturday, November 16, for our Hearts & Hammers service project. If you're interested in helping us pack, or you have questions, please email our Director of Community Outreach Shad Guinn at Shad@1stPresbyterian.com.

It's a Wonderful Life! Senior Fellowship & Program – November 14

First Pres's former long-time music director Kelly Stultz, who now works with CHOICES as the Development Coordinator, will give us an update on the life-saving work CHOICES does in her presentation "Precious Heartbeats." Fellowship begins at 10:30am, followed by the program at 11:00am and lunch (\$8) at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations are required; please email Janette.Barnes@Gmail.com or Rwrenn@Epbfi.com.

"Messiah" – December 6, 7, 8

First Pres and the Chattanooga Symphony & Opera present Handel's *Messiah*, in the Sanctuary December 6 at 7:30pm, December 7 at 7:30pm, and December 8 at 3:00pm! General admission tickets are \$35, and premium tickets are \$65. A discount of \$10 is available for First Pres members only on the general admission tickets, and the code is available via our weekly announcement emails. Go to ChattanoogaSymphony.org to purchase tickets!.

Midweek Serving Line Volunteers

We are looking for people to help serve food, take payments, and answer questions during Midweek next semester! We're especially in need of alternates who can step in when someone is unable to volunteer. Many hands make the work light! If you're interested, or you have questions, please email our Office Manager Crystal Middleton at Crystal@1stPresbyterian.com and include your availability.

Midweek – continues November 6

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

NEW MEMBERS

Joined Sunday, October 27

Please take time to welcome and get to know our new additions to the 1st Pres family! Please be in prayer that the love and enrichment they receive from and add to our community will be a reflection of God's grace and glory!

Mark & Julie Brown

Susan Brown

Kelly Dibrell

Tripp Dudley

Thomas & Kate Eischeid

Craig, Gena, & Caroline Glass

Gunther & Sam Griffin

Bill & Debbie Godbold

Don & Joyce Godsey

Merry Ellen Henry

Jim Bob & Amy Howard

Adam & Andrea Jones

Daniel & Sarah Kahr

Sarah Lipp

Maggie Mauze

Billy & Mary McLaurine

Bruce & Holly Novkov

Cody & Margaret White

Fred & Martha Whitmire

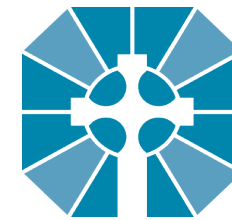
Interested in joining? Keep an eye on the announcements for our next scheduled Inquirer's Class!



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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, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

11:00 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

Our sermon text, Nehemiah 6, is both an historical account of courageous leadership and a source of inspiration for those who seek to stay true to their God-given mission in the face of adversity.

"Those who fear God need not fear man. Nehemiah's faith was his armor, which enabled him to stand undaunted against all the attempts of his enemies to drive him from his work."

– Matthew Henry

"Nehemiah knew what was worth fearing and what was not.

It was his reverence for God that freed him from fearing men and enabled him to finish the work."

– J.I. Packer

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, You know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

"This Is My Father's World" arr. Mary McDonald

Sigrid Luther, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information on our Sunday School options can be found at 1stPresbyterian.com/SundaySchool.

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT

“Joyfully Sing” by Linda Spevacek

*Covenant Singers
Christine Hassevoort, director
Jenny Parker, piano*

† *Please stand as you are able.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27:1,4 ESV

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

**People: One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in His temple.**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” No. 598 (vv. 1-3)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 28

Pastor: How does the knowledge of God's providence help us?

**People: We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and, for the future, we can have good confidence
in our faithful God and Father
that nothing in creation will separate us from His love.
For all creatures are so completely in God's hand
that without His will they can neither move nor be moved.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Evans.

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, November 4.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: Jesus said: “If you love Me,
you will obey what I command.”

**People: Forgive us for our lukewarm love
and our casting Your words behind our backs.**

Pastor: Jesus said: “You may ask for anything in My name.”

**People: Forgive us for our prayerlessness
and for trying to solve our problems without You.**

Pastor: Jesus said: “Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.”

**People: Forgive us for allowing fear, anxiety,
and worry to so grip our lives.**

Pastor: Jesus said: “They loved the approval of men
more than the approval of God.”

**People: Forgive us for caring more about
what people think of us than what You think.**

Pastor: Jesus said: “I will not leave you as orphans;
I will come to you.”

**People: Forgive us for doubting Your promise
and for living as spiritual orphans.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Zechariah 12:10 & 13:1 NIV

And I will pour out on the house of David
and the inhabitants of Jerusalem
a spirit of grace and supplication.
They will look on me, the one they have pierced,
and they will mourn for him
as one mourns for an only child,
and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves
for a firstborn son. . .

On that day a fountain will be opened
to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
to cleanse them from sin and impurity.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“All for Jesus” No. 565 (vv. 1-5)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“Be Thou My Vision” arr. Dan Forrest

Covenant Singers

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

“The Only Two Options”

Nehemiah 6:1-7:4 (pp. 401-402)

A City That Lasts: Seeing Christ in the Book of Nehemiah
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

SERMON OUTLINE

1. The Temptation to Fear Man
2. The Triumph of Fearing God

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Now Thank We All Our God” No. 98 (vv. 1-3)

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† BENECTION

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.

POSTLUDES

“Gaelic Blessing” by John Rutter Covenant Singers

*“Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten, BWV 641” by J.S. Bach
 (“He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him”) 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 10/27 – 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>	\$1,996,154	\$519,231
<i>Raised</i>	\$1,710,232	\$415,498

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