

**FEBRUARY 15, 2026
TRANSFIGURATION
& SUDDERTH SUNDAY**



WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

"The Transfiguration" by The Painted Gospel



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:(10:30) *Plink, Plank, Plunk* Thompson
St. Cecilia Handbell Choir

+ Call to Worship (Psalm 99)

One: The Lord is exalted over all the nations. Let the people tremble and the earth quake!

Many: We praise your great and awesome name. Holy are you, O God!

One: Mighty King, you love justice; you have established equity and executed righteousness.

Many: We exalt the LORD our God; we worship at your holy mountain.

One: Let us worship the glory of God in Christ. Amen.

+ Hymn #190 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* GENEVA

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

Great God of mountains and valleys, we confess the desire to escape into your holy presence. We long to be in high places, caught up in your glory and spared from the troubles of this world. But life happens in the valleys. Water and vegetation collect into low places, where we live and toil, rejoice and suffer. May we know what it means to move with your presence through the ups and downs of our journey. 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

+ 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 Quinn Bartley

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 m

This Sunday, the St. Cecilia Handbell Choir celebrates new additions made possible by the Franklin Gift, including a fifth octave, new table covers, and new mallets. We are honored to carry forward the legacy of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church through this gift.

+ Please rise in body or in spirit.

We are grateful for last week's giving of \$11,787.11.

Our 2026 Sudderth Sunday fund has raised \$282.60. Help us reach our 2026 goal of \$2,500.

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 (pew Bible OT pg.70)

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

Anthem

Lord, Sanctify Me Wholly

Pasquet

Lord, sanctify me wholly, that my whole spirit, soul, and body may become Thy temple. O do Thou dwell in me, and be Thou my God, and I will be thy servant.

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 (pew Bible NT pg.18)

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: Ups and Downs

Taylor Holleyman, Ph.D

+ 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)

Meditation on "Repton"

Childs

+ 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 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 #10

Sing Glory to the Name of God LASST UNS ERFREUEN

+ Charge & Benediction

+ Closing Response: (10:30) #753 v.2 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Postlude:(10:30)

Be of Good Courage "La Vaillance"

Telemann

Scan and register your attendance.



Sanctuary Flowers

In loving memory of Gail Dow.

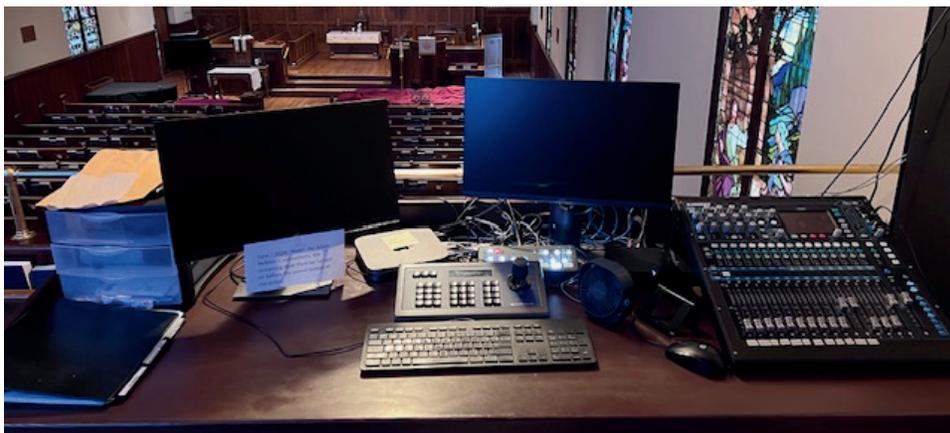
Given by: David Dow



Parlor Plants

In loving memory of Mario Alvarado.

Given by: Marsha Alvarado



Thank you to Z & Gretchen Wieckowski for hosting Coffee Fellowship!

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

UPCOMING THIS WEEK



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

MON

16

5:30 P.M.

Session Meeting - Hybrid

TUE

17

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.
12:00 P.M.

Meals on Wheels - For more information
contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305
Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon - Chapel Parlor

WED

18

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

In the Wings Youth Programming
Ash Wednesday Worship Service - Sanctaury

THU

19

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

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

FRI

20

7:30 A.M.

Men's Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

SAT

21

9:00 A.M.

Sanctuary Guild Orientation & Silver Cleaning

SUN

22

Bill & Judy Franklin Art Show Begins!

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

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 meeting on march 8th at 5:00 P.M.



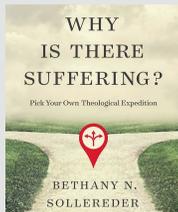
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS LINE UP 6-8 P.M.

- February 18 - Ash Wednesday - Sanctuary
- February 25 - Caring for our community & neighbors with guest speaker & member Lory Latimer.

WHY IS THERE SUFFERING BOOK STUDY?

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



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



CONGO MEDICAL SLIDE SHOW

For Sudderth Sunday, a new slide show is on display in the Narthex and on the Fellowship Hall level. The images commemorate the life of Amelia Sudderth and continuing presbyterian medical missions in the Congo.

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

