

NEW & UPCOMING AT 1ST PRES

Women's Bring-a-Lunch Fellowship - February 27

Pack your lunch for our next Bring-a-Lunch Fellowship on February 27 at 11:45am in the Nell Davis. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other!

Ladies Fellowship Luncheon - March 7

Join us at 11:30am for a time of fellowship and a delicious lunch in the charming, relaxed atmosphere of the Tea Cottage on Hickory Valley Road! The cost of lunch is \$20, and registration is due March 4. Save your spot at

1stPresbyterian.com/Events.

Golf Cart Ministry - Volunteers Needed!

The FPCC Golf Cart Ministry team is looking for 5-8 more volunteers to provide transportation in a golf cart for members and guests who have parked in the Douglas Street parking lot and need assistance up the hill. Each volunteer is asked to drive a golf cart two to three Sunday mornings a year, from 9:45am - 11:05am between March and November. If you're interested, please email Rick Collins, RECollins@Epbfi.com, by February 18.

Volunteer Directory

Looking for ways to get involved at 1st Pres? Check out our Ministry & Volunteer Directory, updated twice a year by one of our faithful volunteers and ministry leaders, Leslie Cory! Find it on our website under the "Resources" tab.

Adult Summer Short-Term Mission Trips

Our World Missions ministry will be sending out several teams for short-term missions this summer, including: London July 1-8 for the London Evangelism And Prayer (LEAP) Week, and Nairobi, Kenya July 18-28 to provide basic health care services for several communities in the area. Learn more and apply by going to 1stPresbyterianWorldMissions.com/Teams/Applications.

1st Pres Deacons - Who We Are & the Master Plan

Deacons are elected officers of the church, and one of the many things they are charged with is maintaining the facilities in our 113-year-old church. To meet the needs of our evolving congregation and environment, the Deacons have developed the Master Plan: an extensive project (of which we are currently in the fundraising phase) to renovate our buildings and address some crucial infrastructure issues. We want to be as open as possible about these many changes. If you have any questions regarding the Master Plan, you can direct them to MasterPlanning@1stPresbyterian.com.

Midweek - February 14

Nothing says Valentine's Day like a lecture on Biblical economics! Midweek continues this week, with a meal and fellowship at 5:30pm and electives for nursery, kids, youth, and adults starting at 6:15pm. This semester's adult elective features guest experts who will examine the Biblical foundations of Western society and equip you to answer the objections raised against them. For more information, go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Midweek.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:15AM EACH SUNDAY

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 Colossians; 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. Feb 11 - March 17, we will hear from Jonathan Ingram, Exec. Dir. at Faith Co-Op, on Faith and Work.

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

Fellowship and prayer followed by a study of Philippians. 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 John MacArthur's series, "The Rapture & the Day of the Lord."

International & Adult Bible Discussion: all ages, Tower 805

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

Welcome All Class, all ages, Tower 403

Currently studying how Jesus lived as a person and what it means to be fully human as God planned, using Paul Miller's *The Person of Jesus*.

Young Couples: ages 20s - 30s couples, SS 211

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-30s; current series is "Soul Care: Spiritual Food for Hungry People," studying Psalms.

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

Find more info on our Discipleship Ministries at 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, FEBRUARY 11, 2024** **11:00 AM**

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

Trust the past to God's mercy,
the present to God's love,
and the future to God's providence.
— *Augustine of Hippo*

In Genesis 41, Joseph learns a crucial lesson that all believers must eventually learn: Those who patiently wait for God shall be paid for their waiting, not only principal but also interest. Lamentations 3:26 declares: "It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD."
— *Matthew Henry*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy and gracious Father,
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

*"I Will Sing of My Redeemer" arr. Marshall McDonald & S.S. Nelson
William Navalon, violin & Dr. Sigrid Luther, piano*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT

“Trust in the Lord” by Rollo Dilworth

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah 31:3 & Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV

Pastor: I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued My faithfulness to you.

**People: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness.**

† 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

“O Love of God, How Strong and True” No. 81 (vv. 1,3,4)

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 34

Pastor: Why do we call Jesus Christ “our Lord?”

**People: Because—not with gold or silver,
but with His precious blood
He has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,
and has bought us, body and soul,
to be His very own.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

*“There Is a Fountain (Your Precious Blood)”
Please sing with Youth Choir as directed.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

**God, our heavenly Father,
Forgive us for doubting Your Father's heart.
Pardon us for blaspheming Your name,
disobeying Your will, and rejecting Your kingdom.
We have craved the bread that doesn't satisfy
while You patiently offer us the living bread.
We have Your forgiveness,
yet we are slow to forgive the offenses of others.
We have heedlessly entered into temptation
and refused Your deliverance from evil.
We come now beseeching Your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Zechariah 13:1,7 ESV

On that day there shall be a fountain opened
for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.
Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd,
against the Man who stands next to Me,
declares the LORD of hosts.
Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.

HYMN OF HEALING

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

OFFERTORY

*“Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)” by Shane Barnard, arr. Ed Kerr
Youth Choir
Soloists: Ian Hassevoort, tenor & Anna Fluhrer, soprano*

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*Please take your PreK-1st grade children to the check-in station
at the PreK-K department on the Fellowship Hall level.*

† DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

“A Tale of Two Faiths”

Genesis 41:1-36 (pp. 34-35 in pew Bible)

*“Keeping Your Faith When Life Lets You Down: A Study of the Life of Joseph”
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer*

OUTLINE

1. Paganism is Impotent
2. Christianity is Irresistible

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul” No. 509 (vv. 1,4)

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 3:5 ESV

Pastor: May the Lord direct your hearts
to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Gothic March” by Gaetano F. Foschini

Ann Shaw, organ

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| <p>Giving Update for Deacons/General Fund <i>Annual Budget (fiscal year ends March 31):</i> \$3,046,380 <i>Raised Year-to-Date:</i> \$2,910,880</p> |
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*New to 1st Pres?
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 in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of our parents
by DeWayne and Marilyn McCamish and family.*

*The flowers displayed in the Chapel are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Bettie Chester by the family.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to
our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, February 12.*