



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of CHATTANOOGA

*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 12, 2021

9:30 AM

GATHERING SONG

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 1:46-50, 54-55

Reader: My soul magnifies the LORD, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant.

People: For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for He
Who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.

Reader: And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to genera-
tion.

People: He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as
He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

**Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus,
Who, though He was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied Himself,
by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.**

**And being found in human form,
He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Our God and Father,
when we behold Your Son, Jesus, we see Your great love for us,
for You sent Your one and only Son into the world to die for sinners
like us,
so that whoever believes in Him would have eternal life.**

**Since You have given Your Son, we can say with the apostle Paul, "How
will You not also with Christ graciously give us all things?"**

**Yet our love and devotion to our possessions and our pleasures reveal
again our true need for Jesus.**

**Lord, in this Christmas season, would You please fill our hearts with desire
to know Him, to love Him, to serve and follow Him;
fill our mouths with words to honor Him and proclaim Him;
give us His presence to guide us in wisdom, to give peace to our troubled
souls, to guard and protect our ways;
grant us His grace and favor to forgive our sins and to bring us to glory.**

SONG OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH*

**Please check in your children PreK-1st grade at the check-in station by the FH level eleva-
tor and walk them to the PreK-K dept.*

DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

John 1:1 — "The Word Before the World"
"Joy to the World: An Advent Series"
Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

SONG OF RESPONSE

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

Isaiah 60:1

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has
risen upon you, 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 to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Edgar M. Jolley, Sr.*

*Flowers from today's display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered
by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, December 13th.*

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Sermon Notes:

1. The Eternal Word

2. The Personal Word

3. The Divine Word

This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday,December 12

9:30 AM	Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM	Sunday School	
	Youth Large Group	Student Center
11:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:30 PM	Hughes D-Group	Tower 404

Monday, December 13

10:00 AM	Women’s Prayer Ministry	Session Room
6:30 PM	Reformation Bell Choir Rehearsal	SS 208

Tuesday, December 14

10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
5:30 PM	ONE Bible Study	Tower 8th & 10th
	WMEC Meeting	Tower 402/3
6:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Wednesday, December 15

6:15 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM	Advisory Committee	Tower 404
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call	Tower 301
	World Missions Prayer Time	
5:30 PM	Rapha Fellowship Meal	Fellowship Hall
6:15 PM	Rapha Fellowship	SS 209 & SS 210

Thursday, December 16

5:30 PM	Stephen Ministry	Tower 301
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, December 17

10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8 th Floor

Saturday, December 18



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