

JUNE 14, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

"Love Bears All Things," by Chris Powers



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) *Day by Day* Arr. Gene Roberson
(10:30) *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Hobby

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

+ Call to Worship

One: We arrive to worship bringing our life experience, our questions, and our trusted answers.

Many: We long for rest and transformation of our uncomfortable circumstances.

One: Transformation is not always restful, but can be capacity building.

Many: As we worship the size of God, may we have stamina for the expansion of our own capacities in Christ. Amen.

+ Hymn #475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of life and relationships, we confess the incongruence that we notice in our lives. We confess that we have valued those who have mistreated us. We confess that we have been valued by those whom we have mistreated. We confess to noticing various mysterious incongruences. How we long to understand the tension of incongruence as a tensile force that hammocks our existence and identity. We offer this confession and longing into your holy strength. 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.

**We are
grateful for
last
week's
giving of
\$8,059.86**

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

Kynadie & Byntlie Montoya

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 Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9 (pew Bible OT pg. 685)

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

Anthem

Nearer, My God the Thee

Sarah F. Davis

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my god, to thee. Though like a wanderer, the sun
gone down, darkness be over me, my rest a stone; yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my
God, to thee. Then with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise, out of my stony
griefs, Bethel I'll raise; so by my woes to be nearer, my God, to thee.

Epistle Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (pew Bible NT pg. 175)

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 - Encounters: Truth and Trusted Answers

Leslie King, D. Min.

+ Hymn #536 V.2

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

+ Affirmation of Faith

**We affirm a simple faith. We affirm Jesus as light. We affirm radiant light
as attention that heals, nourishes, and inspires. We affirm Jesus as light.
We affirm the wave pull of light from where we have been to where we
are going. We affirm Jesus as light. We affirm the spectrum of color as
the importance of difference upon the surface and at the depths. We
affirm Jesus as light within our sacraments, our scriptures, our songs,
and our prayers. Amen.**

Offering (10:30)

An English Hymntune

Callahan

+ 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) *There is a Balm in Gilead*

Arr. Pam Gervais

Venmo can
facilitate
your
offering or
designated
gift.



Scan and register your attendance,



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

Thank you to The Kerley Family for hosting Coffee Fellowship!

Sign up to attend or volunteer!



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 #459

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

+ Charge & Benediction

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

Deep River
Sortie

Arr. Brad Nix
Blake

Sanctuary Flowers

In celebration of family and friends.

Given by: Susan Johnsen and David Young



Parlor Plants

To our children - Sarah, Rachel, and Josh.

Given by: Jamie & Kathryn Delk

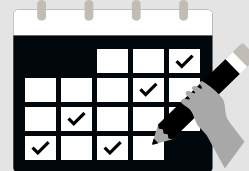


Character Camp is our church's summer camp for kids, now with a brand-new theme!

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!

UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

14

8:30 A.M.

9:15 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

11:30 A.M.

5:00 P.M.

Worship Service - Hybrid

Summer Christian Formation -

Adults meet in Fellowship Hall

Worship Service - Hybrid

Coffee Fellowship

Our Hybrid House

MON

15

5:30 P.M.

Session Meeting - Hybrid

TUE

16

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

12:00 P.M.

Meals on Wheels - For more information

contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

Taco Tuesday with Taylor

Roberto's Taco Shop - 921 S 9th St Ste 310, 76706

WED

17

7:00 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal

THU

18

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

5:30 P.M.

Meals on Wheels - For more information

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Summer Celebration at Bledsoe Miller Park

FRI

19

7:30 A.M.

Men's Breakfast

SUN

21

8:30 A.M.

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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 this afternoon at 5:00 P.M.: This month's discussion prompt is "Tell us about a favorite book".



SUMMER CELEBRATION!

Join us on Thursday, June 18, at 5:30 P.M. at Bledsoe Miller Park (300 N M.L.K. Jr Blvd, Waco, TX 76704) under the pavilion.

We will gather together to enjoy Kona Ice and community.

We hope to see you there!

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.

Sign-ups close August 6, 2026.



SUMMER CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adults - "Finding Our Place"

Today, our adult class met in Fellowship Hall with Ted Foote at 9:15a.m. to discuss the book *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America*, which was written by Ted Foote and Alex Thornburg.

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 3rd floor of the Franklin Wing. Pre-K-3rd grade meets in C306, and Pre-Teen-Youth meets in C304.

VOLUNTEERING IN OFFICE

As you may have heard by now, Evan Cole has resigned his position at the church in order to take up new opportunities. We are happy for him, and we are hustling to cover his responsibilities. One of his biggest responsibilities was hospitality, door, and phone duty. If interested in volunteering, please sign up today!



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

