A vibrant stained glass illustration depicting the Palm Sunday scene. Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, sits on a dark brown donkey. He has his right hand raised in a gesture of blessing. To his left, three disciples stand: one in a yellow robe, one in a dark purple robe, and one in a blue robe. The background features a landscape with green hills, a red and yellow building, and a blue sky. The entire scene is rendered in a mosaic style with dark leaded glass lines.

**MARCH 29, 2026**  
**PALM 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.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30) *Triumphal Entry* Butler  
(10:30) *Praise to the Lord* Korndorfer

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

+ Call to Worship (Psalm 118:24–29)

One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Many: Let us rejoice in the Lord who is our salvation.**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Many: We give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.**

One: Let us worship the Lord whose steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

Processional & Opening

+ Hymn #196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

**God of peaceful kingdoms and triumphal entries, we confess our desire to coopt your rule for our own ends. We are tempted to twist your humble glory into a tool for controlling an unruly world. May we learn to trust the unusual character of your reign. Give us strength to live with hope, compassion, and peace. Give us grace when we disregard the character of your kingdom. By your Spirit, may we trust in the triumph of Christ. 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 Hannah & Finley Gingles

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 \$11,938.61.**

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10 (pew Bible OT pg.884)

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

Anthem *Hosanna to the Son of David* Tomas Luis de Victoria

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

+ Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11 (pew Bible NT pg.23)

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: Altered Expectations 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) *Fairest Lord Jesus* Consolacion

+ 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) *Consolation No. 3* Liszt

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.**

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



+ 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.**

Scan and register your attendance.



+ Hymn #274

*You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepard*

PICARDY

+ Charge & Benediction

+ Closing Response: (10:30)

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

*In the Cross of Christ*  
*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Walters  
Burkhardt



### Parlor Plants

In celebration of our family & friends.

Given by: Jim & Janet Ellor

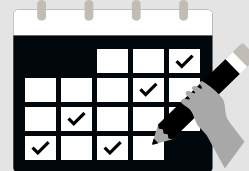


### Easter offering

Our goal is to raise \$5,500 for the Heart of Texas Network for Immigrant Rights (HOTNIR) with our Easter Offering. HOTNIR organizes volunteers who provide advocacy, archival, transportation, food, and legal services for immigrants. Funds given to HOTNIR help cover legal fees for individuals without a criminal record that HOTNIR has agreed to support.



# UPCOMING THIS WEEK



**SUN**

**29**

**8:30 A.M.**  
**9:15 A.M.**  
**10:30 A.M.**  
**12:00 P.M.**

Worship Service - Hybrid  
Christian Formation Classes for all ages  
Worship Service - Hybrid  
Easter Egg Hunt - Whitehall Park

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**TUE**

**31**

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

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

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**WED**

**1**

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

Bell Choir Practice  
Choir Practice

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**THU**

**2**

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

**6:00 P.M.**

Meals on Wheels - For more information  
contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305  
Maundy Thursday Service - Hybrid

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**FRI**

**3**

**6:00 P.M.**

Good Friday Service - Hybrid

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**SUN**

**5**

**8:30 A.M.**  
**9:15 A.M.**  
**10:30 A.M.**

Worship Service - Hybrid  
Easter Breakfast - Foundation Parlor  
Worship Service - Hybrid

# FIRST PRES NEWS



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 **April 12. Our question will be "Who is a caregiver you remember & what did they teach you?"**



## WEDNESDAY IN THE WINGS LINE UP 6-8 P.M.

Join Malorie, Brian & our volunteers on Wednesday for our March evening programming.

- April 1 - No foolin', no gathering. Gathering instead for Maundy Thursday service on April 2.

## EASTER BREAKFAST

Join us during the formation hour on Easter Sunday for breakfast tacos in Foundation Parlor.

## HOLY WEEK

- Palm Sunday: March 29, @ 8:30a.m. & 10:30a.m. Easter Egg Hunt @Whitehall Park.
- Maundy Thursday: April 2, @ 6:00p.m. Hand Washing & Communion.
- Good Friday: April 3, @ 6:00p.m. A dramatic service featuring multiple participants.
- Easter Sunday: April 5, @ 8:30a.m. & 10:30a.m. Tacos will be served during the formation hour in Fellowship Hall.

## BEER & HYMNS

Join us Sunday, April 26th 12:30-2:00 p.m. for Beer, Brats, and Hymns at Brotherwell Brewery after church.

Non alcoholic beverages available.



## NOW HIRING: A STREAMING & SLIDE OPERATOR

First Pres Waco is seeking paid Streaming Operators to join our Sunday morning worship team, typically serving twice per month alongside Adam Redmer, James Karney, and Mike Vale. No experience is necessary as full training is provided for all Sunday and special services. If you're interested, please email [office@firstpreswaco.org](mailto:office@firstpreswaco.org) or call (254) 752-1665.

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



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

