# NOVEMBER 15, 2026
# STEWARDSHIP & CHILDREN'S 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. 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.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude (8:30) *How Great Thou Art* Wright
(10:30) *Pastorale on Simple Gifts* Clarke

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

+ Call to Worship Jack Watkins Holleyman

One: God made a garden and filled it with life.
**Many: God made humans to tend and care for it.**
One: In Jesus, we have all we need to grow good fruit.
**Many: We are called to be faithful stewards of God's gifts.**
One: Let us worship God with happy hearts and fruitful lives. Amen.

+ Hymn #36 *For the Fruit of All Creation* AR HYD Y NOS

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

**Loving God, you give us a beautiful world and fill our lives with many good gifts. Sometimes we forget to care for what you have given us. When we are scared, we make choices that do not show your love. Help us grow in Christ. Teach us to be brave and kind. Help us to share our gifts and show your love. 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 the Peace of Christ Paul Ehlers

+ Invitation to Our Children (10:30) Miles Palm

"*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.

**Scan and register your attendance,**

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

Spirit Box (8:30)
(10:30) Theo and Miles Stahl-Wright

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.

Presentation of Bibles Malorie Montoya

Fuller Olson Drew, Leo Penzerro

Stewardship Message Chuck Weaver

**We are grateful for last week's giving of $17,303.**

**Thank you for surpassing our annual goal of $2,500 for the Sudderth fund! Our current total is $3,870. Can we reach $4,000?**

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

Prayer of Illumination — Kynadie Montoya

Hebrew Scripture Reading - Genesis 2:5-9, 2:15 (OT pg. 2)
Leader: The Word of the Lord. | **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (10:30) — *Touch the Earth Lightly* — Children's Choir

+ Gospel Scripture Reading - John 15:1-8 (pew Bible NT pg. 91) — Ryan Fergus
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: Conversations with Young Stewards — Leslie King & Taylor Holleyman

Special Music (8:30) — *Terra Beata* — Karen Van Wert

8:30 St. Cecilia Handbell Choir

+ Hymn #714 V.2 (10:30) — *God of the Fertile Fields* — ITALIAN HYMN

+ Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (Page 35 of Hymnal) — Greyson Muehlenbein

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.

Celebration of Children Baptized — Malorie Montoya

Luca Palm, Henry Ochel, Wren Ochoa

Offering (10:30) — Byntlie Montoya, Evee Kerley, Mila Malavanti

*For the Beauty of the Earth* — Powell

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

Procession of 2027 Pledges

After the offering plate passes by you, congregants are invited to come forward to place their pledge card on the Lord's table. Deacons are available to help bring your cards forward. Simply lift them up and they will be by.

+ 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) *Rain on the Lake* Leaf

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 #712 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* FOREST GREEN

+ Charge & Benediction

**Go to the world; be brave; hold onto the good;**
**Don't return evil for evil; strengthen the scared; support the weak, and help the hurting; love and serve the Lord, stay happy in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Postlude (8:30) *Waterfall* Schmidt
(10:30) *Praise Him, Praise Him* Held

**First Pres thanks Helen and Don Harris for hosting this week's coffee fellowship.**

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**Sanctuary Flowers**

In honor of Pat Kaiser.

Given by: Charlie and Kris Kaiser Olson

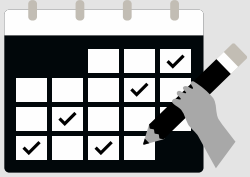


**Parlor Plants**

In gratitude for the shared fellowship and gifts of my beloved First Presbyterian family.

Given by: Sarah Lieber

# UPCOMING THIS WEEK



**SUN 15**

**STEWARDSHIP & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

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| **8:30 a.m.** | Worship Service - Hybrid |
| **9:15 a.m.** | Christian Formation - Hybrid |
| **10:30 a.m.** | Worship Service - Hybrid |
| **11:30 a.m.** | Coffee Fellowship |
| **7:00 p.m.** | Young Adults Group - Moody Library |

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**MON 16**

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| **5:30 p.m.** | Session Meeting - Hybrid |

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**WED 18**

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| **6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** | Wednesday Night Youth Programming |
| **6:00 p.m.** | Bell Choir Practice |
| **7:00 p.m.** | Choir Practice |

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**THU 19**

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| **6:30 p.m.** | Open Table |

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**FRI 20**

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| **7:30 a.m.** | Men's Breakfast |

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**SUN 22**

**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

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| **8:30 a.m.** | Worship Service - Hybrid |
| **9:15 a.m.** | Christian Formation - Hybrid |
| **10:30 a.m.** | Worship Service - Hybrid |
| **11:30 a.m.** | Hanging of the Greens |
| **7:00 p.m.** | Young Adults Group |

# FIRST PRES NEWS

## Sign-Up for Hanging of the Greens

## Call for Casseroles - Lessons & Carols

### 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.

**November 18th**: The conversation concludes over "Language of Belonging."
**November 25th**: Thanksgiving Holiday
**December 2nd**: Youth Christmas Party

Bring a friend for fellowship and fun together! Contact Malorie Montoya for more information or questions: dcf@firstpreswaco.org

### ISAIAH 117 HOUSE

This year we will collect our Christmas offering for Isaiah 117 House. Isaiah 117 is a national organization with a Waco location. They offer spaces where children removed from their homes due to safety concerns can stay while child welfare staff do the necessary paperwork to find them a good home. Isaiah 117's friendly and loving volunteers provide clean clothes, smiles, toys, and snuggly blankets. Our goal is $5,000.

### YOUNG ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY

The young adults' Bible study will be on break December 13th through January 10th. Contact Kyle Plaskett for more information (254) 717 8415.

### ADVENT EVENTS

**Hanging of the Greens**
Sunday, November 22nd | 11:30 a.m.
Decorate the church for the Advent season.

**Youth Christmas Party**
Wednesday, December 2nd | 6:00 p.m.
Details TBA

**Lessons & Carols**
Saturday, December 5th | 9:00 a.m.
Enjoy music and lessons from the Christmas story!

**Young Adult Christmas Party**
Friday, December 18th | 6:00 p.m.
Come for light refreshments, fellowship, a white elephant gift exchange, and general merriment!

**Posada**
Sunday, December 13th | 5:30 p.m.
Follow the journey of the holy family on the night of Jesus's birth through an interactive evening and dinner!

**Soup & Caroling**
Saturday, December 19th | 3:00 p.m.
Bring the warmth of the holiday season to our homebound members with carols and a soup dinner.

### GRIEF, LOSS, AND PLANNING,

First Pres thanks Helen Harris for co-hosting our Grief, Loss, and Planning program this fall.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA @FIRSTPRESWACO**

## Staff

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| Pastor | Leslie King, D. Min. (lking@firstpreswaco.org) |
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| Organist | Becky Ward, M.M. (wardbecky372@gmail.com) |
| Pianist (8:30 a.m. service) | Trisha Anderson (trishaanderson0926@gmail.com) |
| Nursery Coordinator | Chelley Breemes (bigcatz2000@yahoo.com) |
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| Church Historian | Katelyn Jaynes, Ph. D (kljaynes204@gmail.com) |
| Parish Associate for Gerontology | Jim Ellor, D. Min. Ph. D, H.R. (james_ellor@baylor.edu) |
| Streaming Team | Ben Bruton, James Karney, Amanda Lassetter, Thomas Munn, Adam Redmer |
| 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, Charles Stern |
| Forman Fund | David Smith, Phil Hering, Cathy McPhee, Patsy Norman |
| Presbyterian Women | Susan Somerville, Sherry Cragen, Meg Parrish, and Peggy Graham |
| Sanctuary Guild | Sharon Stern, Michael Muehlenbein |
| Sanctuary Flowers | Brenda Stephens, Susan Somerville, Kathy Jones |
| Celebration Way | Cary DuPuy |

## Session Committee Members

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| Congregational Life Committee | Ryan Joyner, Marsha Alvarado, Kathryn Delk |
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| Finance Committee | Donna Black, Phil Hering, Chip Somerville |
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| Personnel Committee | Chuck Weaver, Todd Ehlers |
| Worship Committee | Esther Lee, Meredith Palm |

## Diaconate Committee Members

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| Diaconate Moderator | Bricker Bruner |
| Diaconate Vice Moderator | Melanie Cook |
| Diaconate Secretary | Christine Huston |
| Agape Committee | All Deacons |
| Our Hybrid House | Jeremy Mercer, Dave Reagan, Jen Ferretter, Avery Kerley, Marilyn Harren, Zdzislaw Wieckowski |
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| Stork Committee | Mike McPhee, Jerry Barrett, Kevin Bartley |
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