



AUGUST 16, 2026
SUDDERTH SUNDAY



Joseph's Brother Sell Him into Slavery after Pulling Him Out of the Cistern

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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 is recommended with these items, please. Please return the bag and fidgets 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) *Be Thou My Vision* Roberson
(10:30) *Prière à Notre-Dame* Böellmann

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

+ Call to Worship: (From Psalm 133)

One: How good and wonderful it is to live in unity with one another.

Many: It is as precious as costly oil to find harmony among families.

One: It is as lovely as dew on the mountains to find peace among communities.

Many: These are blessings of the Lord and glimpses of eternal life.

One: Let us worship as those united by Christ. Amen

+ Hymn #316 *Where Charity and Love Prevail* TWENTY-FOURTH

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of redemption and surprise, we confess our desire to settle old scores and secure ourselves against those who have wounded us. Meet us in our estrangements and reshape our imaginations. Confront us with the possibility of forgiveness, and teach us to recognize your purposes even in adversity. May we receive one another with the generosity we have received from you, and discover the compassion that flows from your love. Amen.

Thank you to
Rev. Dr. Jim
Ellor for
leadership
at 8:30

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) George Ahrens
(10:30) Jamie Delk

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 \$41,215.17.

To date we have collected \$2,241.30 for the Sudderth Fund. Help us surpass our goal of \$2,500!

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:1-11 (pew Bible OT pg. 42)

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

Anthem (10:30)

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms - Hymn 837

SHOWALTER

(Please join in singing the refrain below)

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Epistle Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-18 (pew Bible NT pg. 162)

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: Interpreting Our Circumstances

Taylor Holleyman, Ph.D.

Special Music (8:30)

Dance of the Hours

Gorman

8:30 St. Cecilia Bell Choir

+ Hymn #94 V.3 (10:30)

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

JEFFERSON

+ Affirmation of Faith - page 35 of Hymnal

Apostles' Creed

This creed, spoken together, allows us to feel, summarily, the major movement of the gospel. Speaking it allows us to be cradled in the elements of the gospel that give us the most comfort. Equally, it allows us to ponder and wonder about elements that are more challenging to understand. Our recitation of it is not a call to uniformity and conformity. Rather, it is a call to continue to explore our mysterious gospel for the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

Offering (10:30)

The Lone Wild Bird

Held

+ 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) *Romanza* Cuellar

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 #727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* THE SERVANT SONG

+ Charge & Benediction

Postlude: (8:30) *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Taylor
(10:30) *Hornpipe* Roesch

**Thank you to
Gretchen
& Zdzislaw
Wieckowski
for hosting
Coffee
Fellowship!**

Sanctuary Flowers

Honoring all the teachers and students as they start a new year.



Given by: Peggy Graham

Parlor Plants

In loving memory of Judy Parrish.

Given by: Meg Parrish

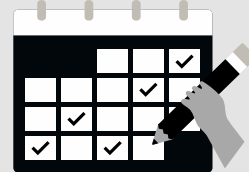
Nominating Committee:

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.

**Scan the QR
code to
nominate!**



UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

16

SUDDERTH 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

17

5:30 p.m.

Session Meeting - Hybrid

TUE

18

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meals on Wheels - For more information

contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

WED

19

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Bell Choir Practice

Choir Practice

THU

20

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meals on Wheels - For more information

contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

FRI

21

7:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast - Cafe Cappuccino Uptown

1101 Richland Dr, Waco, TX 76710

SAT

22

1:00 p.m.

Back to School Bash - Urban Air

5701 West Waco Dr.

SUN

23

8:30 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

New Beginning's Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

Worship Service - Hybrid

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 on September 13th. We will gather as a virtual team to participate in the trivia competition at the annual Ice Cream Social.



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 discuss all of our formation classes for the fall and have breakfast.



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 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Each child will receive their ticket, socks to jump, and pizza! Register on Realm or with Malorie at dcf@firstpreswaco.org.



COMPASSION WACO COLLECTION DRIVE

The Outreach Committee is hosting a collection drive for Compassion Waco during August. Compassion is one of our partners that receives our financial support each quarter. Compassion provides services that meet the needs of families facing housing insecurity, including providing transitional housing. Scan the QR code for the list of requested items.



SWIM AT THE DUPUY'S

Join us Saturday, August 29th between 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Carr & LaRaine DuPuy's. Bring a snack or drink to share, sunscreen, and a towel. Spare lawn/folding chairs are encouraged to help provide seating. We will have a lifeguard on duty, and the DuPuy's home will be open if you need a break from the heat. Register on Realm.



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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

