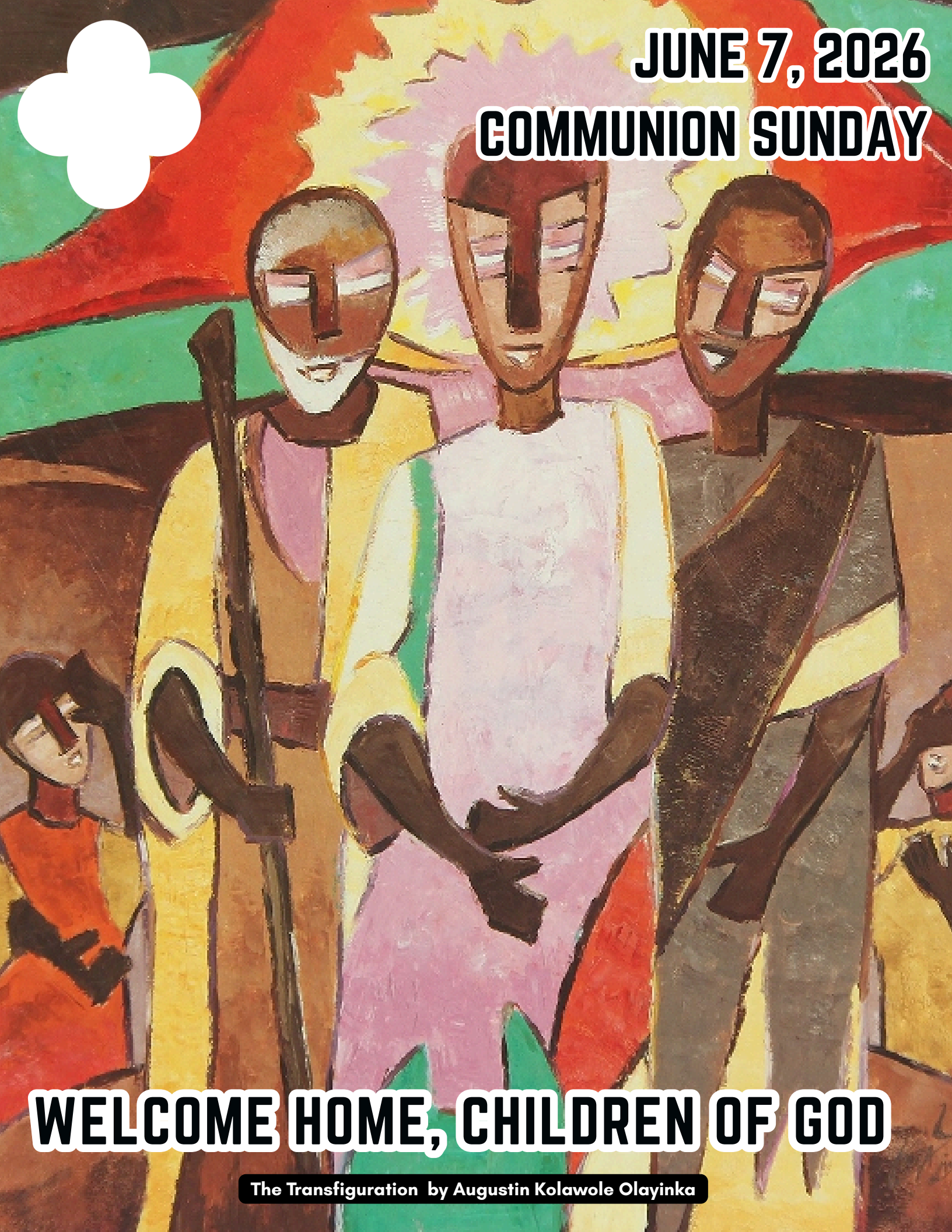




JUNE 7, 2026

COMMUNION SUNDAY



WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

The Transfiguration by Augustin Kolawole Olayinka



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>Change My Heart</i>	Eddie Espinosa
(10:30)	<i>This is My Father's World</i>	Anna Laura Page
	St. Cecilia Bell Choir	

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

+ Call to Worship

One: Encounters in our day-to-day lives are the beginning of our understanding.

Many: Encountering ourselves in new ways allows identity to unfurl.

One: Encountering God is the beginning of imagination and hope.

**Many: We gather that we may encounter. Let us worship God in Christ.
Amen.**

+ Hymn #451	<i>Open My Eyes, That I May See</i>	OPEN MY EYES
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Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of Close Encounters, we confess the intensity of arriving close. When intimate with others, we can feel we are in deep waters. We can even feel in over our heads when we are intimate with our own feelings and thoughts. How we long to have stamina as we encounter life in new and surprising ways. How we long to understand our future in light of our significant past. We offer this prayer and each prayer into the strength of your moving and illumining Spirit. 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.	

**We are
grateful for
last
week's
giving of
\$4,118.40**

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.	

Moment for First Pres	Amy Goodman - Character Camp
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**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.**

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



Spirit Box

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: Micah 2:4-7 (pew Bible OT pg. 862)

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

Duet

Behold, I Shall Save My People

Darcy Blahut

John Jovicich, Bass and Brian Rainosek, Tenor

My soul, my heart is drawn. What bread of heaven finds the tongue when fear is calmed. Your love is my delight, though Light of Lights we cannot see but for the dawn. Our God, your pleasure be, as sheep but by the air they breathe from meadows green. A child their parents word, awaiting eagerly their place upon the knee. Insatiable the draught. Of justice and of righteousness, eternal fruit. And lo! The blessed prize. When raised upon our greatest hope, your spirit cries! Then call to me, and I will come to save a people now my own. Your face we shall behold on high, leading us home.

+ Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-4 (pew Bible NT pg. 18)

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: Attitudes and Conversation Partners

Leslie King, D. Min.

+ Hymn #536 V.1

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

Offering (10:30)

Meditation

Benoit

+ 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) *Open My Eyes*
(10:30) *Serenade*

Larry Shackley
Schubert

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 Great Thanksgiving

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 #529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

+ Charge & Benediction

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

The Love of Jesus Medley
Rise Up Ye Saints of God

Mark Hayes
Burkhardt

Sanctuary Flowers

In loving memory of Jim & Johnne, and B.H. & Betty.

Given by: Jim & Joyce Gray



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!

Sign up to attend or volunteer!



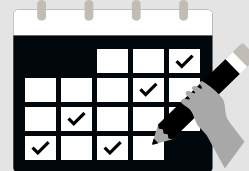
Scan and register your attendance,



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

Thank you to The Gingles Family for hosting Coffee Fellowship!

UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

7

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

TUE

9

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

12:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

Meals on Wheels - For more information

contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

Taco Tuesday with Taylor - Lolita's - 1911 Franklin Ave

Faith on Tap - Slowrise Woodway

THU

11

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

SAT

13

9:00 A.M.

Service Saturday - Habitat for Humanity

Sign Up!



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

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 week's question is "Tell us about a favorite book".



SERVICE SATURDAY

Join us in volunteering with Habitat for Humanity.

Sign Up!



June 13th at 9:00 A.M.

Meet in the Franklin parking lot at 8:45 A.M.

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

Adults - "Finding Our Place"

Today our adult class met in C201 at 9:15a.m. to discuss the introduction of the book *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 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

