



AUGUST 9, 2026
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

Cover art: <https://bowseat.org/gallery/the-world-is-melting-in-our-hands/>



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) *Grace Greater Than Our Sins* Bober
(10:30) *Adante tranquillo from Sonata III* Mendelssohn

+ Please
rise in
body or in
spirit.

+ Call to Worship

One: Worship honors intensity.

Many: The movement of the Spirit and the full arrival of the Word into our hearts can stir our will.

One: Worship honors change.

Many: Nothing stays the same. Environments can be diminished and enriched.

One: Worship honors repentance and restoration.

Many: It is never too late to enrich what has been diminished!

One: Let us worship God this day and each day. Amen.

+ Hymn #11 *Source and Sovereign Rock and Cloud* ABERYSTWYTH

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of all life, from the sky over our heads to the dirt beneath our feet, we seek to be your grounded and spiritual people. In this great adventure of life, we confess that we have done harm when we sought good. We confess that when we have not expected it, we have participated in the good set in motion by others. Oh that our pilgrimage might make progress toward creative beauty and vibrancy of places and space. May this be so around us and within us. We offer each confession and longing into the strength of your Spirit. 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.

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 \$6,337.71.

The sermon series on August 9, 23, and 30 will explore the felt sense of global warming.

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



Spirit Box Mike Farr (8:30), Peggy Graham (10:30)
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: Deuteronomy 4:21-24 (pew Bible OT pg. 161)
Leader: The Word of the Lord. | **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *No Other Lord* Tom Fettke
No other life, no other love, no other hope or peace. But He who died, was crucified
and lives again for me; no other Lord. No other pride, no other goal, no other hope
or peace. But He who died, was crucified and lives again for me; no other Lord.

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:41-46 (pew Bible NT pg. 29)
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: Burning Up, A Felt Sense of Fire and Possibility Leslie King, D.Min.

+ Hymn #94 V.3 *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper* JEFFERSON

+ Affirmation of Faith
We affirm our faith that all of creation is set in motion by God's creative energy. / We affirm the understanding that every creative act is vulnerable to destruction and rebuilding. / We affirm our faith that we are God's stewards of air, water, land, and all things living. / We affirm our faith that every action makes a difference and every prayer pulls forward our best practices as God's stewards. / We affirm our faith that an understanding of the Bible, and our participation in the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper are not possible without a robust climate. / We affirm that the incarnation of the God we worship is an earthy one in Jesus of Nazareth. Amen.

Offering (10:30) *Meditation on Aberystwyth* Fedak

+ 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) *Hear my Prayer* Tonioli

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 #650 *O Beauty Ever Ancient* ANCIENT BEAUTY

+ Charge & Benediction

Postlude: (8:30) *Amazing Grace* Gervais
(10:30) *Trumpet Tune* Sobaje

*As an act of stewardship, bulletins are run in black & white. Full color can be found on our website.

Sanctuary Flowers

To honor all the students and educational professionals at the beginning of another school year.



Given by: Bob & Sherry Cragen

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. Your session reps are Sam Parler and Meredith Palm.

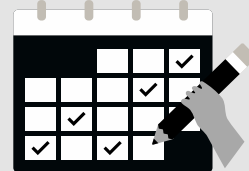
**Thank you to
Meg Parrish
for hosting
Coffee
Fellowship!**

**AUDITORY
AWARENESS:
On August
23, 10:30
worship will
feature
brass
instruments.**

**Scan the QR
code to
nominate!**



UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

9

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

9:15 a.m.

Summer Christian Formation

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

11:30 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

5:00 p.m.

Hybrid House

MON

10

Office Holiday - Staff Retreat

TUE

11

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meals on Wheels - For more information

contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

12:00 p.m.

Tacos With Taylor - Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m.

Faith on Tap - Slow Rise Woodway

WED

12

6:00 p.m.

Bell Choir Practice

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

THU

13

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meals on Wheels - For more information

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9:00 a.m.

Personnel Committee

12:00 p.m.

Finance Committee

SUN

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8:30 a.m.

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Coffee Fellowship

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 today at 5 P.M.. 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 Sunday, August 23 at 9:15 a.m. We will introduce our fall formation classes and have breakfast. Follow the QR code to register for a fall class.



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

To celebrate the beginning of a new school year< children and youth are invited to Urban Air on Saturday, August 22ND AT 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Each child will receive their ticket, socks to jump, and pizza! Register on Realm or with Malorie.



SUMMER CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adults – “Finding Our Place”

Our joint formation class concludes on August 16th with guest speaker, Dr. Erik Carter, Executive Director of the Baylor Center for Disability and Flourishing.

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.

For more information from our denomination on earth care and climate stewardship:



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

