

JANUARY 25, 2026

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Reversible Head with a Basket of Fruit
Giuseppe Arcimboldo, 1590

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 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 (ask an usher for assistance)

- Large-print hymnal
- Hearing enhancement device
- Worship bags & fidget toys for children in the Narthex "parental discretion with these items please." 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 unless you request otherwise.

Childcare

Childcare is available from 8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M in room S202.

Worship Service – January 25, 2026 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30) (10:30)	<i>Winter Prelude</i> <i>Oh, That I had a Thousand Voices</i> (Psalm 148)	Halber Hobby
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+ Please
rise in
body or in
spirit.

+ Call to Worship

One: Managing the fruit of our life requires a worshipful mindset.

Many: Fruit can spoil...can worship help us embrace our moments?

One: Fruit for the sharing is the beginning of worship.

Many: Fruit offered can fail to satisfy another's palate.

One: Worship reminds us that what nourishes is not always tasty.

+ Hymn #766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* MC KEE

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

O Creator God, we confess that we are not always sure that we have been fruitful in right ways. We confess that what comes to fruition in our lives is not always recognized as worthy. How we long to cultivate a community that can give feedback to our fruit and help us refine it for our moments. How we long to satisfy and experience satisfaction. In and through Christ we pray. 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

Spirit Box Charlie Stern



10:30 AM



We are
grateful
for last
week's
giving of
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Prayer of Illumination

Epistle Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:16-26 (pew Bible NT pg.190)

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

Anthem

Create In Me

John Purifoy

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me, I pray.

Restore to me now the joy of salvation and hold me with Thy free spirit.

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: John 15:11-17 (pew Bible NT pg.109)

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: Trending with the Apostle Paul's Creator Culture: Fruity 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)

Verso in e 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) *Going Home*

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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.

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+ Prayer 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 #30

O God, in a Mysterious Way

DUNDEE

+ Charge & Benediction

+ Closing Response: (10:30) #769

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

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

How Firm a Foundation
Toccata in e minor

Renfrow
Pachelbel

Sanctuary Flowers

In loving memory of Randy and
Sarah Preddy.



Given by: Lewis & Rose Marie K.
Preddy, Jack and Dr. Tiffany
(Preddy) Morton, and
grandchildren Abraham, Sara
and Stepehn Preddy, and Henry
and Anna Morton

Parlor Plants

In honor of our church staff
and their dedication to FPC
and its congregation.

Given by: John & Brenda
Stephens

Thank you to
Mark &
Marilyn
Harren
for hosting
Coffee
Fellowship!

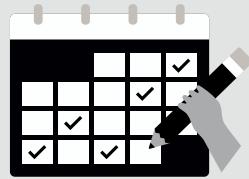
January & February Reading Challenge

Join the energy of our Neurodiversity Cohort! As part of our participation in the Neurodiversity Grant, we are charged to lead congregational education. We hope to make it fun and engaging. We invite you to read

Next Level: A Hymn in Gratitude for Neurodiversity, a children's book available in the narthex. After you've read it, please sign your name to show your participation. Let's build awareness and celebrate neurodiversity together at FPC!



UPCOMING THIS WEEK



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8:30 A.M.	Worship Service - Hybrid
9:15 A.M.	Christian Formation Classes for all ages
10:30 A.M.	Worship Service - Hybrid
11:30 A.M.	Coffee Fellowship

TUE

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8:30 - 11:30 A.M.	Meals on Wheels - For more information contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305
5:30 P.M.	Christian Formation Committee Meeting

WED

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12:00 P.M.	Facilitates Committee Meeting
1:30 P.M.	Worship Committee Meeting
6:00 P.M.	In the Wings Youth Programming
6:00 P.M.	St. Cecilia Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary
7:00 P.M.	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

THU

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8:30 - 11:30 A.M.	Meals on Wheels - For more information contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305
9:00 A.M.	Classic Voice Ensemble

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NOTE: We failed to include the name of Dr. Esther Lee in last week's bulletin. She was, alongside her colleagues, ordained & installed as an elder.

FIRST PRES NEWS

OUR HYBRID HOUSE

Our Hybrid House is the newest committee of the Diaconate, focusing on enriching 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 P.M.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS LINE UP

- January 28 - Youth Sunday Workshop
- February 4 - Cha & Chats

Events begins at 6:00 p.m.

Pizza served from 7:00-8:00 p.m.



ART SHOW

We are excited to host the Bill and Judy Franklin Art Show again in 2026 and invite artists of all ages and experience levels to participate. Please submit pieces to the church office by February 13. Artwork will be on display from February 22 to March 22.

Special thanks to Esther Lee and Ben McNamee for leading this event.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG
OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA @FIRSTPRESWACO



TOGETHER AT THE TABLE

is a twice-yearly opportunity to share a meal and build community in small groups.

Formerly known as Dinners for 8, this gathering takes place on February 28.

Please register by February 18 via Realm or the QR code, and note any preferences (Zoom, transportation, time of day, or hosting).



HOSTING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

We're grateful to everyone who hosted Coffee Fellowship in 2025! As we look to the new year, we're now accepting 2026 sign-ups. Hosts provide light snacks in Foundation Parlor after the 10:30 service on their chosen date. Please scan the QR code to register.



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Church Office Hours: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Sunday Services 8:30 A.M. (Weekly Communion) and 10:30 A.M. (Morning Worship)
Pastor - Leslie King

