



FIRST
PRES
WACO

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

YOUTH & BAPTISM SUNDAY



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.

Worship Service - February 8, 2026 - Youth Sunday

Greetings and Announcements Claire Drew

Prelude: *The Lambs* McLaughlin
Special Music by: Maren Du Preez

+ Call to Worship Claire Drew

One: Welcome to the church! It's time to start worshipping.

Many: Let us and build; in body or spirit.

One: We want to build a bridge between all that has, does, and will exist with God.

Many: Within these walls, we build each other up in Christ.

+ Hymn #301 v. 1-3 *Let Us Build a House* TWO OAKS

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration Mae Ehlers

Dear Lord, we confess we have built our lives on unstable sand. We recognize that, at times, we fall short in our actions. We seek protection from within you, and ask for your guidance to build our communal faith on solid rock. In Christ's name we pray. 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 of the Peace of Christ Lucy Ferretter

+ 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

+ Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:30) Luca Palm
Child of Greg & Meredith Palm, brother of Miles Palm

Hymn #188 *Jesus Loves Me!* JESUS LOVES ME

Response Hymn #488 *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* WATERLIFE

Spirit Box Ella Wooten

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

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

**Today's
liturgy was
written by
our youth.**

We are grateful for last week's giving of \$12,672.65.

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



Prayer of Illumination

YaYa Patterson

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 2:17-20 (pew Bible OT pg.431)

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

Special Music

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

SLANE

Special Music by: YaYa Patterson

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:24-29 (pew Bible NT pg.7)

Mae Ehlers

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: Youth Dialogue Eleanor (11th), Yaya (9th) and Lucy (6th)

+ Affirmation of Faith - page 35 of Hymnal

Apostles' Creed: Josh Delk

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Isaiah Patterson

Trio

Rheinberger

+ 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)

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 for all Creation

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 #301 v. 4-5

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

+ Charge & Benediction

Youth Group

Postlude:

Coro from "Water Music"

Handel

Scan and
register your
attendance.



Sanctuary Flowers

In celebration of the growth
and development of FPC's
youth group over the past year.

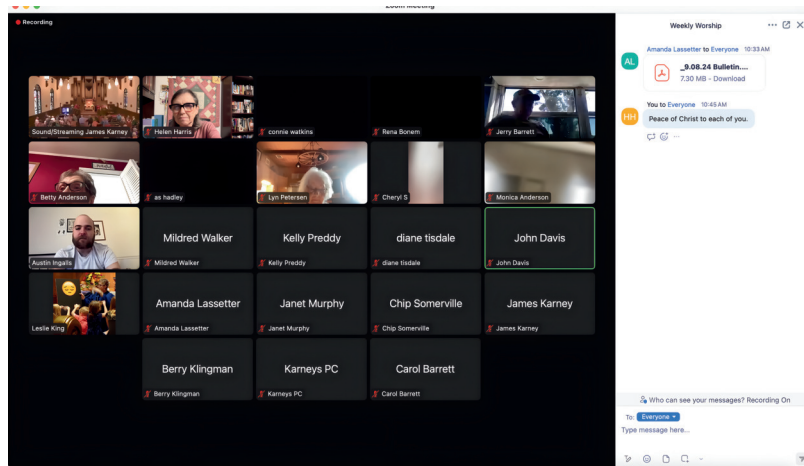
Given by: DJ & Leslie King



Parlor Plants

In loving memory of
Mario Alvarado.

Given by: Marsha Alvarado



Thank you to
**Carr &
LaRaine
DuPuy**
for hosting
**Coffee
Fellowship!**

First Pres Waco is looking to expand our slide operator team for Sunday morning worship. This paid position typically serves twice per month, with additional opportunities for special services. Our current team includes Amanda Lassetter & Thomas Munn. If you're interested, please email office@firstpreswaco.org or call (254) 752-1665. Training will be provided!

UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

8

8:30 A.M.
9:15 A.M.
10:30 A.M.
11:30 A.M.
5:00 P.M.

Worship Service - Hybrid
Christian Formation Classes for all ages
Worship Service - Hybrid
Coffee Fellowship
Our Hybrid House

MON

9

1:00 P.M.

Presbyterian Women - Fellowship Hall Hybrid

TUE

10

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 - Woodway Slowrise
7608 Woodway Dr, Waco, TX 76712

WED

11

6:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M.

In the Wings Youth Programming
St. Cecilia Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

THU

12

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.
9:00 A.M.
6:30 P.M.

Meals on Wheels - For more information
contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305
Classic Voice Ensemble
Build a Mug - Black Oak Art - College
1619 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

SUN

15

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

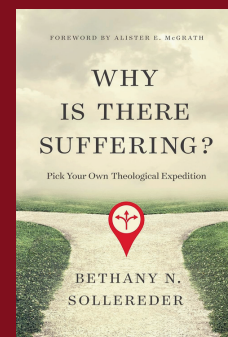
Join us for a three-week hybrid study of *Why Is There Suffering?* by Bethany N. Sollereder, a conversation-based exploration of theological perspectives on suffering and personal reflection. An evening session meets Wednesdays, Feb. 25, March 4 & 11 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Chapel Parlor, and a midday session meets Wednesdays, March 11, 18 & 25 from 12:00-1:15 p.m. in Room C201. Led by Leslie King. The book is available on Amazon.



**Evening Class
Sign Up**



**Midday Class
Sign Up**



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. **We will kick off our conversation with these questions: What was worst for you during the recent icy conditions? What/who helped you manage? What was best for you?**



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS LINE UP 6-8 P.M.

- February 11 - An evening with guitarist & percussionist, Brian Rainosek
- February 18 - Ash Wednesday - Sanctuary
- February 25 - Caring for our community & neighbors with guest speaker & member Lory Latimer.



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).



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.



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 to the community. Scan the QR code to view the full list of needed items.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG
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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

