



MAY 31, 2026
BAPTISM SUNDAY



WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

Nelly Bube, *Workers in the Vineyard*, n.d., painting.



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)
(10:30)

Be In Our Gathering
Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us

Ford
Walther

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

+ Call to Worship

One: We gather into worship having flowed here from various circumstances and experiences.

Many: We gather into worship as water to an eddy, swirling here for a while to whisper, embrace, and build energy.

One: We gather into worship that we may splash back out into the world and quench the thirst of others.

Many: From Jesus' Jordan to our roadways, may we serve as tributaries of Christ's vitality today and always.

One: Let us worship God. Amen.

+ Hymn #295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of all Economy, we confess that we have wondered, "What am I worth?" We have wondered this in financial, relational, and psychological economies. We have sought evidence that we are worthy. How we long to be valued. How we long to have a deep understanding of value like the waves in the ocean and the baptismal waters that trickle and slide past porous skin into the depths of our person. Your value of us sends us into awe and wonder. May we dare to share. Into your holy name we offer each prayer. 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.

We are grateful for last week's giving of \$23,208.33.

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



+ Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:30)

Henry Ochel

Son of Sarah & Jordan Ochel

Hymn #188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Response Hymn #488 V.1

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

WATERLIFE

Spirit Box

Ella Wooten

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

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Reading: Deuteronomy 24:14-15 (pew Bible OT pg.179)

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

Anthem

Prayer

Tyrell

God has not promised skies always blue, flower-strewn pathways all our lives through; God has not promised sun without rain, joy without sorrow, peace without pain; but God has promised strength for the day, rest for the labourer, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love. God has not promised we shall not know toil and temptation, trouble and woe; God has not told us we shall not bear many a burden, many a care; but God has promised strength for the day, rest for the labourer, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love.

+ Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-15 (pew Bible NT pg.21)

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: Enriching Our Spirituality: Resourcing Others

Leslie King, D. Min.

+ Hymn #434 V.3

Restore in Us, O God

BAYLOR

Offering (10:30)

Sarabande

Zachau

+ 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.

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 #285

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

+ Charge & Benediction

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

Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen
Trumpet Tune

Hayes
Stanley

Sanctuary Flowers

In memory of our parents Jim & Phronie Napier and Bill & Deanne Morrison.

Given by: Mike & Nancy Morrison



Parlor Plants

In honor of Polly Ehlers.

Given by: Todd & Katherine Ehlers



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!

Sign up to attend or volunteer!



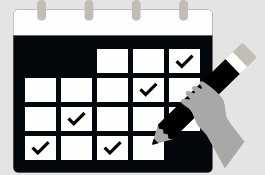
Scan and register your attendance,



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

Thank you to Sherry & Bob Cragen for hosting Coffee Fellowship!

UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

31

8:30 A.M.
9:15 A.M.
10:30 A.M.
11:30 A.M.

Worship Service - Hybrid
Summer Christian Formation Kickoff
Worship Service - Hybrid
Coffee Fellowship

MON

1

5:30 P.M.

Diaconate Meeting - Hybrid

TUE

2

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.
12:00 P.M.
5:30 P.M.

Meals on Wheels - For more information
contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305
Taco Tuesday with Taylor
Congregational Life Meeting

THU

4

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

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FRI

5

6:00 P.M.

Reel Spirituality - Pinewood

SAT

6

9:00 A.M.

Presbytery Meeting - Central Presbyterian

SUN

7

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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 June 14: This week's 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:
Wako Taco
1800 Summer Ave**



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

Adults - "Finding Our Place"

Our adult class meets in C201 at 9:15 a.m. On June 7, we will discuss the introduction to *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* by Ted Foote and Alex Thornburg. On June 14, we welcome Rev. Ted Foote to lead the class.

Children & Youth - "Character in Characters"

Children and Youth are exploring "Character in Characters" this summer, discovering character traits through Bible stories each week. Classes begin at 9:15 a.m. on the second floor of the Franklin Wing. Pre-K-3rd grade meets in C306, and Pre-Teen-Youth meets in C304.

REEL SPIRITUALITY

Attention all film lovers, we invite you to join us for Reel Spirituality at Pinewood Public House this Friday at 6:00p.m.

This weeks movie: Signs (2002)

Location: 2223 Austin Ave Suite D, Waco, TX



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE 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

