



MAY 24, 2026
PENTECOST SUNDAY



WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

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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) *Brethren We Have Met to Worship* Bober
(10:30) *We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit* Buxtehude

+ Please
rise in
body or in
spirit.

+ Call to Worship (Psalm 104:31-34)

One: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.

Many: God looks on the Earth, and it trembles, touches mountains and they smoke.

One: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**Many: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.
Amen.**

Thank you to
Rev. Dr. Neil
Messer for
his
leadership
at 8:30.

+ Hymn #280 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* EBENEZER

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of all speaking and hearing, we confess that we often fail to receive and communicate your Word faithfully. Your presence gets drowned out by the noise of our lives. As we seek to share your love, we muddle your message with fallen tongues. By the power of you Spirit, may we become faithful prophets of your Word. Light us with tongues of fire that we may speak the language of grace that all people long to hear. In Christ we confess and we hope. Amen.

Thank you to
Rev. Karen
Zimmerman
Open Table
director, for
helping lead
our liturgy
at 10:30.

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 Lola & Jameson Joyner
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 \$7,594.85.

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Reading: Genesis 11:5-9 (pew Bible OT pg.9)

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

Anthem

He That Dwelleth in the Secret Place

Kaiser

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide 'neath the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, My God, in Him will I trust. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shall thou trust. His truth shall be thy shield and thy buckler.

New Testament: Acts 2:1-13 (pew Bible NT pg.119)

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: Clear Communication

Taylor Holleyman, Ph.D.

+ Hymn #288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

+ 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)

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Korndorfer

+ 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 #441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

+ Charge & Benediction

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

Brethren We Have Met to Worship
Psalm XIX

Bober
Marcello

Sanctuary Flowers

In gratitude for the gift of worship by Zoom.

Given by: Anonymous Donor



Parlor Plants

In honor of Polly Ehlers.

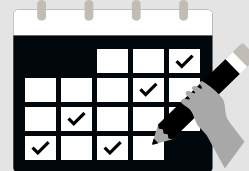
Given by: Todd & Katherine Ehlers

Pentecost Prayer ribbons are available in the narthex. You are invited to write the names of people, situations, hopes, or prayers that are on your heart.



Pentecost Prayers

UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

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

Worship Service - Hybrid
Christian Formation Classes for all ages
Worship Service - Hybrid

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MON

Office Holiday

**MEMORIAL
DAY**

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TUE

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

Meals on Wheels - For more information
contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305
Christian Formation Committee Meeting & Youth
Advisory Board - Zoom

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WED

12:00 P.M.

Facilities Committee Meeting

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THU

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Meals on Wheels - For more information
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SUN

8:30 A.M.
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Worship Service - Hybrid
Summer Christian Formation Kickoff
Worship Service - Hybrid
Coffee Fellowship

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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 June 14: This weeks question is "Tell us about a favorite book".



TACOS WITH TAYLOR

Join Taylor each Tuesday this summer as we explore taco spots around Waco. Email Taylor at tholleyman@firstpreswaco.org to share your favorite taco place for the tour.

This Weeks Taco Stop is:

Ranchito #5

2310 W Waco Dr.



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.



SUMMER CHRISTIAN FORMATION KICK OFF

We invite you to join us this summer for our combined Adult Formation series, "Finding Our Place." Rooted in our 2026 outreach theme of displacement, this series will guide us as we reflect on how we discover our own place—and how we help others find theirs—in a world shaped by movement, change, and belonging. The series begins May 31 and will include guest speakers throughout the summer. On this same Sunday, Children's Formation will also begin, and we will introduce our youth and children's theme, "Character in Characters." Adults will gather in C201. Pre K-3rd in C306 & pre teen & youth in C304. We look forward to gathering each week at 9:15 a.m. as we learn, grow, and share in community.



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!

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

