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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**



*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**  
**11:30 AM**

† *Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP  
*"Hallelujah Chorus" from **Messiah** by G.F. Handel*

**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**

† **HYMNS OF PRAISE**  
***"We Three Kings"**  
**"As with Gladness Men of Old"**    No. 226 (vv. 1,4,5)*

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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.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” No. 208

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

“All Is Well” by W. Kirkpatrick & M.W. Smith/arr. Ron Huff

GREETING

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

†SERMON

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 — “Facing the Future with Faith”  
Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” No. 224 (vv. 1,3)

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.

POSTLUDE

The flowers are given by Dr. and Mrs. George S. Edwards Jr. in honor of their 65<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sermon Notes:

1. Faith’s Origin

2. Faith’s Outworking

3. Faith’s Reward

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