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This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, July 30		
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 31		
10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up	Connector
	Women’s Prayer Ministry	Session Room
6:00 PM	Indoor Progressive Picnic	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 1		
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	Summer Women’s Bible Study	Tower 10 th Floor
Wednesday, August 2		
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
Thursday, August 3		
10:00 AM	Global Leadership Summit	Sanctuary
	Balance Exercise Class	Student Center
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom
Friday, August 4		
9:00 AM	Global Leadership Summit	Sanctuary
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.

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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 30, 2023
9:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PERSONAL WORSHIP REFLECTION
The gospel is stronger than man’s strength.
People cannot rescue themselves from bondage to sin
or its punishment by their own power.
Human wisdom is unable to conquer “the wages of sin”
(Romans 6:23), that is, death.
Even so, the good news of Christ rescues and delivers.
It overcomes even death (2 Timothy 1:10).
Those who believe the gospel
know the reality of its wisdom and power.
For this reason, they exalt nothing
above Christ and His saving work.
– Dr. Richard L. Pratt

PERSONAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION
Almighty God,
Whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit
to be tempted by Satan,
come quickly to help us who are assaulted
by many temptations.
Since You know our many weaknesses,
may we find You mighty to save.
Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever, amen.

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 1:3, 6-7 ESV

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places...

People: To the praise of His glorious grace,
with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.
In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of His grace.

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†SONGS OF PRAISE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 26

Pastor: What do you believe when you say,
“I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth?”

People: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
Who still upholds and rules them
by His eternal counsel and providence,
is my God and Father because of Christ the Son.
Therefore, I trust God that He will provide
whatever I need for body and soul,
and will turn to my good whatever adversity
He sends upon me in this world.
God is able to do this because He is almighty God,
and He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious and holy Father,
we confess that our hearts are consumed
with the fears and cares of this world.
The deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things
choke out Your Word and grieve Your Spirit in our lives.
Forgive us for being led astray
from a single-minded, pure, and undistracted devotion to You.
Pardon us for doubting Your power and questioning Your goodness.
Send Your Spirit to rekindle the fires of devotion in our hearts.
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord and King.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

For our sake He made Him to be sin Who knew no sin,
so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

†SONG OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

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 1:25 — “A Problem of Perception”
“I Corinthians: The Challenge of the Cross”
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

†SONG OF RESPONSE

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

based on Philippians 4:7

Pastor: May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus,
and may the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon you and dwell in your hearts forever.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Hugh and Mazie Cory and Glen and Julia Clark by Bruce and Leslie Cory.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by
volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, July 31st.

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