

This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, August 13

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| 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 |

Monday, August 14

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| 10:00 AM | Flower Delivery Pick-Up Women’s Prayer Ministry | Connector Session Room |
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Tuesday, August 15

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| 10:00 AM | All-Staff Meeting | Tower 402 |
| 11:00 AM | Lunch Bunch | Tower 10 th Floor |
| 12:00 PM | Beatitude Living | Tower 404 |
| 5:45 PM | Bonded in Fellowship | Fellowship Lounge |

Wednesday, August 16

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| 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, August 17

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| 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, August 18

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| 9:00 AM | Children’s Play Group | Student Center |
| 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, AUGUST 13, 2023
9:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PERSONAL WORSHIP REFLECTION

Salvation in Christ is not a human
self-improvement scheme
but a radical rescue. . . .
Grace is not only the great unifier
but also the great leveler.
– Ben Witherington, “Conflict and Community”

PERSONAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Give us grace, O Lord,
to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ
and proclaim to all people
the Good News of His salvation,
that we and the whole world
may perceive the glory of His marvelous works,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 4:18-19 ESV

Pastor: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

People: He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†SONGS OF PRAISE

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Larger Catechism, Q & A 54

Pastor: What do you believe concerning the church of Jesus Christ?

People: I believe that the Son of God through His Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for Himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

Almighty God, we confess our reluctance to be Your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to a lost, lonely, and confused world. Forgive us for often being more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, and legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from living as Your representatives in a broken and fallen world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of Your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus’ powerful name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7 ESV

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

†SONG OF HEALING

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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 1:26-28 — “A Kingdom of Rejects with Prospects”
“I Corinthians: The Challenge of the Cross”
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

†SONG OF RESPONSE

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

from Psalm 67:1-2 ESV

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us so that His way may be known on earth, His saving power among all nations.

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. William E. Kelley and Dr. and Mrs. John J. Killeffer.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, August 14th.

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