

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. This month, Dr. Herbert Ward, the Chair of the Biblical and Theological Studies Department at Covenant College, will be teaching a series on Old Testament Covenant Theology.

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 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.

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 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

NEW & UPCOMING AT 1ST PRES

Midweek - Starting January 10

Midweek is back for the spring semester on January 10, with a meal and fellowship at 5:30pm and electives starting at 6:15pm. There's something for everyone at Midweek, including nursery, kids, youth, and adults! 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. Go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Midweek for more details!

A New Year's Resolution

This is the time of year that we all make our New Year's Resolutions: losing weight, exercising more, repairing relationships, etc. This year, make getting involved at First Pres part of your resolutions! The Deacons are here to help you get plugged in and are available every Sunday worshipping or ushering at the Sanctuary doors!

Women's Winter/Spring Bible Studies - Starting January 5

Women's Bible Studies will start the first and second weeks of January! If you were in a study in the fall, you do **not** need to re-register for your study. If you weren't able to participate in the fall, we would love to have you join us in January! There are 7 studies to choose from with a variety of formats, meeting days and times, and frequencies. Go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Women for more information and to register.

First Cup Men's Breakfast - January 9

1st Pres Men are invited to join us for our next monthly breakfast on Tuesday, January 9 on the 10th floor of the Tower from 7am - 8am. Come get some good food, delicious coffee, and a soul-quenching devotional!

It's a Wonderful Life! Senior Fellowship & Program - January 11

Chattanooga attorney and historian Maury Nicely will take us on a virtual journey in history through "Underground Chattanooga," basements that were once the ground floors of buildings until the streets were raised to prevent downtown flooding in the late 1800s. Fellowship begins in the Library at 10:30am, and the program starts in the Fellowship Hall at 11am. Please RSVP to Janette Barnes or Rosa Wrenn. The cost of lunch is \$8.

Woman at the Well - January 18

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, January 18 from 6:30pm - 8pm for Woman at the Well! We'll enjoy a testimony from one of our women, fellowship, fun and a delicious dessert. No registration needed, and friends are welcome! For childcare, please email Emily@1stPresbyterian.com by January 15.

Hearts & Hammers

Starting Saturday, January 20, our Community Outreach Ministry and Mercy & Compassion Diaconate Committee will be launching a monthly Service Day on the 3rd Saturday of each month called Hearts & Hammers. Ten months out of the year, members and congregants of 1st Pres have the opportunity to serve both within our church and in our local community. Go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Events for more information, or contact Director of Community Outreach Shad Guinn at Shad@1stPresbyterian.com.



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, JANUARY 7, 2024

11:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

Today is Epiphany Sunday in the church calendar.

The word epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation or appearance."

In church history, this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Jesus Christ

in connection with the visit of the Magi.

Epiphany is regularly observed on the Sunday closest to January 6.

What is the significance of the epiphany of our Lord?

Simply put, we cannot know the Lord in a saving way apart from Him revealing Himself to us.

The Apostle Paul writes to Titus:

"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,

He saved us,

not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy" (3:4-5a ESV).

This should motivate us to wonder and worship a heavenly Father Who is so merciful and mighty to save!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Lord, in this new year,

unveil Your beauty to our sight

that we might love You more.

Grant us the blessing of remaining faithful

to our divinely appointed tasks,

and grant to us a child-like heart of trust

in You for Jesus's sake. Amen.

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.

PRELUDE

“O Great God” by Bob Kauflin, arr. Katie Short & Kristin Campbell
William Navalon, violin & Dr. Sigrid Luther, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT

“For All the Saints” by R. Vaughn Williams, arr. Earl Rosenberg

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60:1-3 ESV

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

**People: But the LORD will arise upon you,
and His glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

†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

“Jesus Shall Reign” No. 441 (vv. 1-5)
“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty and merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned
against You and one another
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
Jesus Christ has come among us
as the light of the world,
yet we often walk in the shadows,
plagued by faithless fears, worldly anxieties,
and arrogant pride.
Purify us by the blood of Your Son
so that we might walk in the light
and the reflection of Jesus Christ
might become more visible in us.
We make our prayer in His great name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 3:4-7 ESV

But when the goodness and loving kindness
of God our Savior appeared,
He saved us, not because of works
done by us in righteousness,
but according to His own mercy,
by the washing of regeneration
and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
Whom He poured out on us richly
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
so that being justified by His grace
we might become heirs
according to the hope of eternal life.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name” No. 246 (vv. 1-5)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

OFFERTORY

“Heavenly Light” by A. Kopylow, arr. P. Wilhousky

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

“Living the Dream”
Genesis 37:1-11

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

OUTLINE

- 1. Joseph

- 2. Joseph’s Brothers

- 3. Joseph’s Jesus

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” No. 295 (vv. 1-4)

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

adapted 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.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in C Major, BWV 547” by J.S. Bach
Patrick Rice, organ

Giving Update	Deacons (General Fund)	World Missions
Annual Budget	\$3,046,380	\$850,000
Raised Year-to-Date	\$1,563,715	\$861,312*

*World Missions fiscal year ended as of December 2023



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 today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mrs. Olan Mills, Sr. , Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Malone, and Mr. Charles G. Mills,
by Mrs. Charles G. Mills and family.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to
our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, January 8.