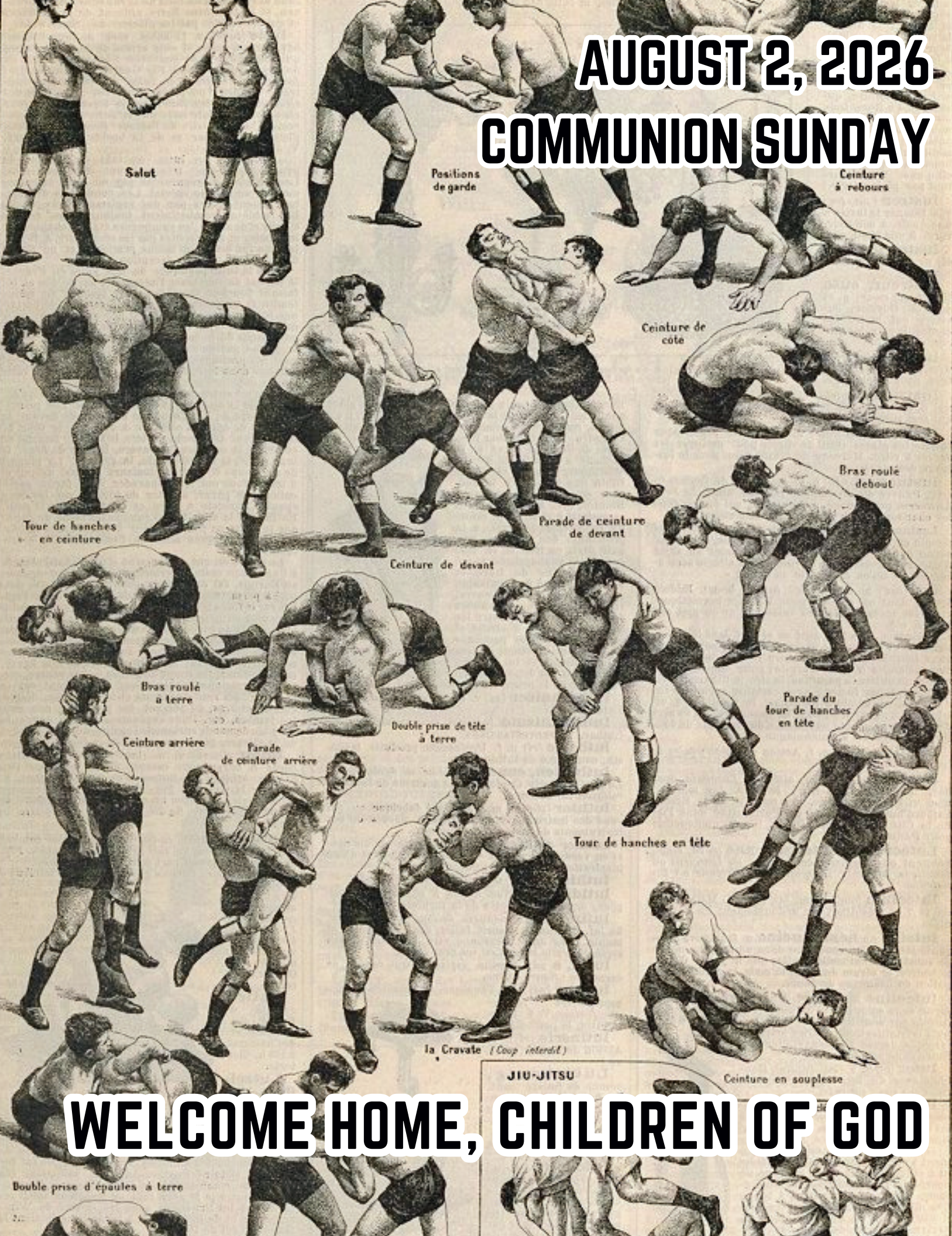


AUGUST 2, 2026
COMMUNION SUNDAY



WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD



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
- Magnifying sheets
- 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) *Blessed Assurance* Hayes
(10:30) *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Burkhardt

+ Please
rise in
body or in
spirit.

+ Call to Worship - From Psalm 17

One: Lord, if you test me and visit me by night, may you find no wickedness in me.

Many: May my steps hold fast and my feet remain steady.

One: I will call and you will answer me. Incline your ear to hear my words, O God.

Many: Show your steadfast love, O savior of all who seek refuge.

One: When I awake, may I behold your face in righteousness. Amen.

Thank you
to Rev. Ron
Holmes for
his
leadership
in worship
today.

+ Hymn #435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of unexpected encounters, we confess grappling with our circumstances, attempting to wrestle control and advantage. In a world that is unwieldy and conflicted, we strive against our limits and identify combatants all around us. May you confront us in the scuffle and claim our identities in the clash. May we meet you, strive with you, and know you face to face. 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.

Spirit Box (8:30) Dick Kettler
(10:30) Wes Field

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

Scan and
register your
attendance,



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

**We are
grateful for
last
week's
giving of
\$7,936.25**

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:22-31 (pew Bible OT pg. 30)

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

Anthem

Hymn #450, *Be Thou My Vision*

Saralyn McKinnon-Crowley

Text available in your pew Hymnal

Epistle Scripture Reading: Romans 9:1-5 (pew Bible NT pg. 159)

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.

The God Who Grapples

Taylor Holleyman, Ph. D.

+ Hymn #94 (10:30) V.1

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

JEFFERSON

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.

Offering (10:30)

Air (From Water Music)

Handel

+ 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

Debussy

(10:30)

Elegy

Thalben-Bal

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.

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



+ 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 #760

Bring Many Names

WESTCHASE

Verses 1 and 6 sung in unison, v. 2 and 4 sung by lectern side, v. 3 and 5 sung by pulpit side.

+ Charge & Benediction

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

Bread of Life
Toccata in F Major

Hopson
Buxtehude

Thank you to
the
Somerville
Family for
hosting
Coffee
Fellowship!

Sanctuary Flowers

In memory of my husband Frank
B. Fox, Jr.



Given by: Brenda Fox

Parlor Plants

In loving memory of Judy Parrish.

Given by: Meg Parrish

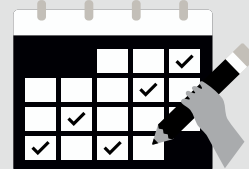
Nominating Committee:

Within the Presbyterian Church, there is a season of nominating individuals to serve on the Diaconate and the Session. Your 2026 Nominating Committee will receive, review and recommend a list of nominees to be voted upon in our Annual Congregational Meeting in October. Look for more information on how to nominate a person to serve as deacon (diaconate) or elder (session) by using this QR code. Your congregational reps on the nominating committee include: Kris Olson, James Karney, Sue Patrick, Diane Williams and Charlie Stern.

Scan the QR
code to
nominate!



UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

2

COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

3

5:30 p.m.

Diaconate Meeting - Hybrid

TUE

4

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's With Taylor - Leal's: 9000 Panther Dr.

Woodway, TX 76712

Congregational Life Meeting - Zoom

WED

5

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

THU

6

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meals on Wheels - For more information

contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

FRI

7

6:00 p.m.

Reel Spirituality - *Big Fish* (2003)

SUN

9

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5:00 p.m.

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Hybrid House

FIRST PRES NEWS



Our Hybrid House is the newest committee of the Diaconate, focused on enriching our environment for hybrid worship and Zoom meetings. We are particularly interested in your opinions and experiences if you are a non-local participant of First Presbyterian. Look for our Hybrid House on August 9th. Our discussion will focus on our pets, past and present, and their personalities.



NEW BEGINNING'S SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Interested in joining a formation group but not sure which one is right for you? Join us for New Beginning's Sunday breakfast in the Fellowship Hall on August 23 at 9:15 a.m. We will introduce our fall formation classes and enjoy breakfast together.

COLLECTION FOR COMPASSION WACO

The Outreach Committee is hosting a collection drive for Compassion Waco during August. Compassion is an outreach partner who provides services that meet the needs of families facing housing insecurity, including providing transitional housing. Follow the QR code for the list of donation items. Printed copies and a drop-off point are available in the Narthex.



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.

REEL SPIRITUALITY

Join us for Reel Spirituality at Pinewood Public House on August 7th at 6:00 P.M. This month's movie will be *Big Fish* (2003).

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Wes Field



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

