



JUNE 21, 2026

BAPTISM AND SUDDERTH SUNDAY



HUMILITY & STRENGTH

WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

Humility with Strength and Wisdom of Adrinka in Ghana

<https://tinyurl.com/4mee57pd>



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) *When I Consider How the Father Loves* Penny Rodriguez
(10:30) *This is My Father's World* Westenkuehler

+ Please rise in body or in spirit.

+ Call to Worship

One: Honor! Glory! Triumph!

Many: The beginning of these things are humility, strength, and wisdom.

One: Christ!

Many: The humility, strength, and wisdom of Jesus.

One: Let us worship God in Christ. Amen.

+ Hymn #401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of wisdom and water, we confess that life seems to move right through us. We try to hold onto wisdom so that we can package it to another, but our wisdom is not another's wisdom. How we long to allow wisdom to flow, providing momentum for our journey. As we receive it, may we also release it for the sake of the next discovery and divine disclosure. We offer our confession and our longing. Amen.

On Sundays when we have communion or baptism and the congregation responds to the sacrament, we receive that participation as our Affirmation of Faith for the day.

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.

+ Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:30)

Wren Ochoa

Daughter of Madison and Jake Ochoa

Hymn #188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Response Hymn #488 V.1

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

WATERLIFE

We are grateful for last week's giving of \$19,010.02

To date we have collected \$1,865.90 for the Sudderth Fund. Help us surpass our goal of \$2,500!

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



Spirit Box

Wren Ochoa

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: Jeremiah 9:23-24 (pew Bible OT pg. 711)

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

Anthem

Father, in Thy Mysterious Presence Kneeling

Thompson

Father, in thy mysterious presence kneeling, fain would our souls feel all thy kindling love, for we are weak, and need some deep revealing of trust and strength and calmness from above. Lord, we have wandered forth through doubt and sorrow, and thou hast made each step an onward one, and we will ever trust each unknown morrow; thou will sustain us till its work is done. Amen

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: John 8:31-36 (pew Bible NT pg. 101)

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 - Encounters: Dance Partners

Leslie King, D. Min.

+ Hymn #536 V.3

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

Offering (10:30)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Willan

+ 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) *Reverie*

Colin Curtis

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 #487

These Treasured Children PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

+ Charge & Benediction

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

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
In Thee is Gladness

arr. Larry Shackley
Wood

Scan and register your attendance,



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

Sanctuary Flowers

In memory of our parents,
Carolyn & John Hardey, and
Mary & Wladyslaw
Wieckowski

Given by: Gretchen &
Zdzislaw Wieckowski



Parlor Plants

To our children - Sarah,
Rachel, and Josh.

Given by: Jamie & Kathryn
Delk



Thank you to
Esther Lee
for hosting
Coffee
Fellowship!

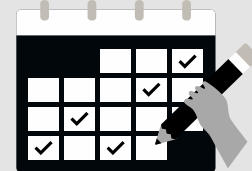
Character Camp is our church's summer camp for kids, now with a brand-new theme!

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!



UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

21

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

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

MON

22

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

Worship Committee Meeting - Zoom
Power of the Pen - Zoom

TUE

23

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 - The Trompo King
1700 S 5th St Ste b, Waco, TX 76706
Christian Formation Committee & YAB Meeting - Zoom

WED

24

12:00 P.M.

Facilities Committee Meeting - Hybrid

THU

25

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

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SUN

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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 Sunday, July 12, at 5:00 P.M.



BREAKFAST AT WIMBLEDON

Our next congregational life event is July 11th at 10a.m. The Joyners are hosting Breakfast at Wimbledon (400 Ocampo Ct, 76708). We will watch some tennis while enjoying yard games and a light brunch. It promises to be fun for the whole family. Wear your sportiest white if you are feeling festive!

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"

Please join us at 9:15 A.M. as we continue our journey on Finding Our Place. We will meet in the Session Room (C-201). The conversation has been rich and meaningful, and we hope to see you there!

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.

4TH ANNUAL LIVER & ONIONS EXTRAVAGANZA!



D.J. King is hosting the 4th annual Liver & Onions extravaganza on July 23, 6p.m., at George's in Hewitt. Whether you hope to enjoy Liver & Onions or just want to come for another dish and community, we hope to see you there! Please register so we can let them know how many people will be in attendance, and how many plates of Liver & Onions to be prepared to serve up!

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

