

This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, July 9		
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 10		
10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up Women’s Prayer Ministry	Connector Session Room

Tuesday, July 11		
10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting Summer Women’s Bible Study	Tower 402 Nell Davis
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
6:30 PM	High School Summer Bible Study Summer Women’s Bible Study	Student Center Tower 10 th Floor

Wednesday, July 12		
Middle School Lake Retreat		
6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call World Missions Prayer Time	Connector Tower 303
5:30 PM	Rapha Fellowship	Nell Davis

Thursday, July 13		
Middle School Lake Retreat		
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, July 14		
Middle School Lake Retreat		
10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8 th Floor

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.



*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 9, 2023
9:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PERSONAL WORSHIP REFLECTION
Corporate worship serves as a spiritual conversation between our heavenly Lord and us.
James reminds us of what is supposed to happen when we gather for worship:
“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you” (4:8 ESV).
This dialogical framework permeates our worship services: God speaks to us and we respond to Him.
Let us prepare our hearts to meet with the One Who delights to be called our friend.
John Owen offers this simple prayer to guide us:
“Christ is our best friend now, and, before long, He will be our only friend. . . .
Therefore, I pray to God with all my heart that I may be weary of everything else but to converse and commune with Him.”

PERSONAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION
Most loving Father,
Whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things,
to fear nothing but the loss of You,
and to cast all our care on You
Who cares for us,
preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties.
Let no clouds of this mortal life
hide from us the light of Your love,
which is immortal,
and which You have revealed to us
in Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Romans 9:33 *ESV*
Pastor: Behold, I am laying in Zion
a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense;
People: **And whoever believes in Him
will not be put to shame.”**

†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.**

†SONGS OF PRAISE

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q & A 86
Q: What is faith in Jesus Christ?
A: **Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace,
whereby we receive and rest upon Him alone
for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**God of all comfort and Father of tender mercies,
grant us to truly mourn over our sin,
knowing that You never fail to comfort us.
Make our hearts a suitable home for Your Son, our Savior.
Clear away all the obstacles in us that hinder His reign.
We ask Your forgiveness for the unbelief, unforgiveness,
and pride that inflict spiritual havoc
in our lives and relationships.
Take us by the hand and lead us to Jesus,
for He bore all our sin in His body
when He died on the tree,
so that we might know Your everlasting comfort
and healing grace.
We ask this for Your glory and our good
in Jesus’ name, amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jeremiah 17:146 *ESV*
Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;
save me, and I shall be saved,
for You are my praise.

†SONG OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

I Corinthians 1:22-23 — “The Gospel We Did Not Expect”
“I Corinthians: The Challenge of the Cross”
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

†SONG OF RESPONSE

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 3:5 *ESV*
Pastor: May the Lord direct your hearts
to the love of God
and to the steadfastness of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God, Amen.



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*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Sawrie and Susan Sawrie Doubleday
by Steve and Sue Sawrie, Sharon Sawrie, and Mike Doubleday.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by
volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, July 10th.*

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