



AUGUST 23, 2026
NEW BEGINNING'S 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 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) *All Hail, King Jesus With Majesty* Hayes
(10:30) *Celebration on Holy, Holy, Holy* Furr

+ Call to Worship: Psalm 66:10-12 (reprised)

One: We have been tried as silver is tried. Who else but our Creator could abide?

Many: We have been brought into the net, and burdens have been laid upon our backs. Who else but our Creator God could endure?

One: People have ridden over our heads; we have gone through fire and through water.

Many: Who else but our Creator God could renew spaciousness into our experiences?

One: Let us worship our Creator God in Christ. Amen.

+ Hymn #637 *O Sing to the Lord* CANTAI AO SENHOR

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of horizons and landscapes, we confess that we have paved and stacked this world to fullness. The weight of the world has often been by our design. How we long to walk gently and receive the messages of the planet earth. May your Spirit that blows over green pastures and still waters stir us to right action for the sake of all creation. We offer our confession and our longing as we stride forward in right ways. 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 Carr & LaRaine Dupuy

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

**AUDITORY
AWARENES:**
**Today's
worship will
feature
brass
instruments.**

**A special
thanks to
Charlie
Stern for
playing
the
trumpet in
today's
service.**

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

**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 \$13,994.40.

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 (pew Bible OT pg. 167)

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

Anthem

Beloved

Burkhardt

Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart. Above all, before all, let love be your raiment that binds into one ev'ry dissonant part. Within call forth wisdom to dwell in you richly; let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ. And from the heart's chamber, beloved and holy, let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: Luke 12:49-53 (pew Bible NT pg. 75)

Leader: The Gospel of the 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 – Purifications and Resets

Leslie King, D.Min.

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

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)

For the Beauty of the Earth
Saint Cecilia Bell Choir

Stephenson

+ 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.

Thank you to all who took part in making today's music beautiful.

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



+ Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30) *Dans le Jardin* Brown

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 #453 *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* YISRAEL V'ORAITA

+ Charge & Benediction

Postlude: (8:30) *Abide With Me, 'Tis Eventide* Cardall

(10:30) *Voluntary on "Jerusalem"* Lasky

Please join
us this week
for New
Beginning's
Breakfast in
the
Fellowship
Hall from 9:15
a.m. to 10:15
a.m.

Sanctuary Flowers

In memory of Randy and Sarah
Preddy.

Given by: B.G. Coulter



Parlor Plants

In loving memory of Judy Parrish.

Given by: Meg Parrish

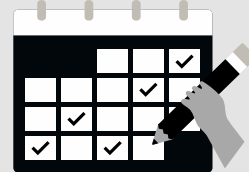
Nominating Committee:

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

23

NEW BEGINNING'S SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

9:15 a.m.

New Beginning's Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

MON

24

2:00 p.m.

Worship Committee - Zoom

7:00 p.m.

Power of the Pen - Zoom

TUE

25

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meals on Wheels - For more information
contact Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

5:30 p.m.

Christian Formation and YAB Meeting - Zoom

WED

26

12:00 p.m.

Facilities Committee Meeting - Hybrid

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Youth Programming

6:00 p.m.

Bell Choir Practice

7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

THU

27

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meals on Wheels - For more information
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SAT

29

4:00 p.m.

Swim at the Dupuy's | 7227 Westover Rd, Waco, TX,
76710

SUN

30

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

9:30 a.m.

Christian Formation

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

11:30 a.m.

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 at 5:30 p.m. We will gather as a virtual team to participate in the trivia competition at the annual Ice Cream Social.



NEW BEGINNING'S SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Wednesday Nights return, Wednesday, August 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will gather in the Youth Suite, then walk together over to Cha Community with the first boba, coffee, or lemonade drink on the church. During the 7 o'clock hour we will have pizza and study hall. Bring a friend and join us! Contact Malorie Montoya for more information: dcf@firstpreswaco.org

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our annual Ice Cream Social is back on Sunday, August 13th at 5:00 p.m.. Scan the QR code to sign-up to bring ice cream. Anyone who brings a homemade option will be entered to win the coveted golden scoop - chosen by popular vote. For entertainment, we will divide attendees into teams for pub quiz style trivia. We look forward to having a virtual team from Our Hybrid House join us via Zoom.



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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Power of the Pen
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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

