

This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, January 1

11:00 AM Worship Service

Sanctuary

Monday, January 2

All Day Offices Closed

10:00 AM Flower Delivery Pick-Up

Connector

Tuesday, January 3

7:00 AM Men's Monthly Breakfast

10th Floor

10:00 AM All-Staff Meeting

Tower 402

12:00 PM Beatitude Living

Tower 404

6:30 PM Virtual House of Prayer

Zoom

Wednesday, January 4

6:30 AM Dead Theologians Society

Fellowship Hall

5:30 PM RAPHA Fellowship

Nell Davis

6:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

Choir Room

Thursday, January 5

10:00 AM Balance Exercise Class

Youth Building

Friday, January 6

10:15 AM Support Staff Meeting

Reception Desk

12 PM Card-E-Ology

8th Floor



First Presbyterian Church exists to be a Christ-exalting, city-center church committed to fulfilling the Great Commission in Chattanooga, North America, and around the world, to the glory of the Triune God.

The Lord's Day
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

11:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress" arr. Kent Baker

Brass Quintet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

2 Corinthians 8:9 & 1 John 4:9

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.

† **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

† **HYMNS OF PRAISE**

"All Glory Be to Christ"
"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"



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†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 27

Reader: What do you understand by the providence of God?

**People: The almighty and ever present power of God
by which God upholds, as with His hand,
heaven and earth and all creatures,
and so rules them that
leaf and blade,
rain and drought,
fruitful and lean years,
food and drink,
health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty—
all things, in fact, come to us
not by chance
but by His fatherly hand.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**O Lord, we would come to You with the penitence of the prodigal son,
confessing that we have sinned against heaven and in Your sight.
You give freely of the Bread of Life to all who seek Your fullness,
and You bestow a father's blessing on every returning wanderer.
We have wandered from You.
We have squandered the goods You have given us as though they belonged
to us,
forgetting that our life and breath and all things are from You.
Often we have lived as if we had no heavenly Father to thank for
His goodness.
We sought satisfaction in earthly pleasures,
but they were only as husks to our souls.
And now we come back crying, "Why should we perish with hunger,
when there is bread enough in our Father's house to spare?"
We thank You that we feel our wanderings,
and You incline our hearts to come back to You.
O gracious Father, have mercy on us. Grant us forgiveness. Amen.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"His Mercy Is More"

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Mark Hayes

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

Ephesians 1:10 — "The Meaning of History"

Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Be Thou My Vision"

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

*"In dir ist Freude" BWV 615, by J.S. Bach
("In Thee Is Gladness")*

Patrick Rice, organ

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*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mrs. Olan Mills, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Malone,
and Mr. Charles G. Mills, by Mrs. Charles G. Mills and family.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by
volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, January 2nd.*

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