

SERMON NOTES:

1. An Appeal to Abide (v. 4)

2. Abundance by Abiding (v. 5)

3. Another Kind of Harvest (v. 6)



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This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, September 3

9:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing
10:15 AM	Sunday School	
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing

Monday, September 4

Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 5

10:00 AM	All Staff Meeting	Tower 402
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
6:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom
8:00 PM	RUF	Student Center

Wednesday, September 6

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 Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Middle School Small Group	Student Center
6:15 PM	Adult Elective	Fellowship Hall
	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	Rapha Fellowship	Rooms 209, 210, 212
	Kids Ministry	Children's Wing

Thursday, September 7

3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
5:15 PM	Orchestra Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, September 8

10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8 th Floor

Saturday, September 9

8:30 AM	Inquirer's Class	Student Center
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*The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 1st Sunday of a month.
Prayers for Healing take place on the 2nd Sunday of a month.
The Sacrament of Communion takes place on the 3rd Sunday of each month.*

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*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, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
11:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PERSONAL WORSHIP REFLECTION

In a nutshell, abiding in Christ means allowing His Word to fill our minds, direct our wills, and transform our affections. In other words, our relationship to Christ is intimately connected to what we do with our Bibles!
– Sinclair Ferguson

PERSONAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Book of Common Prayer

Almighty God,
Whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ
ascended far above all heavens
that He might fill all things:
Mercifully give us faith to perceive that,
according to His promise,
He abides with His Church on earth,
even to the end of the ages;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Mary McDonald
Dr. Sigrid Luther, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Here I Am to Worship” by Tim Hughes, arr. Cindy Berry

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 124:8 NASB 2020

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

†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 for Jesus!” No. 565 (vv. 1-5)
“All to Jesus I Surrender” No. 562 (vv. 1-4)

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People: That I am not my own, but belong—
body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;**

**in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life**

**and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for Him.**

A LITANY OF CONFESSION

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father,

Your Son offers us a truly beautiful life when He announces:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit .”

People: Yet we are rich in pride.

Pastor: “Blessed are those who mourn.”

People: Yet we do not grieve over our sin.

Pastor: “Blessed are the meek.”

People: Yet we insist upon and assert our own rights.

Pastor: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.”

People: Yet we fill our lives with desires for other things.

Pastor: “Blessed are the merciful.”

People: Yet we relate to others harshly and impatiently.

Pastor: “Blessed are the pure in heart.”

People: Yet our lives are cluttered with impure thoughts and motives.

Pastor: “Blessed are the peacemakers.”

People: Yet we are slow to forgive and pursue reconciliation.

Pastor: “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness.”

**People: Yet our lives seldom challenge the ways, priorities and values
of the world.**

Pastor: “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you
and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.”

People: Yet we often blush to speak Your name,

to make known that we are Yours.

Have mercy upon us for Jesus’s sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

1 Peter 2:24-25 NASB 2020

And He Himself brought our sins in His body up on the cross,
so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness;

by His wounds you were healed.

For you were continually straying like sheep,

but now you have returned

to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Jesus Lives, and So Shall I” No. 706 (vv. 1-5)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“O Love” by Elaine Hagenberg

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

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THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

John 15:4-6 — “Remaining in Relationship”

“A Bright Future: Jesus’s Vision for Our Church”

Gabriel N.E. Fluhner

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide” No. 402 (vv. 1,3,5)

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

from Ephesians 6:23-24 NASB 2020

Pastor: Peace be to you, brothers and sisters,

and love with faith,

from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the grace of our Lord be with all those

who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Sanctus” by Andrej Welcher

Dr. Kurt Miyashiro, organ

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Linda Austin by Pete Austin III

with thanks to God for our 59 + years of marriage before our Savior

took Linda home on September 4, 2021, two years ago.

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

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