

Adult

Bible 101: all ages, SS 212

Chapter by Chapter: ages 50+, Tower 804

Fellowship Class: all ages, SS 210

First Pres Forum Class: all ages, Fellowship Hall
Offering a rotating schedule of teachers and speakers, FPF is open to all, and anyone is invited to attend when topics are of interest. See 1stPresbyterian.com/SundaySchool for the full class schedule

The Joy of Learning: ages 30 - 70+, Tower 258

Link Class: ages 60+, Tower 301

McCallie/Anderson Class: all ages, Chapel

Reformed by the Word: ages 20s - 80s, Tower 10th Floor

Rocking Chair Class: all ages, Tower 302

International & Adult Bible Discussion: all ages, Tower 805

Young Professionals: ages 20’s - 30’s, Tower 304

Youth & Kids

Youth Large Group: 6th - 12th grade, Student Center (across McCallie Ave)

Kid’s Sunday School: Pre K - 5th grade, ground, 1st, & 2nd level Children’s Wing

Nursery: Infant - 4-years-old

Reformation Hymn Festival - October 29

Please join us tonight at **6pm in the Sanctuary** for our annual Reformation Hymn Festival, in partnership with Lookout Mountain Presbyterian and Covenant Presbyterian.

NO High School Small Group or Youth Choir - October 29

There will be no High School Small Group or Youth Choir this evening; we invite you to come and worship with us during the Reformation Hymn Festival!

High School Fall Retreat - November 3-5

High School Students, Your fall retreat is coming up, November 3-5! We will be going to Camp Vesper Point and joining with several other local PCA high school groups for a great weekend!

1st Cup Men’s Breakfast - November 7

1st Pres Men are invited to join us on the first Tuesday of each month for First Cup! We will meet on **the 10th floor from 7am-8am** for our monthly men’s breakfast meeting.

1st Pres Women Fall Arts & Crafts Fair - November 11

Ladies of all ages are invited to our Arts and Crafts Fair from **9:30am-12:30pm on November 11 in the Fellowship Hall!** We’ll have a variety of crafts to make for yourself or as a gift. There will also be a number of vendors and local artisans selling their wares. Light refreshments will be provided. For a list of crafts and vendors, go to 1stPresbyterian.com/Women.

Operation Christmas Child - October 29-November 13

Operation Christmas Child season is upon us! Shoeboxes are available in the Connector for you to take home and fill with school supplies, hygiene items, and a “wow” item, such as a doll, stuffed animal, or a deflated soccer ball and pump We ask that you include a \$10 donation in your box to cover shipping costs. Drop off bins are available around the church once the box is filled. Boxes are also available to be packed virtually. Go to SamaritansPurse.org for more information or to fill a box virtually.

Inquirer’s Class - Postponed to January 20

Are you interested in learning more about 1st Pres or would like to become a member? Mark your calendar for **Saturday, January 20, 8:30am-12:00pm on the 10th floor of the Tower** for our next Inquirer’s Class! Light breakfast will be provided. Register online at 1stPresbyterian.com/events by Thursday, January 18. For childcare, email our Kid’s Ministry Director Emily Brelsford.

Introducing “First Takes,” a Podcast from 1st Pres

1st Pres has released a podcast, featuring discussions between our pastors and guest interviews moderated by Pastor Gabe Fluhrer. To listen, search “First Takes” on any major podcast outlets.



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
REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023
9:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this Lord’s Day. Today we celebrate the 506th anniversary of the Great Reformation when Martin Luther launched a gospel movement by nailing his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral on October 31, 1517. Why should this matter to us, and why should we celebrate the Reformation?

On Reformation Sunday, we rejoice in the recovery of the biblical gospel of grace. Simply put, “Christ saves sinners” (1 Timothy 1:15). We do not and cannot add anything to our salvation. Seeing that Jesus saves us from beginning to end by His grace alone makes proud people humble, rude people grateful, and despairing people joyful.

The Reformation reminds us that Christianity is more of a grace-filled journey than a moral code. It is more of a love affair than a religious exercise. It is receiving a gift with open hands, instead of keeping rules with clenched fists.

Pray that our church would never tire of trumpeting God’s grace and that our Lord would unleash the transforming power of His gospel that brings times of refreshing from His presence. Don’t let this Reformation Sunday pass without praying this for yourself, your family, your church, and our world!

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 or the 1st Pres App. Subscribe to our emails at 1stPresbyterian.com.

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Deuteronomy 31:6; Hebrews 13:5b-6 NIV

Pastor: Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid or terrified because of them,
for the LORD your God goes with you;
He will never leave you nor forsake you.

People: God has said, “Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”
So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†SONGS OF PRAISE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

adapted from the Prayers of Martin Luther

Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God;
make them ever watchful to serve You and Your purposes.
Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work.
Trouble us with the greatness of Your command
to make disciples of all nations.
Trouble us with Your great love for sinners
and our own slowness to make You our greatest love.
Trouble us with the brevity of our lives
and time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity.
Comfort us by drawing us to Yourself
with the cords of Your unfailing mercy.
Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation
and unending glory with You when we suffer and are afflicted.
Rekindle in us a renewed desire
for the coming of Your glorious kingdom
when all wrongs will be made right,
when everything that is broken will be made whole,
and when we will trade a cross for a crown.
In Jesus’s name we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:7-8 ESV

In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of His grace,
which He lavished upon us in all wisdom and insight.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & 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 6:44 — “The Antidote for the Anti-Gospel”
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

†SONG OF RESPONSE

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 ESV

Pastor: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself
and God our Father,
Who loved us and gave us eternal comfort
and good hope through grace,
comfort your hearts and establish them
in every good work and word.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of
J. Frank Harrison Jr. and Sue R. Harrison by Mitch and Deborah Everhart.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by
volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, October 30.

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SERMON OUTLINE

1. Destitute

2. Drawn

3. Delivered

Giving Update	Deacons (General Fund)	World Missions
Annual Budget	\$3,046,380	\$850,000
Raised Year-to-Date	\$1,353,778	\$466,946



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