

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	Connector
	Women’s Prayer Ministry	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	Connector
	World Missions Prayer Time	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	Fellowship Hall
	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	Rapha Fellowship	Rooms 209, 210, 212
	Kids Ministry	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
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*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.*



*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  
11:00 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.

PRELUDE

*“In Faith I Quiet Wait” from “69 Chorale Melodies” by J.S. Bach*  
*Ann Shaw, organ*

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CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come and Worship” arr. Russell Mauldin

“Praise the Lord God, All You Nations”

Choir

Congregation

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†SCRIPTURAL 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.

†HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!” No. 498 (vv. 1,2,3,5)

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” No. 247 (vv. 1-3)

†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.

†HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“And Can It Be?” arr. Dan Forrest

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

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

Bulletin

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.

POSTLUDE

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul” with “The Priest’s Leap Reel” arr. Craig Duncan  
Celtic Ensemble

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

John Newton, 1774

Alexander Robert Reinagle, 1836

Arranged by Bill Moore

♩ = 100

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1.How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds.  
(2.It makes) the wound - ed spir - it whole,  
(3.Dear Name!) the rock on which I build,  
(4.Je - sus,) my Shep - herd, Broth - er, Friend,

Em D/F# G A (sus4) A

in a be - liev - er's ear!\_\_\_\_\_  
and calms the trou - bled breast;  
my shield and hid - ing place,\_\_\_\_\_  
my Proph - et, Priest,\_\_\_\_ and King,\_\_\_\_\_

G A F#m Bm

It soothes his sor - rows, heals his wounds,  
'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul,\_\_\_\_  
my nev - er - fail - ing trea - s'ry filled\_\_\_\_  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,

Bm/A G A D

and drives a - way his fear.\_\_\_\_\_  
and to the wea - ry rest.\_\_\_\_\_  
with bound - less stores of grace;\_\_\_\_\_  
ac - cept the praise I bring.\_\_\_\_\_

2.It makes  
3.Dear Name!  
4.Je - sus,

5. Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6. Till then I would Thy love proclaim,  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of Thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

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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