

Adult

Bible 101: all ages, 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: ages 50+, Tower 804

Currently studying Philippians 4; mostly 50s+ but all ages welcome.

Fellowship Class: all ages, SS 210

Currently studying Isaiah verse-by-verse. Class is mostly seniors but welcomes all.

First Pres Forum Class: all ages, Fellowship Hall

Offering a rotating schedule of teachers and speakers.

See 1stPresbyterian.com/SundaySchool for the full class schedule.

The Joy of Learning: ages 30s - 70s, Tower 258

A no-pressure, discussion-based class currently studying God's Biblical responses to Screwtape/Satan in C.S. Lewis's book *The Screwtape Letters*.

Link Class: ages 60+, Tower 301

Currently studying Romans, followed by prayer requests and a time of prayer. Class is mostly seniors but welcomes all.

McCallie/Anderson Class: all ages, 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: ages 50s - 80s, Tower 10th Floor

An interactive class studying the Gospel according to Mark. Lessons are followed by a time of prayer.

Rocking Chair Class: all ages, Tower 302

Focuses on discovering "what sayest the Scripture." Currently studying Acts.

International & Adult Bible Discussion: all ages, Tower 805

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

Young Couples: ages 20s - 30s couples, Tower 402/3

A short lesson followed by group discussion. Class is currently studying the Book of Church Order from the Presbyterian Church in America's Constitution.

Young Professionals: ages 20s - 30s, Tower 304

Aimed at connecting recent college graduates and newly-weds in their 20s and 30s, class begins with a time of fellowship followed by a short lesson.

Youth & Kids

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

Kid's Sunday School: Pre K - 5th grade, ground, 1st, & 2nd level Children's Wing

Nursery: Infant - 4-years-old

More information on our Adult Sunday School, Youth Ministry, and Kids Ministry can be found at 1stPresbyterian.com.

Officer Nominations through November

During the month of November, 1st Pres members in good standing can nominate qualified men in our congregation who you think would be a good fit for Deacon or Elder. Nomination forms and drop-box will be available at the Front Desk in the Connector starting November 1. View a full list of qualifications at 1stPresbyterian.com/events.

Channels of Love Thanksgiving Baskets - November 1-20

1st Pres is partnering once again with Channels of Love, a Christian non-profit ministry for those affected by HIV. Drop-off baskets are available around the church for canned goods and other items. Visit COLMinistry.org or contact our Community Outreach Director Shad Guinn (shad@1stpresbyterian.com) for more information and ways to contribute.

Ways to Serve This Holiday Season

This Holiday Season, our local ministry partners need our help in showing the Love of Christ to their clients and our community. A list of ways you can serve locally this season, and year-round, can be found on our website at 1stPresbyterian.com/Serve-Locally.

Church Offices Closed - November 22-24

The 1st Pres church offices will be closed starting at 12pm Wednesday, November 22 for the holiday, and will reopen Monday, November 27 at 8:30am.

Kids Hope Mentors Needed!

1st Pres partners with Kids Hope USA to send trained Mentors into Orchard Knob Elementary school to be "intentional friends with a purpose" to at-risk students. We currently need 50 more Mentors and Prayer Partners to minister to the additional 50 children Orchard Knob's Care Team is referring to us. For more information, please visit 1stPresbyterian.com/Serve-Locally. If you're interested in volunteering, please email KidsHope@1stPresbyterian.com or check out the display table in the Connector.

Concert Series - Handel's Messiah, presented by the CSO

Please join us on Saturday, December 2 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, December 3 at 3pm, in the Sanctuary for Handel's *Messiah*, presented by the CSO. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at the door or online at ChartSymphony.org, and discounted tickets are available for 1st Pres congregants using the code HANDEL23.

Concert Series - 1st Pres Christmas Concert

All are invited to our annual **free** 1st Pres Christmas Concert, presented by the 1st Pres Choir and Orchestra, lead by our Worship and Music Director, Darrin Hassevoort, on Saturday, December 9 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, December 10 at 3pm in the Sanctuary.

First Takes, a Podcast from 1st Pres

Our latest episode of *First Takes* features a discussion between Gabe Fluhrer and Randy Nabors with our World Missions Conference guests, Rev. Andy Longwe and Karen Ellis, on ministering to nonbelievers worldwide and the persecuted church in both the West and around the world. To listen, search "First Takes" on any major podcast outlet!

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



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 19, 2023

11:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Christians in every culture break the bread and pour the cup to remember Christ's death. This meal teaches us that "we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor. 10:17).

During Communion, we not only take time to look back and reflect on our crucified Savior's love, but we also look ahead and anticipate a coming Savior's glory. This frees us from despair as we face hostility, adversity, and heartache.

Participating in the Lord's Supper should awaken in us a longing for another feast—the ultimate feast, when our Lord will make all things new. He will swallow up death forever. He will wipe away tears from all faces and we will forever rejoice in our Lord's salvation.

Why not prepare your heart for worship by meditating on Isaiah 25:6-9 which speaks of this consummation?

PRELUDE

Harp Prelude

Emma Burnsworth

"The God of Abraham Praise" arr. Harold K. Marks

Guthrie Quartet

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

*“Bless the Lord, O My Soul” by Ippolitof-Ivanof, arr. Roepper
Guthrie Quartet*

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Isaiah 25: 6-9 ESV

Pastor: On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will make for all peoples a feast of rich food. . . .
He will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever;
and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces. . . .

**People: It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him,
that He might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for Him;
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.**

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†HYMNS OF PRAISE

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” No. 53 (vv. 1,3,5)
“How Great Thou Art” No. 44 (vv. 1,3,4)*

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

New City Catechism, Q&A 46

Pastor: What is the Lord’s Supper?

**People: Christ commanded all Christians
to eat bread and to drink from the cup
in thankful remembrance of Him and His death.
The Lord’s Supper is a celebration
of the presence of God in our midst;
bringing us into communion with God
and with one another;
feeding and nourishing our souls.
It also anticipates the day
when we will eat and drink with Christ
in His Father’s kingdom.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

*“Now Thank We All Our God” arr. Philip Duey
Guthrie Quartet*

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

*Please take your PreK-1st grade children to the check-in station by
the 1st-3rd department on the main Sanctuary level.*

†GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

John 17:20-21 — “No Lonely People”
“A Bright Future: Jesus’s Vision for Our Church”
Gabriel N. E. Fluhrer

OUTLINE

1. Connected by the Gospel (v. 20)
2. Attracted by Gospel Connection (v. 21)

THE TABLE FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

COMMUNION

- Communion, also called the Lord’s Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians when we recall Jesus’s cross, relive His anguish, and renew our vows to live as His followers.
- We invite all to participate in this meal:
who profess faith in Jesus Christ,
who are members of a gospel-proclaiming church,
who are endeavoring to live at peace with God and others,
and who seek strengthening grace to live more faithfully for Jesus.
- If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, we encourage you to spend this time considering Jesus’s broken body and shed blood. Pray and ask Him to forgive your sins and to give you eternal life.

†COMMUNION HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” No. 252 (vv. 1-4)

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

Romans 15:13 NASB 2020

Pastor: Now may the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you will abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

*“Somebody’s Calling My Name” arr. Wendell Whalum
Guthrie Quartet*

*We welcome the Guthrie Quartet from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
and thank them for contributing to our worship this morning.*

Giving Update	<u>Deacons (General Fund)</u>	<u>World Missions</u>
<i>Annual Budget</i>	\$3,046,380	\$850,000
<i>Raised Year-to-Date</i>	\$1,353,778	\$466,946



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We’d love to connect with you!
Scan with your phone camera
to fill out a connect card.*



*To make a secure contribution
to First Pres, scan the above QR
code with your phone camera or
text GIVE to 423-888-0345.*

*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, and Fisher.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by
volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, November 20.*

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