

SERMON NOTES:

1. Universal Grace

2. Through an Unlimited Christ

**This Week at 1st Pres**

**Sunday, July 23**

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
5:15 PM	Evening Worship Service	Sanctuary

**Monday, July 24**

10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up	Connector
	Summer Women's Bible Study	Nell Davis
	Women's Prayer Ministry	Session Room
5:30 PM	Session Meeting	Session Room

**Tuesday, July 25**

10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402
	Summer Women's Bible Study	Nell Davis
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
6:30 PM	High School Bible Study	Student Center
	Summer Women's Bible Study	Tower 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor

**Wednesday, July 26**

6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call	Connector
	World Missions Prayer Time	Tower 303
5:30 PM	Rapha Fellowship	Nell Davis
6:00 PM	Middle School Bible Study	Student Center

**Thursday, July 27**

10:00 AM	Balance Exercise Class	Student Center
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

**Friday, July 28**

9:00 AM	Kids Playgroup	Student Center
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.  
Prayers for Healing take place on the 2<sup>nd</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, JULY 23, 2023

11:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

PERSONAL WORSHIP REFLECTION

Each time, before you intercede, be quiet first, and worship God in His glory.  
Think of what He can do because He is an almighty King.  
Contemplate what He is willing to do because He is a generous Father.  
Know that He delights to hear the prayers of His redeemed people.  
Think of your place and privilege in Christ, and expect great things!  
*– adapted from Andrew Murray*

PERSONAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, You are the fountain of all wisdom, and You know our necessities before we ask as well as our ignorance in asking.  
Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which, for our unworthiness, we dare not ask, and, for our blindness, we cannot ask.  
Through the worthiness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, amen.

PRELUDE

*"Praeludium in G" by Felix Mendelssohn*

*Patrick Rice, organ*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come, People of the Risen King” arr. Mary McDonald

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Matthew 1:20-21, Acts 4:12

Pastor: [The angel said to Joseph,]

“ . . . You shall call His name Jesus,  
for He will save His people from their sins.”

People: **Salvation is found in no one else,  
for there is no other name under heaven  
given to mankind by which we must be saved.**

†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”  
“May the Peoples Praise You”**

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism #31

Q: What is effectual calling?

A: **Effectual calling is the work of God’s Spirit,  
whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery,  
enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ,  
and renewing our wills,  
He doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ,  
freely offered to us in the gospel.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Holy and gracious God,  
we praise You for helping lost and weary travelers like us.**

**As the Maker of heaven and earth,**

**You are strong enough to help.**

**As our Covenant Lord, You care enough to help.**

**Yet, too often the storms of life**

**cause us to doubt Your power and love.**

**Forgive us for accusing You of being inattentive to our plight!**

**Pardon our fearful and anxious hearts.**

**Grant us a renewed capacity to trust Your Son,**

**for He lived, died, rose, ascended,**

**and now reigns for our good and Your glory.**

**Guard us in Your perfect peace.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like You,

pardoning iniquity and passing over

the transgression of the remnant of His heritage?

He does not retain his anger forever,

because He delights in mercy.

He will again have compassion on us,

and will subdue our iniquities.

You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

**“His Mercy Is More”**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“How Can I Keep from Singing?” by Robert Lowry, arr. Craig Courtney

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

**I Corinthians 1:24 — “What Jesus Offers Us”**

*“I Corinthians: The Challenge of the Cross”*

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

**“I Know Whom I Have Believed” No. 705 (vv. 1-3,5)**

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

Jude 2-3 ESV

Pastor: To those who are called,  
beloved in God the Father  
and kept for Jesus Christ:  
May mercy, peace, and love  
be multiplied to you.

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

POSTLUDE

*Celtic Ensemble*



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The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Gerry U. and Estes Carter Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Chester O. Stephens,  
Mr. and Mrs. John O. Carter Jr., and Carter Holland by Gerry Stephens Jr.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered  
by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

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