

## NEW & UPCOMING AT 1<sup>ST</sup> PRES

### **CCS Choir**

We are proud to welcome the Chattanooga Christian School Concert Choir, directed by Christa Tahere and accompanied by pianist Kari Kuhns. We thank them for contributing to our worship this morning.

### **Retirement of Don Holwerda**

This morning during the Sunday School hour, we celebrated the retirement of our Church Administrator Don Holwerda. We want to thank Don for eleven faithful years on staff and for his tireless service to Christ through the mission of 1st Pres. He will continue to be heavily involved as a member of our church.

### **First Cup - February 6**

1st Pres Men are invited to join us for our next monthly breakfast on Tuesday, January 9, on the 10th floor of the Tower from 7am - 8am. Come get some good food, delicious coffee, and a soul-quenching devotional!

### **It's a Wonderful Life! Senior Fellowship - February 8**

Break out of the winter doldrums with fellowship, a fascinating program, and a great lunch! Lowell Ivey, the new Director of the PCA's prison ministry, will share his life-changing experiences as a prisoner, his calling to pastoral ministry, and his new calling to shepherd Metanoia Prison Ministries. Fellowship starts at 10:30am in the coffee lounge, and the program starts at 11 in the Fellowship Hall. To RSVP, email [Janette.Barnes@gmail.com](mailto:Janette.Barnes@gmail.com) or [RWrenn@epbfi.com](mailto:RWrenn@epbfi.com).

### **Women's Progressive Brunch - February 10**

Meet new friends and get to know each other better over a delicious 3-course brunch! Register by February 4 at [1stPresbyterian.com/Events](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events). There is a \$5 charge for the meal, and childcare is available.

### **Adult Summer Short-Term Mission Trips**

Our World Missions ministry will be sending out several teams for short-term missions this summer, including: London July 1-8 for the London Evangelism And Prayer (LEAP) Week, and Nairobi, Kenya July 18-28 to provide basic health care services for several communities in the area. Learn more and apply by going to [1stPresbyterianWorldMissions.com/Teams/Applications](http://1stPresbyterianWorldMissions.com/Teams/Applications).

### **1st Pres Deacons - Who We Are & the Master Plan**

Deacons are elected officers of the church, and one of the many things they are charged with is maintaining the facilities in our 113-year-old church. To meet the needs of our evolving congregation and environment, the Deacons have developed the Master Plan: an extensive project (of which we are currently in the fundraising phase) to renovate our buildings and address some crucial infrastructure issues. We want to be as open as possible about these many changes. If you have any questions regarding the Master Plan, you can direct them to [MasterPlanning@1stPresbyterian.com](mailto:MasterPlanning@1stPresbyterian.com).

### **Midweek - February 7**

Midweek continues this week, with a meal and fellowship at 5:30pm and electives for nursery, kids, youth, and adults starting at 6:15pm. This semester's adult elective features guest experts who will examine the Biblical foundations of Western society and equip you to answer the objections raised against them. For more information, go to [1stPresbyterian.com/Midweek](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Midweek).

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For more information on these and other upcoming events, subscribe to our Weekly Email Announcements on our website under the "Resources" tab, or go to [1stPresbyterian.com/Events](http://1stPresbyterian.com/Events).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:15AM EACH SUNDAY

NOTE: No Adult or Youth Sunday School today — We are having a retirement celebration for Church Administrator Don Holwerda in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Adult**

**Bible 101:** all ages, SS 212

A round-table discussion on the basic studies of Scripture following the Chalmers Center Guide. Currently studying *The Jesus Storybook Bible*.

**Chapter by Chapter:** ages 50+, Tower 804

Currently studying Colossians; mostly 50s+ but all ages welcome.

**Fellowship Class:** all ages, SS 210

Currently studying Isaiah verse-by-verse. Class is mostly seniors but welcomes all.

**First Pres Forum Class:** all ages, Fellowship Hall

Offering a rotating schedule of teachers and speakers. This month, Dr. Herbert Ward, the Chair of the Biblical and Theological Studies Department at Covenant College, will be teaching a series on Old Testament Covenant Theology.

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

A no-pressure, discussion-based class currently studying God's Biblical responses to Screwtape/Satan in C.S. Lewis's book *The Screwtape Letters*.

**Link Class:** ages 60+, Tower 301

Fellowship and prayer followed by a study of Philippians. Class is mostly seniors but welcomes all.

**McCallie/Anderson Class:** all ages, Chapel

Class dates back to 1924 and is named after legendary Sunday School teachers J. Park McCallie and Lee Anderson. Currently studying Isaiah verse-by-verse.

**Reformed by the Word:** ages 50s - 80s, Tower 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

An interactive class studying the Gospel according to Mark. Lessons are followed by a time of prayer.

**Rocking Chair Class:** all ages, Tower 302

Focuses on discovering "what sayest the Scripture." Currently studying John MacArthur's series, "The Rapture & the Day of the Lord."

**International & Adult Bible Discussion:** all ages, Tower 805

Part of the First Friends Ministry, welcomes international college students. Currently studying the Kingdom of God.

**Welcome All Class,** all ages, Tower 403

Currently studying how Jesus lived as a person and what it means to be fully human as God planned, using Paul Miller's *The Person of Jesus*.

**Young Couples:** ages 20s - 30s couples, SS 211

A short lesson followed by group discussion. Class is currently studying the Book of Church Order from the Presbyterian Church in America's Constitution.

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

Aimed at connecting recent college graduates and newly-weds in their 20s-30s; current series is "Soul Care: Spiritual Food for Hungry People," studying Psalms.

### **Youth & Kids**

**Youth Large Group:** 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Student Center (across McCallie Ave.)

**Kid's Sunday School:** Pre K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, ground, 1<sup>st</sup>, & 2<sup>nd</sup> level Children's Wing

**Nursery:** Infant - 4-years-old



*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, FEBRUARY 4, 2024** **11:00 AM**

† *Please stand as you are able.*

### **THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

#### **WORSHIP REFLECTION**

We can trust God when life hurts  
because God is infinite in His wisdom,  
absolutely sovereign in His power,  
and perfect in His love.

— Jerry Bridges

Let us learn to concern ourselves  
with the sorrows and troubles of others,  
and to inquire into the reason of their sadness.  
We should especially consider the tears of the oppressed.  
For it is some relief to those that are in trouble  
to be taken notice of.

— adapted from *Matthew Henry's Commentary on Genesis 40*

#### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

O God, the protector of all who trust in You,  
without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
Increase and multiply upon us Your mercy;  
that, with You as our ruler and guide,  
we may so pass through things temporal,  
that we lose not the things eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **PRELUDE**

*"Esto Les Digo" by Kinley Lange*

*Translation: "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there will I be also."  
Chattanooga Christian School Concert Choir*

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### CHORAL INTROIT

*“Wade in the Water” arr. Stacey Gibbs*

*CCS Concert Choir*

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

*Isaiah 49:14-16 ESV*

Pastor: But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me;  
my Lord has forgotten me.  
Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
that she should have no compassion  
on the son of her womb?”

**People: Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.  
Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands;  
your walls are continually before me.”**

### †PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### †HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Amazing Grace” No. 460 (vv. 1,2,3,6)*

### †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 28*

Pastor: How does the knowledge  
of God's creation and providence help us?

**People: We can be patient when things go against us,  
thankful when things go well,  
and for the future we can have good confidence  
in our faithful God and Father  
that nothing in creation will separate us from His love.  
For all creatures are so completely in God's hand  
that without His will they can neither move nor be moved.**

### †HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Give Me Jesus” Bulletin (vv. 1,3,4)*

### COVENANT BAPTISM & RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Alice Adelle Wuerfel,  
daughter of new members Tim & Abigail Wuerfel*

### †HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*“What Wondrous Love Is This” No. 261 (vv. 1-3)*

### OFFERTORY

*“I've Been in the Storm So Long” arr. Jeffrey Aimes*

*CCS Concert Choir*

## GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*Please take your PreK-1st grade children to the check-in station  
at the PreK-K department on the Fellowship Hall level.*

### †DOXOLOGY

## THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

### SERMON

#### *“Faith for the Long Haul”*

**Genesis 40:1-23 (pp. 33-34 in church pew Bible)**

*“Keeping Your Faith When Life Lets You Down: A Study of the Life of Joseph”*

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

### OUTLINE

1. Faith Serves
2. Faith Trusts God's Sovereignty
3. Faith Trusts God's Providence

### †HYMN OF RESPONSE

*“Were You There?” No. 260 (vv. 1,4,5)*

## THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### †BENEDICTION

*adapted from Psalm 121:7-8 NASB*

Pastor: May the LORD protect you from all evil;  
may He keep your soul.  
and may He guard your going out and your coming in  
from this time and forever.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### CHORAL BLESSING

*“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” by Peter Lutkin*

*CCS Concert Choir*

### POSTLUDE

*“When I Can Read My Title Clear” arr. Dale Wood*

*Dr. Wesley Roberts, organ*

## Give Me Jesus

*In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; in the morning I will  
order my prayer to You and eagerly watch. Psalm 5:3*



1. In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
2. Dark mid-night was my cry, dark mid-night was my cry,  
3. And when I am a - lone, and when I am a - lone,  
4. O when I come to die, O when I come to die,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
dark mid - night was my cry: give me Je - sus.  
and when I am a - lone, give me Je - sus.  
O when I come to die, give me Je - sus.



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all this world— give me Je - sus.



TEXT and MUSIC: African American Spiritual

GIVE ME JESUS

### Giving Update for Deacons/General Fund

*Annual Budget (fiscal year ends March 31):*

\$3,046,380

*Raised Year-to-Date:*

\$2,382,495



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We'd love to connect with you!  
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to fill out a connect card.*



*To make a secure contribution  
to First Pres, scan the above QR  
code with your phone camera or  
text GIVE to 423-888-0345.*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Jean Adcox by the family.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee on Monday, February 5, and  
delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on **Tuesday, February 6.***

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