



OCTOBER 4, 2026
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

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Integrative Method of Worship

At First Presbyterian, our worship style is a traditional Reformed service with liturgy, confession, and classic Christian hymnody. Even with our traditional emphasis, we believe worship should create 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. We strive to integrate experience and theology so that worship remains responsive to our daily lives. We plan worship around sermons and sermon series that address any one of four areas: the mission of the church, the life of the church, Biblical literacy, and current relevant topics. We strive to be balanced and thoughtful in what we offer. However, because integration and responsiveness are the goal, we will often address sensitive issues. Integrative worship is not always easy or comfortable, but it is essential to a vital church. Prayers and confessions are written by our pastoral staff. 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 and invite you to reach out to our pastors with your questions.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

During today's service you will be invited to share the peace of Christ with one another. There are those who receive the peace quietly within the assembly and there are those who reach out, embrace, and speak. We honor all the ways that the Peace of Christ arrives to us in body and in spirit and invite you to express this peace in a way most befitting your needs today.

We desire for worship at First Presbyterian to be accessible for people of diverse needs and experiences. Thank you for your patience, advocacy, and prayers as we work to welcome all people as children of God.

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
- Magnifying sheets
- Worship bags & fidget toys for children in the Narthex. Parental discretion is recommended with these items, please. Please return the bag and fidgets 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.

Greetings and Announcements

Welcome Home Children of God in World Languages

(8:30) Latin - Shane Montoya | Welsh - Enid Watkins Holleyman | Spanish - Saralyn McKinnon-Crowley

(10:30) German - DJ King | Ukrainian - Zdzislaw Weickowski Lakota - Jamie Jackson | Spanish - Saralyn McKinnon-Crowley | Italian - John Jovicich | Japanese - Carol Barrett

Prelude (8:30)

Prelude in G Minor

Bach

(10:30)

One Bread, One Body

Schmoltze

(Text: Hymn #530)

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

+ Call to Worship:

One: The spaces between us can be filled with the Spirit.

Many: The miles that separate us can be bridged with mindfulness.

One: We arrive to God's distinctiveness in me, you, and us.

Many: Worship does not call for uniformity but a unity that can honor God's wide and various world. Let us worship God together. Amen.

+ Hymn #526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

Holy Host of our lives, we confess we have hoped that all Christians might be of the same ilk. On this day, we long to honor the breadth and depth of your table. How we long to move beyond fantasies of uniformity. How we long to celebrate the space created by your table. May we arrive in the midst of our becoming. May we be emboldened toward the deep sharing that Christ set forth and celebrated, letting nothing pass him over. 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.

**Scan and
register your
attendance,**



**or please
sign in on
the pad
located in
the pew.**

Declaration of Grace & Sharing 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.

**We are
grateful for
last
week's
giving of
\$7,493.**

Spirit Box (8:30)

(10:30)

Theo & Miles Stahl-Wright

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.

Stewardship Message

Christine Huston

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Exodus 12:33-37 (pew Bible OT pg. 59)

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

Anthem (10:30)

Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee

Brahms

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: John 2:13-16 (pew Bible NT pg. 93)

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: Pacing for the Journey, a People's Story: Quick Bread

Leslie King, D.Min.

+ Hymn #717

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

*On sacrament Sunday's, the congregation's response to the sacraments are our
affirmation of faith.*

Offering (10:30)

Lac qui Parle (The Lake that Speaks)

Native Dakota Chant

*Thank you for passing the plate across each aisle, symbolizing our shared
responsibility and opportunity.*

+ 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.

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



Shane Montoya, Latin: The Lord be with you. | **People: And also with you.**
Esther Lee, Korean: Lift up your hearts. | **People: We lift them up to the Lord.**
Zdzislaw Wieckowski, Ukrainian: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

(10:30)Hymn #508, Come To the TableLORD’S SUPPER
First verse in Korean, the congregation is invited to sing verses 2 & 3

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 #529Draw Us in the Spirit’s TetherUNION SEMINARY

+ Charge & Benediction

Postlude (8:30)Rejoice O Pilgrim Throng!Hobby
(10:30)Let Us Talents and Tongues EmployJamaican Folk Tune

Join us after
10:30 Worship
for the
Stewardship
Luncheon in
the
Fellowship
Hall.

Sanctuary Flowers

In loving memory of Leslie C.
DuPuy, Jr., Joan Surrency
Raymond and Harold R.
Raymond.
Given by: LaRaine & Carr DuPuy



Parlor Plants

In honor and appreciation of all
God’s children.
Given by: Mike and Cathy McPhee

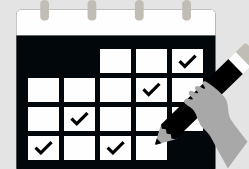
Nominating Committee:

Within the Presbyterian Church, there is a season of nominating individuals to serve on the Diaconate and the Session. Your 2026 Nominating Committee will receive, review, and recommend a list of nominees to be voted upon in our Annual Congregational Meeting in October. Look for more information on how to nominate a person to serve as deacon (diaconate) or elder (session) by using this QR code. Your congregational reps on the nominating committee include: Kris Olson, James Karney, Sue Patrick, Diane Williams, and Charlie Stern. Your session reps are Sam Parler and Meredith Palm.

Scan the QR
code to
nominate!



UPCOMING THIS WEEK



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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

9:15 a.m.

Christian Formation - Hybrid

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

11:30 a.m.

Stewardship Luncheon - Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m.

Young Adults Group - Moody Library

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5:30 p.m.

Diaconate Meeting - Hybrid

TUE

6

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meals on Wheels - For more information contact

Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

5:30 p.m.

Congregational Life Meeting - Hybrid

WED

7

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Youth Programming

6:00 p.m.

Bell Choir Practice

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

THU

8

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meals on Wheels - For more information contact

Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

6:30 p.m.

Open Table - For more information contact

Taylor Holleyman

SUN

11

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

9:30 a.m.

Christian Formation - Hybrid

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

11:30 a.m.

Young Adults' Lunch - Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

5:00 p.m.

Our Hybrid House

7:00 p.m.

Young Adults Group - Moody

FIRST PRES NEWS



Our Hybrid House is the newest committee of the Diaconate, focused on enriching our environment for hybrid worship and Zoom 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 on October 11th at 5:00 p.m. What was your first car, and how did you acquire it?



GRIEF, LOSS, & PLANNING

October 28th, November 4th, and November 11th.
Led by Leslie King and Dr. Helen Harris.



NOTE: 2026 Pig Roast has been delayed until the Spring of 2027

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Many thanks to Kyle Plaskett for organizing a Young Adults group, meeting at Moody Library each Sunday at 7 p.m. for a Bible study on John's gospel.

On October 11, we will host our Young Adults for lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 service. Scan the QR code below to join the Young Adults GroupMe and place your order for lunch on October 11th. Lunch costs are covered by the church!



YOUTH MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING

The Mission Trip next summer will be back at the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, June 5th-12th, for Youth (12 years and older) and adults. Space is limited to 14 spots, and we have 11 remaining. Join us in Fellowship Hall, directly following the 10:30 a.m. service on October 18th, to learn more. Contact Malorie Montoya (dcf@firstpreswaco.org) for more information or questions, or scan the QR code to register to attend the information meeting and/or sign up to go on the trip!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Youth are invited to join us each week for Wednesday Night Programming from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This Wednesday will begin our October programming theme, "Belonging to a Community." We will have the opportunity to hear from our Outreach Committee and learn about accessibility in the Waco community. During the 7 o'clock hour, we will have pizza and study hall time. Bring a friend for fellowship and fun together!

Contact Malorie Montoya for more information or questions: dcf@firstpreswaco.org

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

Pastor - Leslie King

