

APRIL 26, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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)	<i>Christ Bursts the Bonds of Death</i>	Sewell
(10:30)	<i>Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices</i>	Burkhardt
	Psalm 148	

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

+ Call to Worship Psalm 16:5-8a (liberties with 8b)

One: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

Many: The boundary lines have fallen for me in the pleasant places;

One: I have a goodly heritage.

Many: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night my heart also instructs me.

One: Let us keep the Lord always before us because he is our right hand.

Many: Let us be moved in worship. Amen.

+ Hymn #769 *For Everyone Born* FOR EVERYONE BORN

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of the Footpath, we confess we have traveled the road that has been overly trod. Inclement weather can cause it to become treacherously slick. We confess that we have sought to break new ground. There can be surprising beauty and pain there. We confess traveling with divine company and coming to deep awareness. How we long to understand the path we find ourselves on. How we long to understand the past for the sake of the future. Remembering Emmaus, we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Response Hymn #341 (10:30)	<i>O God, Show Mercy to Us</i>	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

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 \$9,852.91.

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:8-9 (pew Bible OT pg. 614)

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

Anthem

What Does Love Look Like

Trenney

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others and the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. Love has eyes to see misery and want. Love has ears to hear our sighs and sorrows. Love looks like this.

+ Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-30 (pew Bible NT pg. 90)

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: Remembering Our Dead: Scrolling – Eternal Profiles

Leslie King, D. Min.

+ Hymn #808

When Memory Fades v.3

FINLANDIA

+ 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)

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Temple

+ 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) *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Renfrow

Scan and register your attendance.



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 #800

Sometimes a Light Surprises

SALLEY GARDENS

+ Charge & Benediction

Postlude: (8:30)

Lamb of God

Hayes

(10:30)

Rejoice! Ye Pure in Heart

Hobby

Sanctuary Flowers

In honor of Greg's Grandfathers, who always fought the good fight.

Given by: The Palm Family



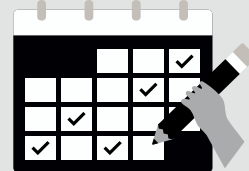
Parlor Plants

With gratitude for our church family.

Given by: Jim & Carolyn Maxwell

A warm welcome to the members of Grace Presbytery staff who are joining us in worship this morning.

UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

26

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

Worship Service - Hybrid
Congregational Gathering on Neurodiversity - Fellowship Hall
Worship Service - Hybrid
Beer & Hymns - Brotherwell Brewery

MON

27

2:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M.

Worship Committee Meeting - Zoom
Power of the Pen - Zoom

TUE

28

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.
5:30 P.M.
6:30 P.M.

Meals on Wheels - For more information
contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305
Christian Formation Committee/YAB Meeting - Zoom
First Pres Reading Group - 3416 Carondolet Blvd
Waco, TX 76710

WED

29

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

In The Wings Youth Programming - Youth Suite
Bell Choir Practice
Choir Practice

THU

30

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

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FRI

1

6:00 P.M.

Reel Spirituality - Pinewood Public House
Movie: Wake Up Dead Man

SAT

2

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

Church Work Day - Meet in Chapel Parlor
for donuts & coffee

SUN

3

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 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 **May 10! This months question will be "What is something that's on your bucket list?"**



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

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

- April 29: Youth Summer & Fall Planning Session

Last Wednesday night for the Spring!

FPC WORK DAY

Join us Saturday May, 2 from 9:00A.M. - 11:00A.M. for a church work day, meeting in Chapel Parlor with donuts & coffee.

JUNIOR HIGH JUBILEE INTEREST

Junior High Jubilee: A week-long conference for 6th-8th graders featuring worship, friends, and fun! To register a student or volunteer as an adult sponsor, contact Malorie (dcf@firstpreswaco.org) or Taylor (tholleyman@firstpreswaco.org).

SUMMER TEACHER ORIENTATION

Thank you to all of our Summer Christian Formation teachers. Orientation will be on Saturday, May 16th, at 10:00a.m. More details to come soon.

CHURCH RETREAT

Church Retreat sign-ups are live! We hope you can join us at Mo-Ranch, November 6-8. We are excited to have Austin Dickson join us as our guest speaker. Austin is CEO of the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country, the organization that has led the Rebuild Kerr efforts following last year's devastating floods. We'll look forward to time together in the Hill Country this November.



BEER & HYMNS

Join us today, from 12:30 - 2:00P.M. for Beer, Brats, and Hymns at Brotherwell Brewery after church.

Non alcoholic beverages available.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA @FIRSTPRESWACO



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Diaconate Secretary	Christine Dennis
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Our Hybrid House	Jeremy Mercer, Dave Reagan, Jen Ferretter, Avery Kerley, Cynthia Perry, Marilyn Harren, Zdzislaw Wieckowski
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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

