

OCTOBER 25, 2026
REFORMATION SUNDAY



WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

Credit: Adultera by Carla Manea



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. Some receive the peace quietly within the assembly, while others 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.

We appreciate Fiona Bond and Torrin Longnecker for their bagpipe music celebrating Reformation Sunday. Thanks to Austin Ingalls for his contribution of timpani accompaniment as well as the text which he wrote for our opening hymn.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude (8:30)	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	Renfrow
(10:30)	<i>Highland Cathedral</i>	Traditional Piper Tune

+ Call to Worship:

One: We arrive to worship with a record.

Many: We have kept a record of our victories and losses.

One: Sometimes we have kept the record of others' wins or losses.

Many: Lest we keep score in stone, we strive to perceive the Spirit over the sands of time.

One: Let us worship God as we wonder about the score. Amen

+ Hymn (See Insert) *A Faithful Partner Is Our God*
To the tune of *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of the journey, we confess our mistakes. We confess that at times, our mistakes are engraved upon mind and heart. They weigh on our ability to perceive the world clearly. They impede our sense of worthiness. How we long that we would understand our mistakes and even our transgressions as opportunities for growth and transformation. We are ever grateful that perfection is not a state of being but a striving toward God and toward our better selves. We offer this prayer in your Holy Name. 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.		

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.

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

**AUDITORY
AWARENESS:
Today, 10:30
worship will
feature
bagpipes.**

**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
\$27,632**

Spirit Box (8:30)

(10:30)

Miles Palm

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

Sarah Lieber

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Exodus 31:18, 32:7-8, 33:4-6 (pew Bible OT pg. 78)

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

Anthem (10:30)

Write Your Blessed Name

Scott

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that prosperity, that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love. Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliv'rer in distress, and a faithful guide to the courts of heav'n through the many temptations and dangers of this life. O Jesu, my only Savior! Amen.

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: John 8:1-11 (pew Bible NT pg. 100)

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: A People's Journey: Writing in Stone

Leslie King D.Min.

+ Hymn #649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

+ 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)

Fugue On A Mighty Fortress

Pachelbel

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

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



+ 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) *In the Garden* Krug
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 #412 *God, Reveal Your Presence* ARNSBERG

+ Charge & Benediction

Postlude (8:30) *Give Thanks* Hayes
(10:30) Please remain seated for the annual congregational meeting.

Sanctuary Flowers

In honor and memory of our
parents Dr. William Ivan
Newman, Mary B. Newman, and
Aunt Louis Newman.

Given by: Nancy Newman and
sister Pam



Parlor Plants

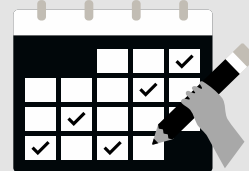
In honor and appreciation of all
God’s children.

Given by: Cathy and Mike McPhee

Annual Congregational Meeting

Today, 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



REFORMATION SUNDAY

SUN

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8:30 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

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10:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

Fall Fun Breakfast - Children & Youth -
Fellowship Hall

Christian Formation - Hybrid

Worship Service - Hybrid

Annual Congregational Meeting - Hybrid

Young Adults Group - Moody Library

MON

26

2:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Worship Committee Meeting - Zoom

Power of the Pen - Zoom

TUE

27

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

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

Christian Formation / YAB Meeting - Zoom

WED

28

12:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

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

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Facilities Committee Meeting - Hybrid

Grief, Loss, and Planning - Chapel Parlor

Wednesday Night Youth Programming

Bell Choir Practice

Choir Practice

THU

29

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

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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.

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10:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

Christian Formation - Hybrid

Worship Service - Hybrid

Coffee Fellowship

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. This Wednesday, we'll take the conversation to Cha Community, where the first drink will be paid for by the church! We'll be back to the Youth Suite space by 7 p.m. for pizza and study hall.

Bring a friend for fellowship and fun together! Contact Malorie Montoya for more information or questions:

dcf@firstpreswaco.org

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.



FPC PENDANT FOR SALE

Wondering what special gift you can give your favorite Presbyterian for Christmas or any other special occasion? Presbyterian Women here at FPC have a unique and meaningful idea for you! A pendant that was designed for FPC's 150th anniversary is available again! It is a replica of the stained glass cross and crown that is above the chancel and has become a logo for our congregation. It is being cast by jeweler/designer Jim Morris in two sizes 34mm tall (\$95) and 38mm tall (\$105) and can be ordered to be worn as a necklace or as a pocket piece to be carried in a pocket. PW will be taking orders October 23–November 10, with distribution by December 15. Payment can be made through Realm, Venmo, check (payable to FPC), or cash. A preview of the pendant will be on display in the Narthex.

Questions? Contact Susan Somerville or Sherry Cragen, Co-Moderators, Presbyterian Women



YOUNG ADULTS 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 Plaskett (254 717 8415) or Taylor Holleyman (tholleyman@firstpreswaco.org), Director of Congregational Life, for more information.

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

Pastor - Leslie King

