

**MAY 10, 2026**  
**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**



**WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD**

"Study for St. Paul Preaching in Athens," by Raphael (1514-1515)



# 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>For All the Faithful Women</i>	Walz
(10:30)	<i>A Blessing</i>	Helman
	St. Cecilia Bell Choir	

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

+ Call to Worship (Psalm 66:16-20)

One: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.

**Many: I cried aloud, and God was extolled with my tongue.**

One: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

**Many: But truly God has listened and has given heed to the words of my prayers.**

One: Blessed be God who hears our prayers and keeps his steadfast love for us.  
Amen.

**Pentecost Prayer ribbons are available in the narthex.**

+ Hymn #7	<i>Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth</i>	NORWICH
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**You are invited to write the names of people, situations, hopes, or prayers that are on your heart.**

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

**God who made the world and everything in it, we confess that we strive for things made by human hands. We train ourselves to worship objects and status. Too often, we devote ourselves to things backed by gold and to ideas formed in the imagination of mortals. May you transform our efforts and interests. May our striving in this life be for you and the things of your kingdom. In all our mortal works, may we discover that you are the one in whom we live and move and have our being. In Christ, and by the Holy Spirit, we offer these hopes. 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) " <i>Christ Before Me</i> "	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	Miles & Theo Stahl-Wright
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 \$6,120.61.**

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Reading: Isaiah 45:18-22 (pew Bible OT pg.675)

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

Anthem

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

Trenney

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun. Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life and grape of love, your very body for my peace. Mothering Spirit, nurturing one in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow, until I flower, until I know.

New Testament Reading: Acts: 17:22-31 (pew Bible NT pg.137)

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

+ 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: The Idols of Athens

Taylor Holleyman, Ph.D

Musical Reflection (8:30):

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Monk

St. Cecilia Bell Choir - Martha Du Preez & Shane Montoya

Special Musicians: Megan & Maren Du Preez

+ Hymn #44

*Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

AUSTIN

+ 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.

Receiving 2026 Confirmands: Isaiah Patterson & Josh Delk

Offering (10:30)

*Air Tendre*

Lully

+ 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.

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



Scan and register your attendance,



or please sign in on the pad located in the pew.

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 #26

*Earth and All Stars!*

EARTH AND ALL STARS

+ Charge & Benediction

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

*Ave Maria*  
*Trumpet Tune*

Pallini  
Sobaje

### Sanctuary Flowers

In loving memory of Frances & Carroll Sturgis on this Mothers Day, and for his birthday which was May 6th.

Given by: Elinor & JP Davis



### Parlor Plants

In honor of Polly Ehlers.

Given by: Todd & Katherine Ehlers

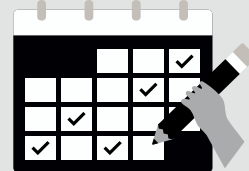
Thank you to The Palm Family for hosting Coffee Fellowship.

**We are currently in a period of transition with our HVAC control system as we work to transfer building controls to a new service provider. During this process, you may notice some inconsistencies in temperature throughout different areas of the building.**

**Please bear with us as we do our best to maintain comfortable conditions while we troubleshoot and adjust to the new system. Our team is actively working to resolve these issues as quickly as possible, and we appreciate your patience and understanding in the meantime.**

**Thank you for your grace during this transition.**

# UPCOMING THIS WEEK



## Confirmation Sunday

**SUN**

**10**

8:30 A.M.

9:15 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

11:30 A.M.

Worship Service - Hybrid

Christian Formation Classes for all ages

Called Session Meeting in Chapel

Worship Service - Hybrid

Coffee Fellowship

**MON**

**11**

11:30 A.M.

5:30 P.M.

Presbyterian Women - Hybrid

Chet Edwards Separation of Church & State - Fellowship Hall

Outreach Meeting - Zoom

**TUE**

**12**

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

**WED**

**13**

6:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

Bell Choir Practice

Choir Practice

**THU**

**14**

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

9:00 A.M.

12:00 P.M.

Meals on Wheels - For more information

contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

Personnel Committee Meeting - Zoom

Finance Committee meeting - Zoom

**FRI**

**15**

7:30 A.M.

Men's Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

**SAT**

**16**

10:00 A.M.

Summer Teacher Orientation - Fellowship Hall  
Breakfast Served

**SUN**

**17**

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 - Zoom

# 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 **May 17! This month's question will be "What is something that's on your bucket list?"**



### FAITH ON TAP

Join us on Tuesday, May 12, at 6:00p.m. for Faith on Tap at the Woodway Slowrise.

**7608 Woodway Dr, Waco, TX 76712**



### 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 the 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.



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Join us Monday, May 11, at 11:30a.m. for Presbyterian Women in Fellowship Hall.



Character Camp is our church's summer camp for kids, now with a brand-new theme!

Join us July 20-24 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a fun and meaningful week filled with faith based activities, character-building lessons, and opportunities to grow in friendship and community.

Use the QR code to sign up—we'd love for your child to be part of it!

### SUMMER TEACHER ORIENTATION

Thank you to all of our Summer Christian Formation teachers! Orientation will be held on Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. Brunch will be provided, and you'll be introduced to our summer theme.

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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## Organizational Officers

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Sanctuary Flowers	Brenda Stephens, Susan Somerville, Kathy Jones
Celebration Way	Cary DuPuy

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## Diaconate Committee Members

Diaconate Moderator/Vice Moderator	Malorie Montoya, Bricker Bruner
Diaconate Secretary	Christine Huston
Agape Committee	All Deacons
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

