

## 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](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events). Forms may be submitted electronically to [Tom55Hughes@Gmail.com](mailto:Tom55Hughes@Gmail.com).

### ***First Cup – December 3***

Please join us for our First Cup Men's Breakfast on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00am - 8:00am in the Nell Davis room. We'll continue our study "The Marks of an Emotionally Healthy Disciple of Jesus," and enjoy delicious egg & cheese biscuits from Bluegrass Grill (\$5) and lots of coffee!

### ***"Messiah" Concert – 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 on general admission tickets, and the code is available via our weekly announcement emails. Go to [ChattanoogaSymphony.org](http://ChattanoogaSymphony.org) to purchase tickets!

### ***"Joy to the World" Concert – December 15***

Join us for our free annual Christmas concert *Joy to the World* and contemplate the birth of Christ through scripture and song, Sunday, December 15, at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.

### ***Christmas & New Year's Worship Schedule***

On Sunday, **December 22**, we will have our usual schedule (9:00am and 11:00am worship with 10:15am Sunday School), on Tuesday, **December 24**, we will celebrate Christmas Eve with two identical worship services at 4:00pm and 6:00pm in the Sanctuary, and on Sunday, **December 29**, we will have our usual 9:00am and 11:00am worship services with a time for adult fellowship in between (youth and children's Sunday School will still meet).

### ***News from the Capital Campaign – Campaign Case Statement***

The Capital Campaign Committee is working on producing a Case Statement, which will be a central repository of information regarding the project, answering questions like what the project is, how it was developed, and rough timelines and action plans. Please pray for our leaders as they work through the various challenges of capacity concerns, facility upgrades, and future capital needs, and that they may be able to answer these and more questions to put an accurate Case Statement together for the congregation.

### ***New Additions***

Rejoice and be in prayer for the new additions to families within our congregation: Judah Warren Riley, born October 21 to Rachel & Joe Riley and big brothers Jacob & Jonah; Juniper Jean Kinard, born November 13 to Meghan & Nate Kinard and siblings Noelle & Whitaker.

### ***Recently Bereaved***

Please be in prayer for those in our congregation who have recently lost a loved one: First Pres member Cathy Barker in the passing of her brother, Bob Elton, on November 17; First Pres member Jane Bock in the passing of her brother, Adam Bock, on November 17.

## 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*

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 Lamentations.

***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 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:*** 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, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

11:00 AM

### **THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

#### **WORSHIP REFLECTION**

For many of us, Thanksgiving is our favorite holiday, yet a thankful heart often eludes us in daily life.

As we prepare for worship, let us specifically count the blessings for which we should give thanks.

The psalmist describes worship

as entering into the Lord's gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

Remember the Apostle Paul's probing question:

"What do you have that you did not receive?"

(I Corinthians 4:7b) .

If we regularly ask this of ourselves,

it will produce in us a thankful spirit.

May the Lord cause us to see all that God is for us

and all that God has done for us in our Lord Jesus.

As a result, may our hearts be filled with thankfulness.

#### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Heavenly Father,

Grant us a sense of Your presence

as we gather now for worship.

Grant us gratitude as we remember Your goodness,

repentance as we remember our sins,

and joy as we remember Your love.

Enable us to lift up our hearts

in humble prayer and fervent praise,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **PRELUDE**

"O Waly, Waly" arr. John Rutter

Orchestra

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

#### **CHORAL INTROIT**

"We Gather Together"

Please sing as directed.

† Please stand as you are able.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92:1-2,4 ESV

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;  
to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,  
and Your faithfulness by night.

**People: For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;  
at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMN OF PRAISE

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 56

Pastor: What do you believe concerning  
the forgiveness of sins?

**People: I believe that God,  
because of Christ’s satisfaction,  
will no longer remember  
any of my sins or my sinful nature  
which I need to struggle against all my life.  
Rather, by grace God grants me  
the righteousness of Christ  
to free me forever from judgment.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

**“Let All Things Now Living” No. 125 (vv. 1-2)**

CONFESSION OF SIN

God, our heavenly Father,  
You are our creator, redeemer, and sustainer.  
Every good and perfect gift comes from You.  
Yet we confess that we have received Your gifts  
with a thankless heart  
and have doubted Your generous heart  
that delights to give what is good to Your children.  
We ask Your forgiveness  
for our thanklessness and unbelief  
knowing that they are an affront to You.  
Fill us anew with Your Holy Spirit  
so that He might rekindle  
a fire of thankfulness in our hearts.  
We pray in the name of the One  
Who is Your indescribable gift, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

For our sake He made Him  
to be sin Who knew no sin,  
so that in Him we might become  
the righteousness of God.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

**“The Power of the Cross”**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

*“An Expression of Gratitude” by Schwoebel*

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

**“Renewal by Remembering and Repentance”**

**Nehemiah 9:1-38 (pp. 404-406)**

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

SERMON OUTLINE

1. Remembering Who God Is

2. Repenting For What We Have Done

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

**“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” No. 310 (vv. 1,2,3,5)**

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

*adapted from Numbers 6:24-26*  
May the LORD bless you and keep you.  
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you  
and give you peace. Amen.

POSTLUDES

*“St. Columba” arr. Matt Riley*

*Orchestra*

**Worship Leader**

Darrin Hassevoort, *Director of Music & Worship*

**Presiding Liturgist**

Gunther Griffin, *Director of College Ministry*

**Minister of the Word**

Gabriel N.E. Fluhner, *Senior Pastor*



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**Giving Update as of 11/17 – 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>	\$2,195,769	\$571,154
<i>Raised</i>	\$1,887,980	\$486,933

*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  
Dr. John E. Huckaba by Mrs. Ann Huckaba and their daughters: Sharon, Ginger,  
and Hollee; grandchildren: Megan, McClain, Hudson, Builder, Kruesi, Beata, Taylor, Eden,  
and Ella; and great-grandchildren: Ava, Lyla, Solomon, Huck, Jane Grey, Liam, Isla,  
Evangeline, Candor, Fisher, Hazel, Sibyl, and Palmer.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers  
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, November 25.*

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