



**SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 - 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**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 are 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.

Guide Us, O Loving Savior  
1 Guide us o loving Savior  
in sharing of your love  
Along the roads of trouble  
with help giv'n from above  
We tell of Christ's bold journey  
to come and seek us out  
By living here among us  
and helping with our doubts.

2 Guide us o loving savior  
to where all hate shall cease  
And holiness shall whisper  
the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with clanging insults,  
nor turning of our eyes  
Will holy love and mercy  
be given space to rise

3 Guide us o loving savior,  
we follow not with fears  
For goodness breaks like morning  
where'er your face appears  
Your spirit comes and finds us,  
whene'er we lose our way;  
It greets us where we linger  
at breaking of the day.



# Worship Service – September 28, 2025 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

## Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30) *There Is a Balm in Gilead* arr. Pam Gervais  
(10:30) *Lobe den Herren* Walther

## + Call to Worship

One: This is a day of beautiful creation and possibility.

**Many: This is the day that the Lord has made.**

One: We have the opportunity to be grateful within this day.

**Many: This is the day that the Lord has made.**

One: Let us worship God this day and each day.

**Many: Amen.**

+ Hymn #269 *Lead On, O King Eternal!* LANCASHIRE

## Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

**Constructive God, we confess that we are privileged to be your world builders. We confess that at times we have moved too quickly to clear land. We confess that at times we have taken up too much space. We confess our attempt to be the center of our world. How we long to build in vulnerability, grace, and community. In this way, we seek to put on the mind of Christ. We offer each prayer into the strength of the spirit. 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  
\$23,937.43.**

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



Spirit Box (10:30) Kathryn Delk  
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 61:1-4, 62:1, 10-12 (pew Bible OT pg.691)

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

Anthem

*Balm in Gilead*

William L. Dawson

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all.

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 (pew Bible NT pg.34)

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: Go Tell - Evangelism Revisited: Rebuilding

Leslie King, D. Min.

+ 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)

*Woodbird*

Schelat

+ 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.

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 #733

*We All Are One Mission*

WALDVOGELEN

+ Charge & Benediction

+ Closing Response: (10:30) #741 v.2

*Guide My Feet*

GUIDE MY FEET

Postlude: (8:30)  
(10:30)

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
*Sortie*

arr. Martha Mier  
Blake

Thank you to  
Wes and  
Shannon  
Field  
for hosting  
Coffee  
Fellowship!

Sanctuary Flowers

In loving memory of Jim & Johnne Gray B.H. & Betty Kendrick.

Given by: Jim & Joyce Gray



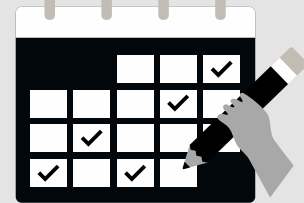
Parlor Plants

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

Given by: Mike & Kathy Jones

This morning’s first hymn has lyrics rewritten by Chancel Choir Director, Austin Ingalls. This is a project in his continuing education with Princeton Seminary.

# UPCOMING THIS WEEK



**SUN**

**28**

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

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**MON**

**29**

7:00 PM

Power of the Pen - Zoom

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**TUE**

**30**

8:30 - 11:30 AM

Meals on Wheels - For more information contact  
Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

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**WED**

**1**

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

St. Cecilia Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary  
Mid Week Programming - Youth  
Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

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**THU**

**2**

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

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**SUN**

**5**

**World 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

**Have any photos of the Church or an FPC event? Email or text them to Evan Cole our Design & Communications Specialist, so the church can continue building our archive.**

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# 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 on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5:00 PM.

**Our next meeting will be on October 12th. October's question will be "Who is your favorite character in the Bible and why?"**



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY YOUTH ART CONTEST

We're inviting all children or youth to submit original artwork for our Children's Sunday bulletin cover! Please create your art on standard white printer paper (8.5x11 - no lined paper, please). All entries are due by October 15th, please turn art work into the church office. We can't wait to see your creativity shine!

## INTO THE HEART WEDNESDAYS

Join us for a brown bag Wednesday night at 6:00 PM. We'll have special guest speakers each Wednesday in the youth suite! Each week will feature relevant content for the demands at work in the life of our youth.

## PIG ROAST

We are excited for the Olsons to host the Pig Roast again this year on Saturday, October 11th from 3:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Please sign up on Realm. Bring a folding chair and a sharable side or dessert.

1654 Rock Ridge Road  
Valley Mills, TX 76689



## COLLECTING FOR THE COVE

This October, we're collecting full-sized hygiene items for The Cove, a Waco nonprofit supporting youth experiencing homelessness.

Needed items include:

- Body wash
- Conditioner
- Shampoo
- Hairbrushes
- Lotion
- Shaving cream
- Feminine Hygiene - specifically pads with wings
- Mouthwash

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG](http://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

