

OCTOBER 18, 2026
SUDDERTH 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

Prelude (8:30) *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* Leaf
(10:30) *Cantad al Senor* Morris
St. Cecilia Handbell Choir

+ Please
rise in
body or in
spirit.

+ Call to Worship: (Psalm 61)

One: Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

Many: From the end of the earth I call to you, when my heart is faint.

One: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I; for you are my refuge.

Many: Let me abide in your tent forever, under the shelter of your wings.

One: Let us praise the God who hears our cry and brings us rest. Amen.

+ Hymn #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

O God who hears our cries and meets our needs, we confess struggling to know when to hustle and when to halt, when to prepare and when to pause. As you walk us through each wilderness, we are still learning to trust your provisions and abide by your instructions. May you give us our fill each day and help us to find our rest in you. Amen.

**AUDITORY
AWARENESS:**
On October
25th, 10:30
worship will
feature
bagpipes.

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 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 (8:30) Byntlie Montoya
(10:30) 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.

Stewardship Message

Jamie Delk

**Scan and
register your
attendance,**



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

We are grateful for last week's giving of \$6,224

Thank you for raising \$2,537 for the Sudderth Fund, surpassing our annual goal of \$2,500! Let's see if we can reach \$3,000!

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:22-30 (pew Bible OT pg. 63)

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

Anthem (10:30)

Prepare a Room For Me

Sensmeier

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: John 6:31-35 (pew Bible NT pg. 98)

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: Manna-facturing Rest

Taylor Holleyman, Ph.D.

Special Music (8:30)

Nun Danket

8:30 St. Cecilia Handbell Choir

+ Hymn #717 (10:30)

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

+ 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)

Fairest Lord Jesus

Schroeder

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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30) *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Duker

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 #183

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

AUSTIN

+ Charge & Benediction

Postlude (8:30)
(10:30)

I Need Thee Every Hour
Fanfare on Old Hundredth

Lowry
Bock

**First Pres
thanks
Charlotte and
Ron
Henderson for
hosting this
week's
Coffee
Fellowship!**

**Thank you to
Sarah Lieber
for leadership
during the
8:30 worship
service.**

Sanctuary Flowers

In memory of my mother Roberta
Villano and friend Delores
Horne.



Given by: Toni Percivill

Parlor Plants

In honor and appreciation of all
God's children.

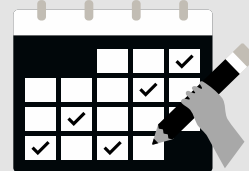
Given by: Cathy and Mike McPhee

Congregational Meeting:

On October 25th, following the 10:30 service, we will meet to approve nominated officers, address changes to the bylaws, and approve terms of call.



UPCOMING THIS WEEK



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SUDDERTH SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

Christian Formation - Hybrid

Worship Service - Hybrid

Youth Mission Trip Information Meeting

Coffee Fellowship

Young Adults Group - Moody Library

TUE

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8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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

WED

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

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Youth Programming

Bell Choir Practice

Choir Practice

THU

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8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

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

Open Table - For more information contact
Taylor Holleyman

SUN

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

Christian Formation - Hybrid

Worship Service - Hybrid

Annual Congregational Meeting - Hybrid

Young Adults Group - Moody Library

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 November 8th at 5:00 p.m.



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. The conversation continues this Wednesday on the topic, "Belonging to a Community." A guest speaker from the Outreach committee will be joining for the discussion! During the 7 o'clock hour, we will have pizza and study hall time. Contact Malorie Montoya for information.

GRIEF, LOSS, & PLANNING

October 28th, November 4th, and November 11th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Led by Leslie King, Taylor Holleyman, and Dr. Helen Harris. Scan the QR code to register to attend or sign up on Realm.



CHURCH RETREAT

Attending the church retreat? Join the Retreat GroupMe to communicate with fellow attendees. Be on the lookout for an information packet coming this week.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING

The Mission Trip next summer will be back at the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, June 4th-12th, for Youth (12 years and older) and adults. Space is limited to 14 spots, and we have 6 remaining. Join us in Fellowship Hall, directly following the 10:30 a.m. service today, to learn more. Contact Malorie Montoya (dcf@firstpreswaco.org) for more information or questions.

YOUNG ADULT'S GROUP

A group for college students and emerging young adults, organized by Kyle Plaskett, is meeting Sundays at Moody Library for fellowship and Bible study at 7 p.m. Contact Kyle (254 717 8415) or Taylor Holleyman, Director of Congregational Life, for more information.

FALL FUN BREAKFAST

Children and youth will gather in Fellowship Hall during the 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Christian Formation hour for fall fun on Sunday, October 25th! They are invited to wear their Halloween costumes (optional) and will enjoy a potluck-style breakfast. They will have a lesson, music, and fellowship together! Scan the QR code below to register children and youth to attend, or to sign up to bring a breakfast item.



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

Pastor - Leslie King

