



NOVEMBER 16, 2025

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION &

SUDDERTH SUNDAY



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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.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30) *How Majestic Is Your Name* Hayes
(10:30) *Fantasia* Pachelbel

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

+ Call to Worship: Psalm 148 (reprised)

One: Praise God from the heavens. Praise God, all angels.

Many: Praise the Creator, sun, moon and shining stars.

One: Praise the Creator, sea monsters, stormy wind, mountain's hills and fruit trees.

Many: Beasts, cattle, all creeping things, and all the people who seek to procreate and rule.

One: The horn of a ram is raised as a megaphone for the rewilding. Amen.

+ Hymn #714 *God of the Fertile Fields* ITALIAN HYMN

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of each moment, hour, day, and year. We confess our attempt to control time....to manage it. We calendar time and schedule appointments. We block time and build experiences in time. In sobering ways, we can be reminded that time is serendipitous and beyond our control. How we long to be your wildly responsive people. While grass withers and fades, it also stretches, sways, and softens. Hear our confession and our longing as we pray in and through Christ. Amen.

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

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 (10:30)

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.



10:30 AM



**We are
grateful for
last
week's
giving of
\$12,222.20**

**Our Sudderth
Sunday fund
has raised
\$1,527.10.
Please help
us reach our
goal of
\$2,000.**

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



2026 Stewardship Speaker (10:30)

Mark Harren

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:1-10 (pew Bible OT pg.860)

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

Anthem

Domine, Labia Mea Aperies

Orlandus Lassus

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim thy praise.

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:15-24 (pew Bible NT pg.11)

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: Ashes

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)

Now Thank We All Our God

Kaufmann

Procession of the 2026 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 come to you.

+ Doxology #606 (10:30)

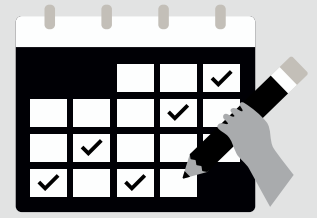
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30) *'Tis So Sweet*

McDonald



UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

16

Stewardship Sunday

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

MON

17

5:30 P.M.

Session Meeting - Hybrid

TUE

18

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Meals on Wheels - For more information

contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

WED

19

5:30 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

This is First Pres - Chapel Parlor

St. Cecilia Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Into the Heart Youth Programming

Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

THU

20

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

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9:00 A.M.

Classic Voice Ensemble - Choir Room

FRI

21

7:30 A.M.

Men's Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

SUN

23

8:30 A.M.

9:15 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

11:30 A.M.

12:00 P.M.

Worship Service - Hybrid

Christian Formation Classes for all ages

Worship Service - Hybrid

Coffee Fellowship

Hanging of the Greens

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. **This month's topic is "Sharing a Favorite Christmas tradition, on December 14th."**



2025 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year's Christmas offering will go towards recovery and flood relief efforts in Kerr County. We will partner with the Kerr County Flood Relief Fund, organized through the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country, to support local organizations engaged in ongoing recovery efforts.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

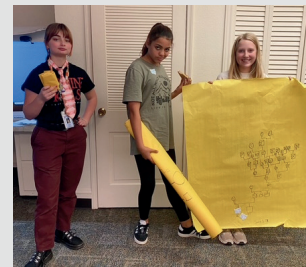
Join us Friday, November 21st at 7:30 A.M. for Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall.



INTO THE HEART WEDNESDAYS

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

- November 19: Into the Heart of The Spirit: Exploring the fruit of the spirit through interactive prayer stations.



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.



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

