

SERMON NOTES:

Love will rule in our relationships with others as we

1. Heed the authoritative Word of Jesus (v. 14c)

2. Cherish our privileged status (v. 15a)

3. Receive the intimate revelation of Jesus (v. 15b)

This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, October 1		
9:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Children’s Church	Children’s Wing
10:15 AM	Sunday School	
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 AM	Children’s Church	Children’s Wing
5:15 PM	Evening Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Youth Choir	Choir Room
6:30 PM	High School Small Group	Student Center

Monday, October 2		
10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up Women’s Prayer Ministry	Connector Session Room

Tuesday, October 3		
7:00 AM	First Cup Men’s Breakfast	Tower 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor
9:30 AM	Women of the Covenant	Coffee Lounge
9:45 AM	GaP Women’s Bible Study	Tower 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor
11:45 AM	Let’s Have Lunch Women’s Study	Nell Davis
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
6:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Wednesday, October 4		
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call World Missions Prayer Time	Connector Tower 303
5:30 PM	Midweek Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Middle School Small Group	Student Center
6:15 PM	Adult/High School Elective Choir Rehearsal Rapha Fellowship Kids Ministry	Fellowship Hall Choir Room Rooms 209, 210, 212 Children’s Wing

Thursday, October 5		
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, October 6		
10:30 AM	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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*At First Presbyterian, we seek to be a healthy church exhibiting all the fullness of Christ as we disciple believers who develop spiritually, connect relationally, and engage missionally to reach Chattanooga and the world with the gospel.*

The Lord’s Day

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

9:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

I am convinced that in the 21st century people all over the world will not listen if we have the right doctrine, the right type of church government, but are not exhibiting community. The church only has a future in our generation if it can show the form of Scripture at the point of proper community.

– adapted from Francis Schaeffer

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Lord, You have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing. Send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts Your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before You. Grant this for the sake of Your only Son Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 11:19 NASB 2020

“The Son of Man came eating and drinking,  
and they say,  
‘Behold, a gluttonous man and a heavy drinker,  
a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’  
And yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

†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

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 34

Pastor: Why do you call Jesus “our Lord”?  
**People: Because—not with gold or silver,**  
**but with His precious blood—He has set us free**  
**from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,**  
**and has bought us, body and soul,**  
**to be His very own.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty Father,**  
**Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,**  
**we confess our struggle to rest**  
**in the victory of our triumphant Lord**  
**Who died and rose again for us.**  
**Forgive us for ignoring the things that belong to our peace**  
**and not living and serving in the joy**  
**that Christ’s victory over death brings.**  
**Pardon our graceless hearts, prayerless days,**  
**loveless relationships, pervasive discontentment,**  
**and wasted opportunities for serving You.**  
**May we experience in fresh ways**  
**more of the resurrection life of Your Son,**  
**for we make our prayer in His exalted name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 1:18-19 NASB 2020

You were not redeemed with perishable things  
like silver or gold from your futile way of life  
inherited from your forefathers,  
but with precious blood,  
as of a lamb unblemished and spotless,  
the blood of Christ.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Margaret ‘Margot’ James Craig  
Daughter of Spencer & Abby Craig

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

*John 15:14-15 — “A Church Where Love Rules”*  
*“A Bright Future: Jesus’s Vision for Our Church”*  
Richard G. Cain

†SONG OF RESPONSE

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14 NASB 2020

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.  
**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Ann Walldorf by Rudy Walldorf, Chad, Jeff, and Chris.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by  
volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.*



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