



NOVEMBER 9, 2025
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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 & fidget toys for children in the Narthex "parental discretion with these items please". 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 unless you request otherwise.

Childcare

Childcare is available from 8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Contact the church office at (254) 752-1665 for more information.

8:30) *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* Larson
10:30) *Three Settings of "In Babilone"* Burkhardt
I. Allegro

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

Worship
: Where the wild things are.
ny: We have been there, where things are unpredictable and unruly.
: Where the wild things are.
**ny: He has been there and taught us how to love and stay a little wild
ourselves.**
: Let us worship our Wild and Wonderful God. Amen.

9 *God of Great and God of Small*
GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

Confession and Aspiration
**l of Life and Breath, we confess our restraining efforts. We restrain
selves sometimes to the good and sometimes miss opportunities
candor and tenderness. We have sought to restrain others,
ometimes to the good. At other times, we have diminished their God-
en selves. We have sought to restrain circumstances. How we long to
your loving and responsive people. In the temptation to restrain,
y we release grace, mercy and encouragement. How we, your
keys, long to be pardoned and our souls to be re-wilded for a growing
h. Through Christ, we offer each prayer. Amen.**

f Silence

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.

on of Grace & Sharing of the Peace of Christ

n to Our Children (10:30) *"Christ Before Me"* St. Patrick's Breastplate
rist before me, Christ behind me, Christ beside me, Christ within me,
Christ in the face of those who love me

(10:30)
n my head. God be in my heart. God be on my left. God be on my right.
beneath me. God be above me. God be in the faces of all who love me.

**We are
grateful for
last
week's
giving of
\$26,357.**

2026 Stewardship Speakers (10:30)

Toni & Lee Percivill

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:8-17 (pew Bible OT pg. 860)

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

Duet

The Tree of Life

Carlotta Ferrari

God is Love; Her life begins again, mulls over upon root, Her Word; from once the cloistered page She now is heard,— not dead dust dithered, worm undone; but rained,— rained hard upon the cracked foundation. Turned (yes, turned), not Unmoved Mover She; but were I you—autochthonous we—that Thou of Her Whose Body is all Creation. She is a Tree of Life, a simple girl,— my daughter I, my mother of,— round Whom the whole of my new earth doth whirl, as troves of dervishes, as pityings of doves, dance high and heavenward on seed, on pearl,— Who gathers Her children in Love.

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: John 21:1-6 (pew Bible NT pg. 115)

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: Pardoning the Turkey - Rewilding and Freedom

Leslie King, D. Min

+ 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)

Meditation on "In Babilone"
II. Andante

Burkhardt

+ 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) *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Hayes

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





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.

+ Prayer 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 #435 *There's a Wildness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

+ Charge & Benediction

+ Closing Response: (10:30) #713 *Touch the Earth Lightly* TENDERNESS

Postlude: (8:30) *Come, Sound His Praise Abroad* Giamanco
(10:30) "In Babilone" Burkhardt
 III. Moderato

Thank you to Austin Ingalls for serving as guest liturgist.

Sanctuary Flowers

Oh God, Our Heavenly Father,
You have blessed us with
brave men and women
who are willing to defend our
freedom.

Given by: Leonard Slamcik



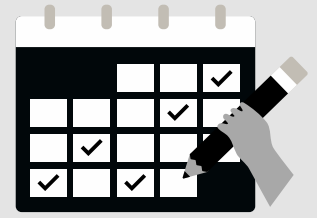
Parlor Plants

In memory of our mothers, Marie
Adeline Bouffard McPhee &
Margaret Inez Calcutt Woods
Johnson.

Given by: Mike & Cathy McPhee

**Take a picture in front
of the wings and email
to Evan at
ecole@firstpreswaco.org**

UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

9

Leslie King Preaching

8:30 A.M.

9:15 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

5:00 P.M.

Worship Service - Hybrid

Christian Formation Classes for all ages

Worship Service - Hybrid

Our Hybrid House - Zoom

MON

10

1:00 P.M.

5:30 P.M.

Presbyterian Women - Hybrid

Administration Committee Meeting - Zoom

TUE

11

Veterans Day Parade

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

Meals on Wheels - For more information

contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

Faith on Tap - One Day Bar

WED

12

6:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

St. Cecilia Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Into the Heart Youth Programming

Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

THU

13

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

9:00 A.M.

12:00 P.M.

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Classic Voice Ensemble - Choir Room

Finance Committee Meeting - Zoom

SAT

15

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Service Saturday - Naomi House

7900 Renewal Way, Waco, TX 76712

SUN

16

8:30 A.M.

9:15 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

11:30 A.M.

Worship Service - Hybrid

Christian Formation Classes for all ages

Worship Service - Hybrid

Coffee Fellowship

Save the Date: Youth Christmas Party at The Cooper House, December 3rd from 6 - 7:30 P.M.



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 P.M. **Our next meeting will be on November 9.**

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



NOVEMBER SERVICE SATURDAY

We are volunteering with Naomi House on Saturday, November 15th, from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Naomi House is a ministry of DaySpring Baptist Church that provides a temporary place of refuge for asylum seekers. We will help with some cleaning and yard maintenance. Please sign up on Realm.

7900 Renewal Way, Waco, TX 76712



INTO THE HEART WEDNESDAYS

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

- November 12: *Into the Heart of Relaxation – Pajama night....supportive and effortless yoga....essential oils and tricks for relaxing from stress or building energy.*



HANGING OF THE GREENS

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. If attending please use the QR code to register on Realm.



FAITH ON TAP

Join us Tuesday, November 11th for Faith on Tap starting at 6:00 P.M. at One Day Bar.

618 Columbus Ave STE B, Waco, TX 76701



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Church Office Hours: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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

Pastor - Leslie King

