

NEW & UPCOMING AT FIRST PRES

Women's Service Project – November 12

Please join us Tuesday, November 12, at 11:45 AM in room 304 to help assemble 300 Kids Hygiene Kits for Mission to North America's Disaster Response, to provide comfort to children who have been affected by the Hurricane Helene disaster. All materials will be supplied, and snacks and childcare are available. If you would like to contribute to the costs of the kits you may give cash or a check to your Bible study leader, or drop it off at the Front Desk during church office hours. If you wish to pay online, go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Give and select "General Fund" and note that it is for the Women's Service Project.

Disaster Response Relief Kits Drive – through November 15

Mission to North America needs our help replenishing their stock of Disaster 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 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations are required; please email Janette.Barnes@gmail.com or Rwrenn@Epbfi.com.

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.

Channels of Love Thanksgiving Baskets – through November 24

We are proud to partner once again with Channels of Love, a Christian non-profit ministering to those affected by HIV, to help build Thanksgiving baskets for their clients by donating items like canned veggies, canned fruit, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, yams, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, rice, flour, sugar, coffee, pasta, mac and cheese, toilet paper, paper towels, and dish detergent. Drop-off baskets are available around the church through November 24.

Midweek – continues November 13

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

New Additions

Rejoice and be in prayer for the new parents and additions to families within our congregation: Natalie Grace Logan, born October 19 to parents Aly & Crawford Logan & big sister Annie.

Recently Bereaved

Please be in prayer for those in our congregation who have recently lost a loved one: First Pres members Ronald and Carole Rowland, in the death of their daughter Lori Lynn Rowland Barrett.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:15AM

Adult

Bible 101: SS 212, Martha Meeks

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, George Clark, Brad Gruner

Currently studying Colossians.

College Class: SS 203, Gunther Griffin

Invites rising and current college students.

Fellowship Class: SS 210, Donnie Bostick

Currently studying Isaiah verse-by-verse.

Foundations Class: Fellowship Hall, Ron Brown

A launch-pad for new-comers with no long-term commitment expected. Current series is "Order of Salvation – This Is Your Life! God's plan for your life, past, present, and future."

Icebreakers Class: SS 211, Joshua Adair, Mike Kramer

A short lesson followed by small group discussion, focused on understanding Reformed Theology. Currently studying the Westminster Standards.

The Joy of Learning: Tower 258, Steve & Sue Sawrie

A no-pressure, discussion-based class currently studying 1 Timothy.

Link Class: SS 209, Bruce & Leslie Cory

Fellowship and prayer followed by a study of selected Psalms.

McCallie/Anderson Class: Chapel, Sam Clyatt

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 Rm 156 (Session Room), Jerry Stauffer

An interactive class studying Hebrews. Lessons are followed by a time of prayer.

Rocking Chair Class: Tower 302, Frank Eldridge

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, Andy & Lisa Fischer

Part of the First Friends Ministry, welcomes international college students. Currently studying the Kingdom of God.

Young Professionals: Tower 304, Dick Cain

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



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 10, 2024

11:00 AM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

Our sermon text, Nehemiah 7, highlights the generosity of God's people in giving to God's work.

God values generosity so greatly that He gave His beloved Son to create a spirit of generosity in His people. It is our privilege and delight to offer ourselves and His resources to the Lord during worship.

Giving has always served as a part of worship since the beginning of time.

Abel gave his offering in worship (Genesis 4:3). King David declares: "I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing" (2 Samuel 24:24).

The Apostle Paul reminds us that our giving is "a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God" (Philippians 4:18).

Let us pray that we might catch Christ's spirit of generosity and become more open-handed with all of His resources.

James Denney offers us this challenge:

"Ordinary charity is but the crumbs from the rich man's table; but if we catch Christ's spirit, it will carry us far beyond that."

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Most loving Father,

It is Your will for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of You,

and to cast all our care on You who care for us.

Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties,

that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us

the light of that love which is immortal,

and which You have revealed to us

in your Son Jesus Christ

our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

"We Gather Together" arr. Craig Duncan

Celtic Ensemble

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT

“I Sing Because I’m Happy” arr. Rollo Dilworth

† *Please stand as you are able.*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-4 ESV

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

**People: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together!
I sought the LORD, and He answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMN OF PRAISE

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 21

Pastor: Who is the only Redeemer of God’s elect?

**People: The only Redeemer of God’s elect
is the Lord Jesus Christ,
Who, being the eternal Son of God, became man,
and so was, and continues to be,
God and man in two distinct natures,
and one person, for ever.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

“There Is a Redeemer”

Bulletin

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Father, You asked for my hands,
that You might use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,
for the work was hard.
You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.
You asked for my eyes to see the pain of others.
I closed them, for I did not want to see.
You asked for my life, that You might work through me.
I gave a small part that I might not get too involved.
Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve You—
only when it is convenient for me to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.
Forgive me, renew me, and send me out
as a usable instrument fit for Your use. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though He was rich,
yet for your sake He became poor,
so that you by His poverty might become rich.

HYMN OF HEALING

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Bulletin

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

OFFERTORY

“Across the Lands” by Getty & Townend, arr. Faye López

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

“Restored and Ready”

Nehemiah 7:5-73 (pp. 402-403)

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

SERMON OUTLINE

1. A Restored People (vv. 5-65)

2. A People Ready to Give to God’s Work (vv. 66-73)

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

“I Know Whom I Have Believed” No. 705 (vv. 1,2,5)

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14 ESV

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. Amen.

POSTLUDES

*“Now Thank We All Our God” arr. Richard Crosby
Dr. Wesley Roberts, organ*

Worship Leader

Darrin Hassevoort, *Director of Music & Worship*

Presiding Minister

Joshua Adair, *Pastor of Discipleship*

Minister of the Word

Gabriel N.E. Fluhner, *Senior Pastor*



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Giving Update as of 11/10 – 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> | \$2,062,692 | \$536,538 |
| <i>Raised</i> | \$1,755,253 | \$425,683 |

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*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in thankfulness
for the body of Christ at First Pres by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Currey.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, November 11.*