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This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, December 26

9:30 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Coffee-Coke Fellowship
11:30 AM Worship Service

Fellowship Hall
Connector
Sanctuary

Monday, December 27

Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 28

10:00 AM All-Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Beatitude Living
6:30 PM Virtual House of Prayer

Tower 404
Zoom

Wednesday, December 29

6:15 AM Dead Theologians Society
4:00 PM Advisory Committee
4:30 PM World Missions Prayer Time

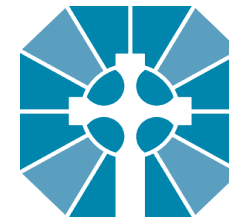
Fellowship Hall
Tower 404

Thursday, December 30

Friday, December 31

Church Offices Closed

Saturday, January 1



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*The Vision of First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga
is to be a city-center church
compelled by Christ's love
to make disciples in our homes, city, and the world.*

The Lord's Day
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021
9:30 AM

GATHERING SONG

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

2 Corinthians 8:9 & 1 John 4:9-10

Reader: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

People: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.

Reader: In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

People: Come, let us adore Him!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

"Joy to the World"
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

Confession of Sin

O most great, most just and gracious God,
we confess that we have all sinned
and come short of the glory of God.
We have neglected Your holy worship.
We have not sought first Your kingdom.
You have revealed Your wonderful love to us in Christ
and offered us pardon and salvation in Him,
but we have turned away.
We have run into temptation,
and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed.
Have mercy on us, most merciful Father!
In Your Son is our salvation, in Your promises our hope.
Take us for Your children and give us the Spirit of Your Son,
through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

Song of Assurance

“What Child Is This”

Prayer for Christ’s People

Giving of Tithes & Offerings/Announcements

Greeting

Doxology

The Word for God’s People

Sermon

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 — “Facing the Future with Faith”

Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

Song of Response

The Sending of God’s People

Benediction

from Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace, both now and forevermore, in the name of
the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Flowers on display in the Sanctuary are given by Dr. and Mrs. George S. Edwards Jr.
in honor of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. The Edwards have three children, ten
grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. The flowers are also given in memory
of their parents; Mr. and Mrs. George S. Edwards, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Osborne.

Flowers from today’s display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered
by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, December 27th.

Sermon Notes:

1. Faith’s Origin

2. Faith’s Outworking

3. Faith’s Reward

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