

## NEW & UPCOMING AT 1<sup>ST</sup> PRES

### ***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 tomorrow, March 4**. Save your spot at [1stPresbyterian.com/Events](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events).

### ***Missionary Closet Open House - March 13***

We are looking for more volunteers to help process donations to the Hattie McCallie Missionary Closet! Drop by our open house between 9am and 11am on the 6th floor of the Tower for more information and a tour of the closet! For questions, please email [Elinor@1stPresbyterian.com](mailto:Elinor@1stPresbyterian.com).

### ***It's a Wonderful Life! Senior Fellowship & Program - March 14***

Join us for IAWL to hear from 1st Pres's former long-time music director Kelly Stultz! Kelly now works as the Development Coordinator for CHOICES Chattanooga and will discuss the life-saving work they do. Fellowship begins at 10:30am, followed by the program at 11am in the Fellowship Hall, and lunch (\$8) at 12pm. RSVP to [Janette.Barnes@Gmail.com](mailto:Janette.Barnes@Gmail.com) or [RWrenn@Epbfi.com](mailto:RWrenn@Epbfi.com).

### ***Hearts & Hammers - March 16***

Interested in volunteering for our community and church family? Our next Hearts & Hammers service project day is Saturday, March 16! Sign up via the interest form at [1stPresbyterian.com/Events](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events).

### ***Senior Adult Luncheon - March 17***

Adults age 65+ are invited to our annual Senior Adult Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the 11am service! Register by Wednesday, March 13 at [1stPresbyterian.com/Events](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events), or by contacting the church office at 423-267-1206 or [Office@1stPresbyterian.com](mailto:Office@1stPresbyterian.com).

### ***Inquirer's Class - March 23***

Are you interested in learning more about 1st Pres or would you like to become a member? We will have our next Inquirer's Class on Saturday, March 23, 8:30am - 12:00pm in the Nell Davis Classroom. Come hear about our church's vision for the city, what we believe, and discipleship and ministry opportunities. A light breakfast will be provided. Register at [1stPresbyterian.com/Events](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events).

### ***Family Camp - August 30-September 1***

Registration for Family Camp is now open to First Pres families! Families can sign up for two nights, one night, or Saturday only. On March 15, registrations will open to the public, so reserve your spot soon! Register at [1stPresbyterian.com/Events](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events).

### ***Midweek - March 6***

Midweek continues 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](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Midweek).

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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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> 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, SS 202***

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: 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***

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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, MARCH 3, 2024**

**11:00 AM**

† *Please stand as you are able.*

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

#### **WORSHIP REFLECTION**

Today, we will examine what true worship looks like in the worst of times.

God's Word reminds us that our worship of Him, both personally and corporately, should share with the young prophet Isaiah these five elements set forth in Isaiah 6 (ESV):

- Recognition: "I saw the Lord . . ." (v. 1)
- Praise: "Holy, holy, holy . . ." (v. 3)
- Confession: "Woe is me!" (v. 5)
- Assurance of Pardon: "Your guilt is taken away . . ." (v. 7)
- Commitment: "Here am I!" (v. 8)

#### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Lord of all power and might,  
the Author and Giver of all good things:  
Graft in our hearts the love of Your Name,  
increase in us true faith,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and bring forth in us the fruit of good works,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **PRELUDE**

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" by Townend, arr. Galkin & Snyder  
William Navalon, violin & Sigrid Luther, piano*

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### CHORAL INTROIT

*"Give Me Jesus" arr. Roland Carter*

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

*Revelation 7:9-10 ESV*

Pastor: After this I looked, and behold,  
a great multitude that no one could number,  
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,  
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,

**People: Clothed in white robes,  
with palm branches in their hands,  
and crying out with a loud voice,  
"Salvation belongs to our God  
Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"**

### † 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

*"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*

*Bulletin*

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: What is worship of the one, true, living God?

**People: Worship is the submission of all our nature to God;  
it is the quickening of our consciences by His holiness,  
the nourishment of our minds by His truth,  
the purifying of our imaginations by His glory,  
the opening of our hearts to His love,  
the surrender of our wills to His purposes.  
All of this is gathered up in adoration,  
the most selfless emotion  
and the chief remedy for self-centeredness,  
which is our original sin and the source of all sin.**  
– adapted from William Temple (1942)

### † HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" No. 501 (vv. 1,3,4,6)*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

**Holy and majestic Father,  
Your mighty angels are swift to serve  
and tireless to praise in heaven today.  
Forgive us for our lethargy and half-hearted praise.  
The choir of seraphim worship and adore You with holy lips.  
We do not.  
Behind our gossip, slander, critical speech, insults,  
and sarcasm are our sinful hearts.  
Pardon us for complaining and murmuring . . .  
for embellishing the truth and deliberately misleading others . . .  
for slandering others and injuring their good reputation . . .  
for gossiping and speaking harshly to others.  
Grant us Your pardoning grace  
for our many sins of speech,  
and empower us to speak words of grace  
that build others up.  
We ask this for Your glory and our flourishing. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Psalm 19:14; Isaiah 44:22 ESV*

Let the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord,  
my rock and my redeemer.

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud,  
and your sins like mist.  
Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.

### † HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*"My Worth Is Not in What I Own"*

### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

### OFFERTORY

*"In His Hands" arr. Tim Osiek*

### 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

**"True Worship in the Worst of Times"**  
**Isaiah 6:1-10 (p. 571 in pew Bible)**  
Richard G. Cain

### SERMON OUTLINE

In the worst of times, we often experience...

1. Glory: A profound encounter with God (vv. 1-4).
2. Guilt: A new awareness of our sin (vv. 5-7).
3. Grace: The cleansing power of grace (vv. 6-7).
4. Gratitude: An awakening to serve (vv. 8-10).

### † HYMN OF RESPONSE

*"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken" No. 707 (vv. 1,2,4,5)*

## THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### † BENEDICTION

*Hebrews 13:20-21 ESV*

Pastor: Now may the God of peace,  
Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great Shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
equip you with everything good that you may do His will,  
working in us that which is pleasing in His sight,  
through Jesus Christ,  
to Whom be glory forever and ever.

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

### POSTLUDE

*"Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend" by Georg Böhm  
("Lord Jesus Christ, Turn to Us") Patrick Rice, organ*

<p><b>Giving Update for Deacons/General Fund</b> <b>Annual Budget (fiscal year ends March 31):</b> \$3,046,380 <b>Raised Year-to-Date:</b> \$2,956,211</p>
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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 in loving memory  
of Mr. & Mrs. T. A. Lupton Jr. and Dr. & Mrs. David McCallie  
by Boofie and Ryan Crimmins. I Corinthians 3:11.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers  
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, March 4.*