



OCTOBER 5TH, 2025
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



Fairy Tale. Garden of Eden. (1904) by Martiros Sarian

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

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 - October 5th, 2025 - World Communion Sunday

Welcome Home Children of God - World languages

(8:30): Austin Ingalls (German), Martha Du Preez (French), Enid Watkins Holleyman (Welsh).

(10:30): John Jovicich (Italian), Shane Montoya (Portuguese), Kathryn Delk (Japanese), Zdzislaw Wieckowski (Polish), Taylor Holleyman (German).

Prelude: (8:30)	<i>Holy Ground</i>	Mark Hayes
(10:30)	<i>Seed, Scattered and Sown</i>	Roberts
	(Text found on Hymn #531)	

+ Call to Worship (Psalm 33)

One: The Lord looks down from Heaven and sees all humankind.

Many: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in God's steadfast love.

One: Our soul waits for the Lord; for God is our help and our shield.

Many: Our heart is glad because we trust in God's holy name.

One: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we trust in you. Amen.

+ Hymn #401	<i>Here in This Place</i>	GATHER US IN
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Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

Gracious God, you created humankind for communion, but we are everywhere divided. We confess that we have disregarded your commands, misinterpreted your designs, and misused your creation. In so doing, we disrupt communion with you, with one another, and with the whole of creation. By the good work of your incarnation, you stitch the rift between heaven and earth and set in motion the healing of these divisions. We long, O Lord, for the fullness of your kingdom. By the strength of your Spirit, may our worship become a restorative act. May we be empowered to recover appropriate communion with you, with one another, and with all creation. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Response Hymn #341 (10:30)	<i>O God, Show Mercy to Us</i>	THAXTED
	O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace; and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face.	

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register your
attendance.**



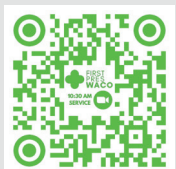
**+ Please
rise in
body or in
spirit.**

**Scan the
QR code
to chat
with the
Zoom
room!**

8:30 AM



10:30 AM



Declaration of Grace & Sharing of the Peace of Christ

**We are
grateful for
last
week's
giving of
\$4,822.20.**

+ 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 (10:30) Hannah & Finley Gingles
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.

2026 Stewardship Speakers: The Mack and Teresa Gingles Family

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:8-9 & 3:20-24 (pew Bible OT pg.2)

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

Anthem *Come Before the Table* Karen Marolli
Come before the table. O come, come and share the love that makes us one. O
come with one spirit, come with one hope, come with one song. Come as you are,
knowing we all belong. Come and share the blessing, come and share the promise.
Come with one mission, come with one love, come with one voice. Come all, near
and far, let all the world rejoice! Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who at this
blessed feast art pleased to be. Come and share the love!

Epistle Scripture Reading: Revelation 22:1-5 (pew Bible NT pg.261)

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: Created for Communion Taylor Holleyman, Ph.D

Offering (10:30) *One Bread, One Body* Schmoltze

+ 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) *It Is Well With My Soul* Martha Mier
(10:30) *Bread of the World* Burton

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



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

**Thank you to
Sarah Lieber
for her
musical gift.**

**Thank you to
LaRaine and
Carr DuPuy
for hosting
Coffee
Fellowship!**

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 #530 *One Bread, One Body* ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

+ Charge & Benediction

+ Closing Response: (10:30) #175 *Seek Ye First* LAFERTY

Postlude: (8:30) *There Is a Green Hill Fall Away* John H. Gower
(10:30) *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* Costello

Sanctuary Flowers

In loving memory of Joan
Surrency Raymond, Randolph
"Randy" Raymond, and Leslie
Carr DuPuy, Jr.

Given by: LaRaine and Carr
DuPuy



Parlor Plants

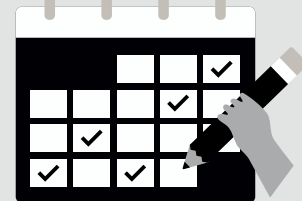
In memory of Dr. and Mrs. R.E.
Henderson, Jr, and in honor of
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metz.

Given by: Ron & Charlotte
Henderson

The congregation is called to a hybrid annual congregational meeting on October 19 immediately following the 10:30 worship service. Zoom attenders will use the 10:30 link. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect new elders and deacons, and to share the ministry plan for children and youth, as well as approve the terms of call for the pastor.

**Thanks to this Sunday's communion servers & those who shared
"Welcome home, children of God" in international languages.**

UPCOMING THIS WEEK



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

MON

6

5:30 PM

Diaconate Meeting - Session Room

TUE

7

8:30 - 11:30 AM

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

WED

8

6:00 PM

6:00 PM

7:00 PM

St. Cecilia Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Mid Week Programming - Youth

Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

THU

9

8:30 - 11:30 AM

9:00 AM

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

SAT

11

3:00 PM

REGISTER NOW



Pig Roast - Olson's Ranch

1654 Rock Ridge Road, Valley Mills, TX, 76689

SUN

12

8:30 AM

9:15 AM

10:30 AM

11:30 AM

5:00 PM

Worship Service - Hybrid

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Our Hybrid House

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 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 this week for "Into the Heart of Drama" as Adam Redmer leads us on a visit to the Baylor Theatre Department. We'll meet at the church at 6:00 PM, and pizza will be served at 7:00 PM.

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 shareable 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
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - WACO, TEXAS

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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

