



SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 - COMMUNION AND BAPTISM SUNDAY

WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

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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.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30) *Come Follow Me* arr. Sally Deford
(10:30) *Prelude on Thaxted* Holst/Callahan

The prelude today is taken from Gustav Holst's "Jupiter," which is part of the larger orchestral suite *The Planets*. There are many hymn texts set to this tune, including the Response Hymn sung every Sunday in our church.

+ Call to Worship (A riff on Isaiah 12:3b-6)

One: Give thanks to God. In fact, call on God's name.

Many: We are celebrating where we have seen God at work. We are celebrating that God's canopy is over us.

One: We praise with a resonance that ripples out to the world. May all the world have a knowing of the mysterious way God works.

Many: Our strong and singing voices spread space for God to arrive fully into our midst.

One: Let us worship God in Christ. Amen.

+ Hymn #726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of H2O and Flow, we confess the gentle and rugged strength of water upon our material lives. Like rocks in a river, we confess our various locations in the stream of life. We have known the rapids and have been rustled and disrupted. We have known still waters and thought we might never move. We have known the pressure of carrying another weight and felt our positions change. We long for a right relationship with the pressures of life. May we find a refined awareness with a baptismal sensibility when there is loss and grief. We offer this confession and longing into the strength of Christ who receives us as we are. 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

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



We are grateful for last week's giving of \$4,839.70

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



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

+ Sacrament of Baptism (10:30)	Children of Abby & Hunter Harren Phoenix and Brianna Harren	
Choral Response #486	<i>Child of Blessing, Child of Promise</i>	KINGDOM
Spirit Box	Byntlie & Kynadie Montoya	
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.		
Prayer of Illumination		
Hebrew Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:6-12 (pew Bible OT pg.)		
Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.		
Anthem	<i>For Whom Shall We Pray?</i>	Earlene Rentz
+ Gospel Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 (pew Bible NT pg.)		
Leader: The Gospel of our Lord. People: Praise to you, O Christ		
+ Gloria Patri #581 (10:30)	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	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: Go Tell - Evangelism Revisited: Drawing Deep	Leslie King, D. Min.	
Offering (10:30)	<i>Trio</i>	Rheinberger
+ 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)	<i>Ave Maria</i>	arr. Charles Szczepanek
	(10:30) <i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	Miller
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 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 #487

These Treasured Children

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
- + Charge & Benediction
- + Closing Response: (10:30) #741

Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET
- Postlude: (8:30)
(10:30)

The Love of Jesus Medley
March Royale

William Bradbury
Lully

**Thank you
to Brenda
& John
Stephens
for hosting
Coffee
Fellowship!**

Sanctuary Flowers

In honor of my children Erin,
Hannah, Jack, Jim and Jillian.

Given by: Melanie Cook

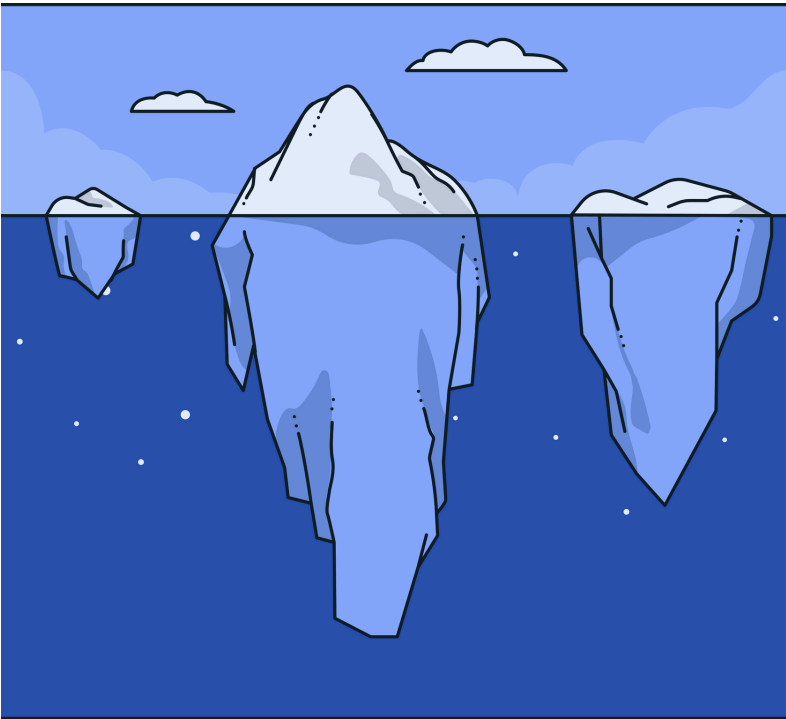


Parlor Plants

With gratitude for our
children, their spouses, and
our grandchildren.

Given by: Mike & Kathy Jones

**Thank you to, new member, Sarah Patterson for
serving as our liturgist today.**

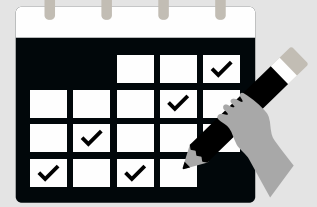


**Icebergs are
resources of fresh
water and iron for
the oceans.
Icebergs are a
metaphor for the
challenge it is to
“Go tell.”**

**Nominating
Committee**



UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

7

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

MON

8

1:00 PM
5:30 PM
5:30 PM

Presbyterian Women - Fellowship Hall or Zoom
Diaconate Meeting - C201 & Zoom
Administration Committee Meeting - Zoom

TUE

9

8:30 - 11:30 AM

6:00 PM

Meals on Wheels - For more information contact
Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305
Faith on Tap - One Day
618 Columbus Ave STE B, Waco, TX 76701

WED

10

6:00 PM
7:00 PM

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

THU

11

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
Finance Committee Meeting - Zoom

SUN

14

8:30 AM
9:15 AM
10:30 AM
11:30 AM
5:00 PM

Worship Service - Hybrid
Christian Formation Classes for all ages
Worship Service - Hybrid
Coffee Fellowship
Our Hybrid House - Zoom w/ Taylor Holleyman

Greater Waco Interfaith Festival of Faiths
Sunday, September 14, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Providence Pavilion of Providence Hospital

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 14th. This month's question will be, what is your favorite gift you've received & from when?



FAITH ON TAP

Join us September 9th, at 6:00 PM for Faith on Tap at One Day Bar. 618 Columbus Ave STE B, Waco, TX 76701.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women is returning **September 8th at 1:00 PM**, meeting in Fellowship Hall or Zoom. Join us for a bible study led by Leslie King, followed by fellowship. Add PW to your calendar the 2nd Monday of each month. Contact Co-Moderators Sherry Cragen (254-644-1019) or Susan Somerville (512-921-1732) for more information. See you there!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us for Men's Breakfast on Friday, September 19 at 7:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Whether it is your first time to attend or you have been to multiple we look forward to seeing you there!



THIS IS FIRST PRES

Are you interested in learning more about who we are as a church? Join us on Wednesday, September 17 at 5:30 PM in the Chapel Parlor for a relaxed and informative gathering. Whether you're new to First Pres or have been attending for a while, this is a great opportunity to hear about our story, our mission, and the many ways you can connect. We'll talk about what it means to be part of the First Pres family and explore the path to membership. Come with your questions, bring a friend, and enjoy an evening of conversation and community. Text Leslie to RSVP at (254) 214-5999.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG
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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

