SERMON NOTES:

1. The Gospel We Want

2. The Gospel God Gives

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			

Sanctuary

Tower 8th Floor

Monday, July 10

10:00 AM Flower Delivery Pick-Up Connector
Women's Prayer Ministry Session Room

Evening Worship Service

Tuesday, July 11

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 Summer Bible Study	Student Center
	Summer Women's Bible Study	Tower 10th Floor

Wednesday, July 12

Middle School Lake Retreat

6:30 AM Dead Theologians Society
4:30 PM Deacon-on-Call Connector
World Missions Prayer Time 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

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.

Announcements are available via email subscription, the 1st Pres App, or <u>1stPresbyterian.com</u>.



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

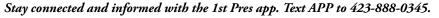
2 Thessalonians 3:5 ESV

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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