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This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, February 26

|          |                               |                 |
|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 9:00 AM  | Worship Service               | Sanctuary       |
| 9:15 AM  | Children's Church             | Children's Wing |
| 10:15 AM | Sunday School                 | Fellowship Hall |
| 11:00 AM | Worship Service               | Sanctuary       |
| 11:30 AM | Children's Church             | Children's Wing |
| 6:30 PM  | High School Youth Small Group | Student Center  |

Monday, February 27

|          |                                    |                 |
|----------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 10:00 AM | Flower Delivery Pick-Up            | Connector       |
|          | Women's Prayer Ministry            | Session Room    |
| 11:45 AM | Bible in the Schools Board Meeting | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:00 PM  | Bell Choir Practice                | SS 208          |

Tuesday, February 28

|          |                         |                              |
|----------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 9:30 AM  | Women of the Covenant   | Library Lounge               |
| 9:45 AM  | GaP Bible Study         | Tower 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor |
| 10:00 AM | All-Staff Meeting       | Tower 402                    |
| 12:00 PM | Beatitude Living        | Tower 404                    |
| 5:30 PM  | ONE Bible Study         | Tower 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor |
| 6:00 PM  | RUF                     | Student Center               |
| 6:30 PM  | Virtual House of Prayer | Zoom                         |

Wednesday, March 1

|         |                            |                 |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 6:30 AM | Dead Theologians Society   | Fellowship Hall |
| 4:30 PM | Deacon-on-Call             | Connector       |
|         | World Missions Prayer Time | Tower 303       |
| 5:30 PM | Midweek Meal               | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:00 PM | Middle School Small Group  | Student Center  |
| 6:15 PM | Adult Elective             | Chapel          |
|         | Choir                      | Choir Room      |
|         | Kids Ministry              | Children's Wing |
|         | Rapha Fellowship           | SS 209 & SS 210 |

Thursday, March 2

|          |                             |                              |
|----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 10:00 AM | Balance Exercise Class      | Student Center               |
| 3:15 PM  | First Friends English Class | Student Center               |
| 5:15 PM  | Orchestra Rehearsal         | Choir Room                   |
| 7:00 PM  | Women's Insight Book Night  | Tower 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor |
| 7:30 PM  | Virtual House of Prayer     | Zoom                         |

Friday, March 3

|          |                       |                             |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 10:15 AM | Support Staff Meeting |                             |
| 12:00 PM | Card-E-Ology          | Tower 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor |

The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of a month.  
The Sacrament of Communion takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

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First Presbyterian Church exists to be a Christ-exalting,  
city-center church committed to fulfilling the Great Commission  
in Chattanooga, North America, and around the world,  
to the glory of the Triune God.

The Lord's Day  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023  
11:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

"God Is So Good" arr. Martha Lynn Thompson  
"Jesus Loves Me" arr. Frances L. Callahan

Reformation Bells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP  
"And Can It Be" arr. Bill Ingram

Reformation Bells

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-3, 8, 19, 22

Reader: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

Reader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt His name together!

People: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Reader: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

People: The LORD redeems the life of His servants;  
none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

† 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.

†HYMNS OF PRAISE

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" No. 297 (vv. 1,3,5,6)*

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 295 (vv. 1-4)*

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 8, Section 1*

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose,

to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus,

His only begotten Son,

to be the Mediator between God and man,

the Prophet, Priest, and King,

the Head and Savior of His church,

the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world:

unto Whom He did from all eternity give a people,

to be His seed, and to be by Him in time

redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord,

We come in penitence seeking Your forgiveness,

that we may know the joy of Your presence,

and the light of Your face.

You alone know how often we have offended You,

and hurt the lives of others.

Forgive us, O Lord, for every unkind thought,

every untrue word,

every wrong act.

Forgive us, for we have been selfish,

and have not thought of the needs of others.

Forgive us, for our ingratitude,

our neglect of prayer,

our carelessness in the use of money,

our forgetfulness of our sacred vows.

O God, have mercy upon us. Create in us clean hearts,

and renew a right spirit within us,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*1 John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins

and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

*No. 261 (vv. 1-3)*

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*"Revelation 19" by Jeffrey LaValley, arr. Jack Schrader*

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*Please check in your children PreK-1st grade at the check-in station by the*

*Fellowship Hall level elevator and walk them to the PreK-K dept.*

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

*Matthew 22:1-14 — "Prepare for the Wedding!"*

Rev. Randy Nabors

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

*"Holy, Holy, Holy!"*

*No. 100 (vv. 1-4)*

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

*from Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: 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,

in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*" 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" arr. Tammy W. Rawlinson*

*Reformation Bells*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia*

*Gault by Bill Gault and sons, Jim, Robert, and their families.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to*

*our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.*

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