

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:15AM EACH SUNDAY

### 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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> 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:** 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



New to 1st Pres?  
We'd love to connect with you!  
Scan with your phone camera  
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 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.

### COMING UP AT 1<sup>ST</sup> PRES

#### **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!

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Cup Men's Breakfast - November 7**

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

#### **1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> floor of the Tower** for our next Inquirer's Class! Light breakfast will be provided. Register online at [1stPresbyterian.com/events](http://1stPresbyterian.com/events) by Thursday, January 18. For childcare, email our Kid's Ministry Director Emily Brelsford.

#### **Introducing "First Takes," a Podcast from 1<sup>st</sup> Pres**

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

---

Announcements are available via email subscription  
or the 1<sup>st</sup> Pres App. Subscribe to our emails at [1stPresbyterian.com](http://1stPresbyterian.com).



*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**

**11:00 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 506<sup>th</sup> 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!

#### PRELUDE

*"Come, All Christians, Be Committed" arr. Anna Laura Page  
Dr. Sigrid Luther, piano & Dr. Wesley Roberts, organ*

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHORAL INTROIT

*“Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise” arr. Dave Clark  
Congregation, please sing as directed. Youth Choir*

## 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

### †HYMNS OF PRAISE

***“How Firm a Foundation”*** No. 94 (vv. 1,2,4,6)  
***“Reformation Hymn”*** Bulletin

### 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.

### †HYMN OF ASSURANCE

***“Amazing Grace”*** No. 460 (vv. 1-6)

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

### OFFERTORY

*“You Are Precious in My Sight” by N. Elsey, arr. H. Sorenso  
Youth Choir*

### 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

### †HYMN OF RESPONSE

***“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”*** No. 342 (vv. 1-5)

## 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.**

### POSTLUDE

*“Now Thank We All Our God” arr. Flor Peeters  
Dr. Wesley Roberts, organ*

*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.*

**Stay connected and informed with the 1st Pres app. Text APP to 423-888-0345.**

**554 McCallie Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37402**

Office (423) 267-1206 office@1stpresbyterian.com www.1stpresbyterian.com

## SERMON OUTLINE

1. Destitute

2. Drawn

3. Delivered

## Reformation Hymn



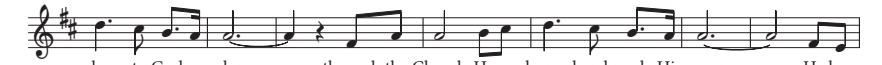
1. We will trust God's Word a-lone, where His per-fect will is known; Our tra-di-tions shift like  
2. We are saved by grace a-lone— un-de-served, yet free-ly shown; No ac-com-plish-ment on



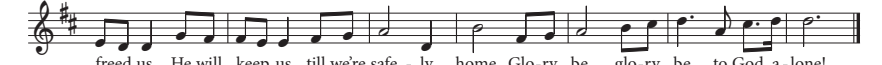
sand while His truth for-ev-er stands. We will live by faith a-lone, clothed in mer-it not our  
earth can a-chieve the sec-ond birth. We will stand on Christ a-lone, the un-yeild-ing Cor-ner-



own; All we claim is Je-sus Christ and His fin-ish-ed sac-ri-fice. Glo-ry be, glo-ry  
stone; Na-tions rage and dev-ils roar, still He reigns for-ev-er-more!



be to God a-lone through the Church He re-deemed and made His own. He has



freed us, He will keep us till we're safe-ly home, Glo-ry be, glo-ry be to God a-lone!

WORDS AND MUSIC: Chris Anderson and Bob Kauflin

Copyright 2016 Sovereign Grace Music and Church Works Media. All rights reserved.

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

### Pastors

Gabe Fluhrer, *Senior Pastor*  
gabe@1stpresbyterian.com

Dick Cain, *Senior Assistant Pastor*  
dick@1stpresbyterian.com

Randy Nabors, *Missions*  
randy@1stpresbyterian.com

Dick Fisher, *Visitation*  
ref27@msn.com

Don Holwerda, *Church Administrator*  
don@1stpresbyterian.com

### Directors

West Breedlove, *Asst. Dir. of Worship*  
west@1stpresbyterian.com

Emily Brelsford, *Kids*  
emily@1stpresbyterian.com

Shad Guinn, *Community Outreach*  
shad@1stpresbyterian.com

Darrin Hassevoort, *Music & Worship*  
darrin@1stpresbyterian.com

Brad Roberts, *Youth*  
brad@1stpresbyterian.com

Forrest Walker, *Vesper Point*  
forrest@vesperpoint.org