



JULY 6, 2025
COMMUNION SUNDAY



WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD



Integrative Method of Worship

There are many styles of worship. At First Presbyterian, our worship style, generally, is a traditional reformed service with liturgy, confession and classic Christian hymnody. Even with our traditional emphasis, we believe that relevant worship in the 21st century provides space for congregants and visitors to do integrative spiritual work. By this, we mean that our daily experiences inform and affect our theology and vice versa. In worship at First Presbyterian, we are striving to integrate experience and theology so that we feel responsive and genuine in our faith as we live our daily lives. Worship planning is anchored and planned around the sermon or the sermon series. Series are planned to address any one of four areas: mission of the church, life of the church family, Biblical literacy and current relevant topics. We strive to be balanced and thoughtful in what is offered for your prayer and reflection. However, because integration and responsiveness is the goal, we will often address sensitive issues. Prayers and confessions are written by our pastor. Our children's Spirit Box time is the opportunity for children to have a choice and voice in worship. We welcome you, as you are, to each worship service at First Presbyterian. Integrative work is not easy. It is not always comfortable, but it is essential to a vital church. Please feel free to reach out to our pastor with your questions.

Statement of Mission

First Presbyterian Church of Waco, Texas, welcomes all as children of God through our worship, outreach, Christian education and congregational life events. By the liberating and compelling grace of God, and in accord with our Reformed theological heritage, we follow Jesus Christ's example by reaching out to seekers and those in need, nurturing disciples, honoring diversity and seeking to reconcile the world to God through ministries of justice and mercy.

If You Are New Here

Stop by our Welcome Center in the Narthex for information. When you are seated, please fill out the Welcome Folder you will find in the pew. After all in the pew have signed, pass it to the center aisle or use the QR code to sign in online.

These May Help During the Service

If you would like a large-print hymnal or hearing enhancement device, please ask an usher. We also have worship bags for children on the wall of the Narthex. Please return the bag after the service.

If You Are in Need of Prayer

You will find prayer cards in the back of the pew. You may place them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. Your prayers are confidential.

Childcare

Childcare is available from 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Contact the church office at (254) 752-1665 for more information.

Worship Service - July 6, 2025 - Communion Sunday

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30) *I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go* arr. Mohlman
(10:30) *The Mighty God in Power Speaks* Lasky



**Scan and
register your
attendance.**

+ Call to Worship (Luke 9:57-58)

One: "As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.'

Many: "Jesus said to them, 'Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'"

One: So we gather in worship to honor the one who was on the move.

**Many: We gather to take our part in the journey inspired in the
Apostle Paul.**

One: Let us tread lightly and seek to do little harm. Let us worship God in Christ.

+ Hymn #346 *For the Healing of the Nations* ST. THOMAS

**+ Please
rise in
body or in
spirit.**

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of our Lives, we confess that we have wanted to get-a-move-on. We have wanted to make progress, make a change or get something over with. How we long to journey well through our life. May we sometimes pause and listen along the way. May we calibrate our life for timing, honoring those who journey with us. How grateful we are for your light and the measure of daily bread that arrives to us. Whether our road is likened to Jerusalem or Emmaus, let us move forward with intention and grace. Amen.

**Scan the
QR code
to chat
with the
Zoom
room!**

Moment of Silence

Response Hymn #341 (10:30) *O God, Show Mercy to Us* THAXTED
O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace;
and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face.

8:30 AM



Declaration of Grace & Sharing of the Peace of Christ

+ Invitation to Our Children (10:30) "*Christ Before Me*" St. Patrick's Breastplate
Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ beside me, Christ within me,
Christ in the face of those who love me

10:30 AM



Spirit Box Toasting Our Emotions

God be in my head. God be in my heart. God be on my left. God be on my right.
God be beneath me. God be above me. God be in the faces of all who love me.

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



On Sundays when we have communion or baptism and the congregation responds to the sacrament, we receive that participation as our Affirmation of Faith for the day.

Prayer of Illumination
 Epistle Scripture Reading: Acts 13:1-12 (pew Bible OT pg.131)
 Leader: The Word of the Lord. | **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Whither Must I Wander* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Home no more home to me, whither must I wander? Hunger my driver, I go where I must. Cold blows the winter wind over hill and heather: Thick drives the rain and my roof is in the dust. Loved of wise men was the shade of my roof-tree, The true word of welcome was spoken in the door— Dear days of old with the faces in the firelight, Kind folks of old, you come again no more. Home was home then, my dear, full of kindly faces, Home was home then, my dear, happy for the child. Fire and the windows bright glittered on the moorland; Song, tuneful song, built a palace in the wild.

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: Acts 14:8-13 (pew Bible NT pg.133)
 Leader: The Gospel of our Lord. | **People: Praise to you, O Christ**

+ Gloria Patri #581 (10:30) *Glory Be to the Father* Gloria Patri
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Sermon: The Migrating Heart: Early Momentum Leslie King, D. Min.

Offering (10:30) *Air* Lully

+ Doxology #606 (10:30)
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30) *A Warm Embrace* Tonioli
 (10:30) *Poco Adagio* Saint-Saens

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
 Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
 Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

+ Hymn #252	<i>Day of Arising</i>	RAABE
+ Charge & Benediction		
+ Closing Response: (10:30) #175	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	LAFFERTY
Postlude: (8:30)	<i>Love at Home</i>	arr. Sally Deford
(10:30)	<i>The Heavens Declare the Glory of God</i>	Marcello

Sanctuary Flowers

In honor of Danny Lott, youngest son of Bob and Jackie Lott. We miss you Danny.

Given by: Bob & Jackie Lott



Parlor Plants

Mila Malavanti in celebration of my mom’s birthday

Given by: Matthew Malavanti

South Waco Tutor & Pen Pal Interest Meeting
July 9th, 12:00 – 1:00 PM.

UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

6

Communion Sunday

8:30 AM

9:15 AM

10:30 AM

11:30 AM

Worship Service - Hybrid

Christian Formation Classes for all ages

Worship Service - Hybrid

Coffee Fellowship

TUE

8

8:30 - 11:30 AM

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

6:00 PM

Meals on Wheels - For more information contact

Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

Service Day at Salvation Army

Faith on Tap - One Day Bar

618 Columbus Ave STE B, Waco, TX 76701

WED

9

12:00 PM

6:00 PM

South Waco Elementary Interest Meeting

Bell Clinic - Sanctuary

THU

10

8:30 - 11:30 AM

9:00 AM

12:00 PM

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Classic Voice Ensemble - Choir Room

Finance Committee Meeting

FRI

11

6:00 PM

Reel Spirituality - Pinewood Public House

2223 Austin Ave B, Waco, TX 76701

SUN

13

8:30 AM

9:15 AM

10:30 AM

11:30 AM

Worship Service - Hybrid

Christian Formation Classes for all ages

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Coffee Fellowship

July 20th immediately following the 10:30 service a congregation meeting is called for the purpose of receiving an official report from our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

FIRST PRES NEWS

OUR HYBRID HOUSE

Our Hybrid House is the newest committee of the Diaconate and will be focused on what it means to enrich our environment for hybrid worship and meetings. We are particularly interested in your opinions and experiences if you are a non-local participant of First Presbyterian. Look for our Hybrid House meetings the 2nd Sunday each month at 5:00 PM.

July 13th in honor of the Rotan Windows Model T Ford, we are sharing "important" cars in our lives.



DINNERS FOR 8 ON JULY 19!

We are looking for 5 more households who might be willing to host the dinner! Use the QR code to sign up if you are interested in hosting or attending. Adopt a plate to help serve.



ARCHIVE EXHIBIT (IN PROCESS)

Check out our current exhibit:

The 1953 Downtown Waco Tornado & Dr. Samuel King. Explore the impact of one of Texas' deadliest storms and the legacy of a local leader who helped the city recover.

This exhibit is found in the glass case in-between foundation parlor and the Narthex.

BODY, MIND, & SOUL CAMP 2025

Kids entering Pre-K-4th grade are invited to a fun-filled week at FPC, July 28-August 1, 8:15am-12pm! Through scripture, science, music, art, games, yoga, and water play, campers will explore how water connects us to God, creation, and each other. Cost: \$20.

Register on Realm or contact Jeremy Davis at jdavis@firstpreswaco.org / (254) 752-1665.



BLOOD DRIVE WITH CARTER BLOODCARE!

Join us on Saturday, July 26 from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the Franklin parking lot as we work toward our goal of collecting 20 pints of blood! Every pint can save up to three lives, and your donation makes a real difference. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. Let's come together, roll up our sleeves, and Pump It Up for a great cause. Scan the QR code to sign up today!



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Church Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Sunday Services 8:30 AM (Weekly Communion) and 10:30 AM (Morning Worship)
Pastor – Leslie King

