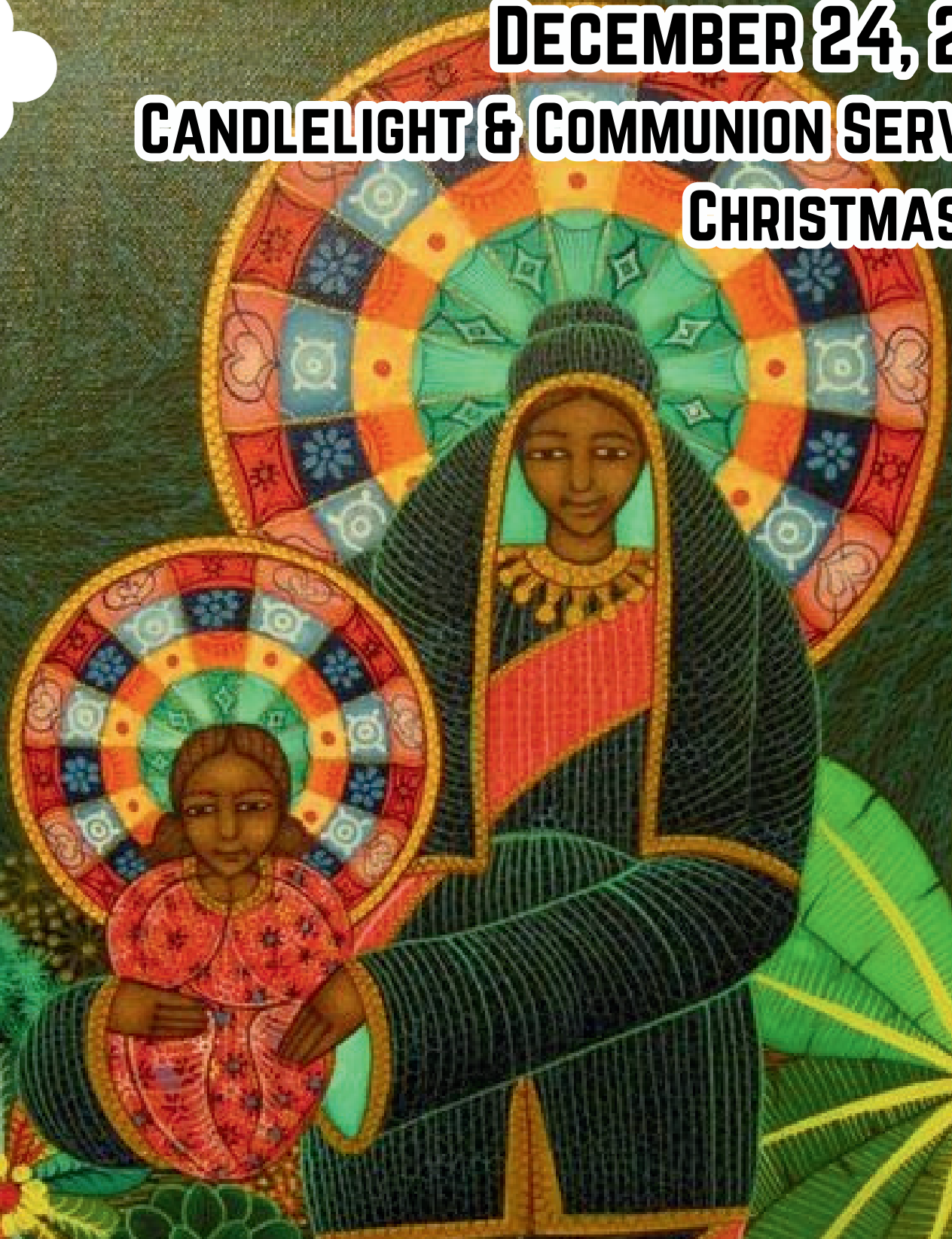


DECEMBER 24, 2025
CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION SERVICES
CHRISTMAS EVE



WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

HAITI - Madonna and Child by Ismael Saincilus



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 is 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.

Worship Leader

Leslie King, Senior Pastor

Taylor Holleyman, Director of Congregational Life

Music Director

Austin Ingalls, Chancel Choir

Musicians

Ryan Fergus - Vocalist

Charlie Stern - Trumpet

Claire King - Flute

Vic Ward, Austin Ingalls - Vocalist

Becky Ward - Organ

Members of - St. Cecilia Bell Choir

Carol Barrett - Recorder



Prelude *Fanfare and Variations on Noël Nouvelet* Haan

Choral Introit *Once in David's Royal City*

Advent Candle Lighters: (5:00) Lisa and Chuck Weaver
(7:00) The Montoya Family

+ Call to Worship

One: Orange you glad you came?

Many: What conceals cannot contain the growth within.

One: The roughest rind of life holds a promise.

Many: Our incarnate God arrives with a growing promise of vine and branch, of manna and meaning.

One: Let us worship the God of the rough rind and the high hope. Amen.

+ Hymn #134 *Joy to the World* Antioch

Prayer of the Night

God of Angels and Angles, we marvel at the perspectives of arriving to the manger. Astronomers look high and ground down. Shepherds seek the green spaces and the blue. Lonely people carry heavy burdens and lead through the thick. An innkeeper unlocks. We are grateful for this night that arrives again and again but never in the same way. Remembering the Christ child, we pray. Amen.

Special Music *Coventry Carol*

Children's Time

+ Hymn #133 *O Come All Ye Faithful* Adestes Fideles

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Daniel 6:13–23 (pew Bible OT pg.827)

Anthem *Sing Now a Song of a Child Who Was Born* Morris

Sing now a song of a child who was born, promise of peace and joy; born to a world of questions and fears, Mary and Joseph's boy. What is that sound, waking our hearts, breaking the silent air? Is it a laugh? Is it a cry? Is it an answered prayer? What is that gleam, high in the sky, piercing the dark of night? Is it a star? Is it a sign? Is it the dawning light? What lies ahead, facing this child? Will he know gain or loss: Blessings or blows, wonders or woes, hope or a heavy cross? Prayers feel unheard; laughter falls still; light's brightest rays grow dim. Yet we sing on, sharing our song, finding new faith in him.

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

**There are
portions of
this evening
service that
include
musical
instruments
played at full
volume.**

Reading of the Christmas Story: Luke 2:1-20 (pew Bible NT pg.58)

Sermon: Stations of Incarnation: Peeling and Witnessing

Leslie King, D.Min

Special Music (7:00)

Twass in the Moon of Wintertime

Hobby

Blue Christmas Remembrance

Christmas Prayer for God's People (Lord's Prayer 7:00 PM)

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.

Christmas 2025 Offering: Kerr County Flood Relief

Offertory & Anthem:

The Blessed Son of God

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The blessed son of God only In a crib full poor did lie; With our poor flesh and our poor blood Was clothed that everlasting good. Kyri'eleison. The Lord Christ Jesu, God's son dear, Was a guest and a stranger here; Us for to bring from misery, That we might live eternally. Kyri'eleison. All this did he for us freely, For to declare his great mercy; All Christendom be merry therefore, And give him thanks for evermore. Kyri'eleison.

Sacrament of Holy Communion: (5:00) *Twass in the Moon of Wintertime*

Hobby

Special Music:

O Holy Night

Adam

Sharing Christ Light

Hymn# 122

Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing. Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

+ Charge & Benediction

+ Hymn #113

Angels We Have Heard On High

Gloria

Postlude

Joy to the World

Chebun

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



All people, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to the Lord's Table.

All are invited to rise in body or spirit for the final verse of Silent Night.

Christmas Offering

To date, we have raised \$1,545. Continue making a difference by reaching our \$5,000 goal for Kerr County Rebuilding.



FIRST PRES JANUARY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 1 (New Years Day)
Office Holiday, All Day

Friday, January 2nd
Rolling into the New Year, 6:00p.m. – Main Event

Sunday, January 4th
Worship, 8:30a.m. – Hybrid
Christian Formation, 9:15a.m.
Worship, 10:30a.m. – Hybrid
Coffee Fellowship, 11:30a.m.

Tuesday, January 6th
Congregational Life Meeting, 5:30p.m.

Wednesday, January 7th
Jesus and John Wayne Book Review, 9:30a.m.
In the Wings Youth Programming, 6:00p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:00p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00p.m.

Sunday, January 11th
Worship, 8:30a.m. – Hybrid
Christian Formation, 9:15a.m.
Worship, 10:30a.m. – Hybrid
Taking down Christmas decorations, 11:30a.m.
Our Hybrid House, 5:00p.m. – Zoom

Monday, January 12th
Presbyterian Women, 1:00p.m. – Fellowship Hall
Administration Meeting, 5:30p.m. – Zoom
Outreach Committee Meeting, 5:30p.m. – Zoom

Tuesday, January 13th
Faith on Tap, 6:00p.m. – One Day Bar
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Wednesday, January 14th
Jesus and John Wayne Book Review, 9:30a.m.
In the Wings Youth Programming, 6:00p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:00p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00p.m.

Thursday, January 15th
Finance Committee Meeting, 12:00pm – Zoom
Classic Voice Ensemble, 9:00a.m. – Choir Room

Friday, January 16th
Men's Breakfast, 7:30a.m. – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 18th
Officer Ordination and Installation
Worship, 8:30a.m. – Hybrid
Christian Formation, 9:15a.m.
Worship, 10:30a.m. – Hybrid
Coffee Fellowship, 11:30a.m.

Monday, January 19th
Session Meeting, 5:30p.m.

Tuesday, January 20th
First Pres Book Club, 6:30p.m. – Lott's Home

Wednesday, January 21st
In the Wings Youth Programming, 6:00p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:00p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00p.m.

Thursday, January 22nd
Classic Voice Ensemble, 9:00a.m. – Choir Room

Sunday, January 25th
Worship, 8:30a.m. – Hybrid
Christian Formation, 9:15a.m.
Worship, 10:30a.m. – Hybrid
Coffee Fellowship, 11:30a.m.

Monday, January 26th
Power of the Pen, 7:00p.m. – Zoom

Tuesday, January 27th
Christian Formation Committee Meeting,
5:30p.m.

Wednesday, January 28th
Facilitates Committee Meeting, 12:00p.m.
Worship Committee Meeting, 1:30p.m.
In the Wings Youth Programming, 6:00p.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:00p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00p.m.

Thursday, January 28th
Classic Voice Ensemble, 9:00a.m. – Choir Room



FIRST
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Church of Waco

UPCOMING 2026

Wednesday Night Program Begins January 7 - Our theme shifts from Fall semester's theme "Into the Heart" to Spring semester's theme "It's In the Wings". Join us in January for the following lineup of events:

- January 7 - Cha and Chat 6-7 p.m. - First drink on First Pres - 7 p.m. back to the church for pizza and homework!
- January 14 - Bird Song Quiz in Youth Suite **(Tentative)**
- January 21 - Tour of Art Show at Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center 6-7 p.m. then back to the church for pizza and homework. **(Tentative)**
- January 28 - Workshop for Youth Sunday

Sunday morning Christian Formation returns January 4!

Join us as our children and youth embark on an artistic exploration of the Parable of the Mustard Seed. Our young artists will have the opportunity to enter their work into the 2026 Bill and Judy Franklin Art Show the exhibition begins Sunday, March 1, 2026.

2026 Bill and Judy Franklin Art Show

We are excited for our annual Bill and Judy Franklin Art Show. Please consider submitting a piece to be displayed. We welcome contributions from all ages and experience levels. Entries should be submitted to the church office by February 13th. Items will be on display from February 22nd until March 22nd. Special thanks to Esther Lee and Ben McNamee for their leadership with this event.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG
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| Custodian | Adriana Goytortu |

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| Clerk of Session | Ken Kuhns |
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| Sanctuary Guild | Sherry Cragen, Leigh Marcus |
| Sanctuary Flowers | Brenda Stephens, Susan Somerville, Kathy Jones |
| Celebration Way | Cary DuPuy |

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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 |
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| Ushering Coordinator | Wes Field |



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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

