



**OCTOBER 26TH, 2025  
REFORMATION SUNDAY**

**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 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Contact the church office at (254) 752-1665 for more information.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30) *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* Renfrow  
(10:30) *Highland Cathedral* Traditional Piping Tune

+ Call to Worship: Psalm 100 (part of the Genevan Psalter, used in John Calvin's church).

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.

**Many: Come into God's presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God.**

One: It is he that made us, and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**Many: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Let us worship God! Amen.**

+ Hymn #275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN FESTE BURG

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

**God of Forms and Reforming, we confess that life shifts can feel like deep remodeling. The proverbial furniture of our lives gets rearranged. We reform our pathways to relaxation or industry. How we long to be your agile, flexible and responsive people. O Great Creator, may we participate in your creative energy today and all days. May we be your reformers in right and loving ways. 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.

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

Ghost & The Spirit

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.

**A special thank-you to our musicians today: Fiona Bond (bagpipes), Jocelyn Williams (flute), Becky Ward (harp), and Austin Ingalls (timpani).**

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

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

**8:30 AM**



**10:30 AM**



**We are  
grateful for  
last  
week's  
giving of  
\$15,932.71**

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-16 (pew Bible OT pg.326)

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

Anthem

*Father, Thy Holy Spirit Send*

Melchior Franck

Father, Thy Holy Spirit send, on us who here before Thee bend. We lift our hearts to Thee, O Lord, who art by heav'n and earth adored. Cleanse Thou our hearts from earthly stain, our sin rebuke, our will restrain; till we Thy living temples be, devoted only, Lord, to thee.

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:41-50 (pew Bible NT pg.15)

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: In the Wings: Updrafts and Company in the Work

Leslie King, D. Min.

+ Affirmation of Faith

**We affirm the possibility of lift. The scriptures ground us historically and imaginatively. Grounding well is a part of flying well. The sacraments are an updraft from our groundedness. Our efforts are supported in sacred ways. God the Creator gently folds matter up and over, stretches long, and encapsulates life in perishable forms that are unforgettable...all creatures great and small. The Holy Spirit electric and vital - bridges the spaces and magnetically draws us toward each other, and in so doing, we are uplifted, seeing a bit more than before. The crucifixion reminds us that we can launch from suffering to a profound posture, inexplicable and undeniable. We affirm the possibilities and actualities, lofting in from our God in Christ. Amen.**

Offering (10:30)

*Celtic Farewell*

Lamb

St. Cecilia HandBell Choir

+ 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) *The Abundant Life*

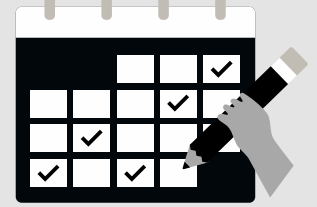
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**Venmo can  
facilitate  
your  
offering or  
designated  
gift.**





# UPCOMING THIS WEEK



**SUN**

**26**

8:30 AM  
9:15 AM  
10:30 AM  
11:30 AM  
11:30AM

Worship Service - Hybrid  
Christian Formation Classes for all ages  
Worship Service - Hybrid  
Coffee Fellowship  
Pre retreat Meeting

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**MON**

**27**

All Day  
7:00 PM

Building Closed for Construction  
Power of The Pen - Zoom

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**TUE**

**28**

8:30 - 11:30 AM  
  
All Day  
12:00 PM

Meals on Wheels - operates out of Meals  
on Wheels office  
Building Closed for Construction  
Israel Palestine Class - Zoom Only

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**WED**

**29**

6:00 PM  
6:00 PM  
7:00 PM

St. Cecilia Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary  
Into the Heart Youth Programming  
Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

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**THU**

**30**

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

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**SUN**

**2**

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

**The church offices will be closed October 27-28 due to construction and a planned power outage. Staff will be working remotely during this time and can be reached by email or cell phone.**

# 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 November 9.**

**The topic will be: "A story of an important veteran in your life."**



### POWER OF THE PEN

Join us for Power of The Pen on Monday, October 27th at 7:00 PM.



### NOVEMBER SERVICE SATURDAY

For our November Service Saturday, we are planning to volunteer with Naomi House on Saturday, November 15th from 9:00am – noon. Naomi House is a ministry of DaySpring Baptist Church that provides a temporary place of refuge for asylum seekers. We anticipate helping with some cleaning and yard maintenance.

### OPEN TABLE DESSERT

We are excited to sponsor Open Table, a college ministry and chapel option at Baylor University. Open Table meets each Thursday to enjoy a meal and conversations about faith. If you would like to sponsor dessert for one of their Thursday gatherings please sign-up here:



### INTO THE HEART WEDNESDAYS

Join us Wednesday night at 6:00 PM for our Into the Heart Series.

- October 29: *Into the Heart – Halloween for the Homebound.*
- November 5: *Into the Heart of our Saints: Mapping Genealogy and Grace – Bring a list of grandparents and great grandparents as far back as you can go!*

### HANGING OF THE GREEN'S

Help us prepare for the Advent season by participating in Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 23rd. Immediately after the 10:30 service, we will join together to complete our decorating.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG](http://WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG)  
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## Staff

|                                   |                                                                                      |
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| Pastor                            | Leslie King, D. Min. (lking@firstpreswaco.org)                                       |
| Director of Congregational Life   | Taylor Holleyman, Ph.D (tholleyman@firstpreswaco.org)                                |
| Operations Manager                | Shane Montoya, MBA (office@firstpreswaco.org)                                        |
| Communication & Design Specialist | Evan Cole (ecole@firstpreswaco.org)                                                  |
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| Chancel Choir Director            | Austin Ingalls (chancelchoir@firstpreswaco.org)                                      |
| Handbell Director                 | Amy Goodman, Ph. D (amy_goodman@baylor.edu)                                          |
| Organist                          | Becky Ward, M.M. (vward@hotmail.com)                                                 |
| Pianist (8:30 am service)         | Trisha Anderson (trishaanderson0926@gmail.com)                                       |
| Nursery Coordinator               | Chelley Breemes (bigcatz2000@yahoo.com)                                              |
| Church Historian                  | Katelyn Jaynes, Ph. D (kljaynes204@gmail.com)                                        |
| Parish Assoc. for Gerontology     | Jim Ellor, D. Min. Ph. D, H.R. (james_ellor@baylor.edu)                              |
| Streaming Team                    | Sondra Dubowsky, James Karney, Amanda Lassetter, Thomas Munn, Adam Redmer, Mike Vale |
| Custodian                         | Adriana Goytortu                                                                     |

## Organizational Officers

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| Clerk of Session                     | Ken Kuhns                                                                          |
| Church Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer    | Mark Harren, Donna Black                                                           |
| First Presbyterian Church Foundation | President - Chuck Weaver, Carr DuPuy, Carol Miller, Malorie Montoya, Charles Stern |
| Forman Fund                          | David Smith, Phil Hering, Cathy McPhee, Patsy Norman, Bob Grayson                  |
| Presbyterian Women                   | Susan Sommerville, Sherry Cragen, Mary Lynn Klingman and Sue Young                 |
| Sanctuary Guild                      | Sherry Cragen, Leigh Marcus                                                        |
| Sanctuary Flowers                    | Brenda Stephens, Susan Somerville, Kathy Jones                                     |
| Celebration Way                      | Cary DuPuy                                                                         |

## Session Committee Members

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Administration Committee      | Charlie Olson, Mike Morrison                            |
| Christian Formation Committee | Jamie Jackson, Shannon Field, Anita Karney              |
| Congregational Life Committee | Sharon Stern                                            |
| Facilities Committee          | Mark Anderson, Christine Miller, James Hill, Bob Cragen |
| Finance Committee             | Phil Hering, Chip Somerville, Lyndon Olson              |
| Outreach Committee            | Sam Parler, Brenda Stephens, Matthew Malavanti          |
| Personnel Committee           | Mike Harper, Todd Ehlers, Elouise Frazier               |
| Worship Committee             | Jamie Delk, Meredith Palm                               |

## Diaconate Committee Members

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| Diaconate Moderator/Vice Moderator | Malorie Montoya, Bricker Bruner                                                                                             |
| Diaconate Secretary                | Bricker Bruner, Kitty Huneke                                                                                                |
| Agape Committee                    | All Deacons                                                                                                                 |
| Our Hybrid House                   | Helen Harris, Christine Dennis, Dave Reagan, Jen Ferretter, Avery Kerley, Cynthia Perry, Zdzislaw Wieckowski, George Ahrens |
| Power of the Pen                   | Helen Harris, Peggy Graham, Michelle Plaskett, Parker Adamson                                                               |
| Prayer Committee                   | Sarah Davis, Toni Percivill, John Jovicich, Kathy Jones                                                                     |
| Stork Committee                    | Drew Risinger, Jerry Barrett, Kevin Bartley                                                                                 |
| Ushering Coordinator               | Wes Field                                                                                                                   |

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - WACO, TEXAS

1100 Austin Ave. - Waco, TX 76701 - 254.752.1665 - [www.firstpreswaco.org](http://www.firstpreswaco.org)

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

