

**FEBRUARY 1, 2026  
COMMUNION 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 (ask an usher for assistance)

- Large-print hymnal
- Hearing enhancement device
- 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 in room S202.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30) *Blessed Assurance* Haye  
(10:30) *Adagio (from Fantaisie in C Major)* Franck

+ Please  
rise in  
body or in  
spirit.

+ Call to Worship

One: We arrive to worship to feel welcomed in right ways.

**Many: We arrive as we are so that we may become.**

One: We arrive in worship to extend a right welcome to others.

**Many: We believe, as we learn from another person, we learn more about God in Christ.**

One: We arrive to worship to dine together at the table. Let us worship our God who spreads the board. Amen.

+ Hymn #53 *O God, Who Gives Us Life* NOEL

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

**Holy Host of our lives, we confess misunderstanding. We have been misunderstood and we have misunderstood others. We confess that the complexity of each human can be hard to hold to ourselves. We trust in the way you hold our complexity and our possibility. How we long to put on the mind of Christ as we consider others. May we be compassionate but also discerning. May we extend grace and accountability. May our community persuade Christ's arrival to our moments. 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.

8:30 AM



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

10:30 AM



Spirit Box

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

We are  
grateful  
for last  
week's  
giving of  
**\$19,605.73.**

On Sundays  
when we  
have  
communion  
or baptism  
and the  
congregation  
responds to  
the  
sacrament,  
we receive  
that  
participation  
as our  
Affirmation  
of Faith for  
the day.

Prayer of Illumination  
Epistle Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:11-18 (pew Bible NT pg.191)  
Leader: The Word of the Lord. | **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *In My Father's House* John Pasquet  
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye believe in God, believe also in Me; In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: Mark 9:30-37 (pew Bible NT pg.145)  
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: Trending with the Apostle Paul: Creator Culture Revisited Leslie King, D. Min.

Offering (10:30) *Aria* Scarlatti

+ 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) *Heaven* Tonioli  
(10:30) *Priere a Notre-Dame* Boellmann

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.**



Scan and  
register your  
attendance.



+ 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 #21

*Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works*

LACQUIPARIE

+ Charge & Benediction

+ Closing Response: (10:30) #769

*For Everyone Born*

FOR EVERYONE BORN

Postlude: (8:30)  
(10:30)

*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
*Toccata in e minor*

Wilson  
Pachelbel

### Sanctuary Flowers

In honor of Dennis Reed, and  
the Reed Family.

Given by: Linda Reed



### Parlor Plants

In loving memory of  
Mario Alvarado.

Given by: Marsha Alvarado

Thank you to  
Kathryn Delk  
for hosting  
Coffee  
Fellowship!

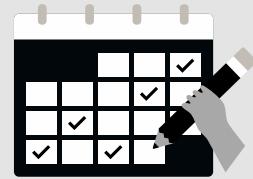
### February Reading Challenge

Join the energy of our Neurodiversity Cohort! As part of our participation in the Neurodiversity Grant, we are charged to lead congregational education. We hope to make it fun and engaging. We invite you to read

**Next Level: A Hymn in Gratitude for Neurodiversity**, a children's book available in the narthex. After you've read it, please sign your name to show your participation. Let's build awareness and celebrate neurodiversity together at FPC!



# UPCOMING THIS WEEK



**SUN**

**1**

**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**

**2**

**5:30 P.M.**

Diaconate Meeting

**TUE**

**3**

**8:30 - 11:30 A.M.**

Meals on Wheels - For more information  
contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

**5:30 P.M.**

Congregational Life Committee Meeting

**WED**

**4**

**9:30 A.M.**

Jesus & John Wayne - Session Room

**6:00 P.M.**

In the Wings Youth Programming

**6:00 P.M.**

St. Cecilia Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary

**7:00 P.M.**

Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**THU**

**5**

**8:30 - 11:30 A.M.**

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contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

**9:00 A.M.**

Classic Voice Ensemble

**FRI**

**6**

**6:00 P.M.**

Reel Spirituality - Pinewood Public House  
2223 Austin Ave Suite D, Waco, TX 76701

**SUN**

**8**

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Coffee Fellowship  
Our Hybrid House

# 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 held on Zoom. 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. **February 8th will honor President's Day by responding to the question - "What is your favorite President or presidential fact from the 19th century?" This may require some homework!**



### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS LINE UP

- February 4 - Cha & Chats  
Events begins at 6:00 p.m.  
Pizza served from 7:00-8:00 p.m.



### ART SHOW

We are excited to host the Bill and Judy Franklin Art Show again in 2026 and invite artists of all ages and experience levels to participate. Please submit pieces to the church office by February 13. Artwork will be on display from February 22 to March 22. Special thanks to Esther Lee and Ben McNamee for leading this event.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG](http://WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG)  
OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA @FIRSTPRESWACO



### TOGETHER AT THE TABLE

is a twice-yearly opportunity to share a meal and build community in small groups. Formerly known as Dinners for 8, this gathering takes place on February 28. Please register by February 18 via Realm or the QR code, and note any preferences (Zoom, transportation, time of day, or hosting).



### FEBRUARY SERVICE PROJECT

For our February outreach service, we will be collecting items for Caritas of Waco. Caritas is a food pantry that began its work in our building. Today Caritas provides food, and emergency services help to the community. Scan the QR code to view the full list of needed items.



## Staff

Pastor  
Director of Congregational Life  
Operations Manager  
Communication & Design Specialist  
Chancel Choir Director  
Handbell Director  
Organist  
Pianist (8:30 am service)  
Nursery Coordinator  
Parish Associate for Theology & Ethics  
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Parish Associate for Gerontology  
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Adriana Goytortu

## Organizational Officers

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Forman Fund  
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Sanctuary Guild  
Sanctuary Flowers  
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Cary DuPuy

## Session Committee Members

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Christian Formation Committee  
Congregational Life Committee  
Facilities Committee  
Finance Committee  
Outreach Committee  
Personnel Committee  
Worship Committee

Lyndon Olson, Roane Lacy, Mike Morrison  
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Ryan Joyner, Marsha Alvarado, Kathryn Delk  
Hunter Harren, Mark Anderson, Christine Miller, James Hill, Bob Cragen  
Donna Black, Phil Hering, Chip Somerville  
Lenore Wright, Sam Parler, Brenda Stephens  
Chuck Weaver, Todd Ehlers  
Esther Lee, Meredith Palm

## Diaconate Committee Members

Diaconate Moderator/Vice Moderator  
Diaconate Secretary  
Agape Committee  
Our Hybrid House  
Power of the Pen  
Prayer Committee  
Stork Committee  
Ushering Coordinator

Malorie Montoya, Bricker Bruner  
Christine Dennis  
All Deacons  
Jeremy Mercer, Dave Reagan, Jen Ferretter, Avery Kerley, Cynthia Perry, Marilyn Harren, Zdzislaw Wieckowski  
Katie Valenzuela, Scott Wagner, Melanie Cook, Helen Harris, Peggy Graham  
Drew Risinger, Toni Percivill, John Jovicich, Kathy Jones  
Mike Mcphee, Jerry Barrett, Kevin Bartley  
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 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