



**AUGUST 31, 2025**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



Mosaic depicting Abraham's hospitality (Gen 18:1-15) located in the Basilica of San Vitale in Ravenna, Italy.

**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 - August 31, 2025 - 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

## Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30) *O Come and Sing Unto the Lord* Garrett Parker  
(10:30) *Andante Tranquillo (from Sonata III)* Mendelssohn

+ Call to Worship (Psalm 112)

One: Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

**Many: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.**

One: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

**Many: They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever. Amen.**

+ Hymn #679 *Let the Whole Creation Cry* SALZBURG

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

**God of incarnate solidarity, we confess that ambition and insecurity impede our hospitality. We long to follow the example you set for us, liberating those who suffer by taking their very condition as our own. Too often, disordered identities and interests prevent us from entertaining angels in our midst. Grant us strength to confront our selfish ambitions and courage to seek the prosperity of strangers. May we not grow weary in pursuit of your goodness. Amen.**

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.

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

Spirit Box

(8:30) Jack Watkins Holleyman  
(10:30) Brianna & Phoenix Harren

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.

Scan and  
register your  
attendance.



+ Please  
rise in  
body or in  
spirit.

Scan the  
QR code  
to chat  
with the  
Zoom  
room!

8:30 AM



10:30 AM



Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 2:4-13 (pew Bible OT pg.699)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. | **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*Prayer for Today*

Margaret R. Tucker

*God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the people everywhere who live in fear or pain or doubt; whose homes are gone, and hopes run out. God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the children everywhere who live in terrible, warring places; who live with hunger and long sad faces. God in heaven, I make my prayer for all good people everywhere who live in comfort, love and peace, and pray sincerely for strife to cease; but who do not always hear the call of those who live with nothing at all. God in heaven, hear my prayer! Help all people everywhere to come close together in plenty and need, and to make our world your home indeed.*

Epistle Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (pew Bible NT pg.227)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. | **People: Thanks be to God.**

+ 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: Hospitality & Identity

Taylor Holleyman Ph.D

+ Affirmation of Faith – page 35 of Hymnal

Apostles' Creed

This creed, spoken together, allows us to feel, summarily, the major movement of the gospel. Speaking it allows us to be cradled in the elements of the gospel that give us the most comfort. Equally, it allows us to ponder and wonder about elements that are more challenging to understand. Our recitation of it is not a call to uniformity and conformity. Rather, it is a call to continue to explore our mysterious gospel for the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

Offering (10:30)

*Verso in G minor*

Zipoli

+ 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) *Consolation No. 3*

Franz Liszt

**We are  
grateful for  
last  
week's  
giving of  
\$5,695.71.**

**Venmo can  
facilitate  
your  
offering or  
designated  
gift.**





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.**

Prayers of the People

**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 #366                      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*                      HYFRYDOL

+ Charge & Benediction

+ Closing Response: (10:30) #795    *Healer of Our Every Ill*                      Healer of Our Every Ill

Postlude: (8:30)                      *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*                      arr. Mark Hayes  
(10:30)                      *Voluntary on Hyfrydol*                      Hopson

**Sanctuary Flowers**

In Gratitude to God for our  
grandsons, Brady, Cooper, and  
Graham.

Given by: Susan & Chip  
Somerville



**Parlor Plants**

In honor of all the committee  
members who contribute their  
time and talents to FPC.

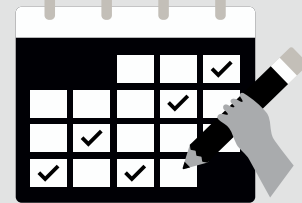
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**This is First Pres Meeting, Wednesday  
September 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in Chapel Parlor.  
Join us to learn more about life & membership  
at First Pres.**

**Nominating  
Committee**



# UPCOMING THIS WEEK



**SUN**

**31**

**8:30 AM**  
**9:15 AM**  
**10:30 AM**

Worship Service - Hybrid  
Christian Formation Classes for all ages  
Worship Service - Hybrid

**MON**

**1**

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Office Holiday



**TUE**

**2**

**8:30 - 11:30 AM**  
**5:30 PM**

Meals on Wheels - For more information contact  
Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305  
Congregational Life Meeting - Sharon Stern's Home

**WED**

**3**

**6:00 PM**  
**7:00 PM**

St. Cecilia Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary  
Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**THU**

**4**

**8:30 - 11:30 AM**  
**9:00 AM**  
**12:00 PM**

Meals on Wheels - For more information contact  
Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305  
Classic Voice Ensemble - Choir Room  
Personnel Committee Meeting - Zoom

**FRI**

**5**

**6:00 PM**

Reel Spirituality - Pinewood Public House  
2223 Austin Ave B, Waco, TX 76701

**SAT**

**6**

**9:00 AM**

Service Saturday - Habitat for Humanity

**SUN**

**7**

**Baptism Sunday**  
**8:30 AM**  
**9:15 AM**  
**10:30 AM**  
**11:30 AM**  
**3:00 PM**

Worship Service - Hybrid  
Christian Formation Classes for all ages  
Worship Service - Hybrid  
Coffee Fellowship  
Ice Cream Social - Fellowship Hall



# 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.

**Our next meeting will be September 14<sup>th</sup>. This month's question will be, what is your favorite gift you've received & from whom?**



### SEPTEMBER SERVICE SATURDAY

Service Saturday is September 6th with Habitat for Humanity. We'll be at a construction site, so expect some physical labor. Sign up on Realm or on the sheet in the narthex. This helps Habitat plan and ensures waivers are signed. Questions? Contact Taylor.



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women is returning **September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM**, meeting in Fellowship Hall or Zoom. Join us for Bible study and fellowship the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Contact Co-Moderators Sherry Cragen (254-644-1019) or Susan Somerville (512-921-1732) for more information. We hope to see you there!

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join us for the Ice Cream Social on September 7 at the church from 3:00 to 4:30 PM! Enjoy sweet treats, good company, and a fun afternoon of fellowship. Bring a friend—and don't miss Golden Ladle Trivia with Taylor & Austin for an extra scoop of fun!



### FIRST PRES CHURCH RETREAT

First Pres is heading back to Mo Ranch, November 7-9!

While the river is currently closed, all other activities are a go. Join us for a fun weekend of fellowship and relaxation. Space is limited—sign up by scanning the QR code before the **September 1 deadline**. Questions?

Contact Taylor Holleyman at [tholleyman@firstpreswaco.org](mailto:tholleyman@firstpreswaco.org) or 254-752-1665.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG](http://WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG)  
OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA @FIRSTPRESWACO



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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

