



AUGUST 30, 2026
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST



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

**Thank you
to Sarah
Lieber
and
Jocelyn
Williams
for your
musical
gifts this
morning.**

Prelude: (8:30) *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Nix
(10:30) *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Burton

+ Call to Worship: Psalm 105:37–42 (riffing)

One: God brought Israel out of bondage.

Many: There was a cloud to cover and a fire to light the way.

One: In the midst of hunger he brought quail; water flowed forth from rock.

Many: Let us worship the God of Holy Possibilities. Amen.

+ Hymn #412 *God, Reveal Your Presence* ARNSBERG

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

Strengthening Holy Spirit, we confess that we can struggle with the meaning of our lives and long for more magnanimous moments. Our stamina can wane and our will can be easily distracted. How we long to perceive your imperative in ordinary moments. How we long to draw forward through this "race" of life with eyes and hearts on the horizon. Amen.

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

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) Enid Watkins Holleyman
(10:30) Joyce Gray

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

Epistle Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 3:8–10 (pew Bible NT pg. 238)

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

**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
\$8,605.82**

Anthem (10:30) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Small
Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of
mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious
sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of
God's unchanging love. Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've
come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me
when a stranger wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm
constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh,
take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:8-9 (pew Bible NT pg. 20)
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 - A Felt Sense of (W)holiness 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) *Aria* Scarlatti

+ 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.

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



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.

**Thank you to
Taylor
Holleyman for
hosting
coffee
fellowship!**

+ 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 #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

+ Charge & Benediction

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

A Joyous Benediction
Toccata in E Minor

Paxton
Pachelbel

Sanctuary Flowers

With gratitude for all FPC
musicians who enhance our
worship services.



Given by: Susan and Chip
Somerville

Parlor Plants

In loving memory of Judy Parrish.

Given by: Meg Parrish

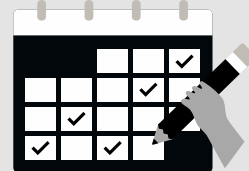
Nominating Committee:

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



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUN

30

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

9:15 a.m.

Christian Formation - Hybrid

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service - Hybrid

11:30 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

7:00 p.m.

Young Adults Group | Pinewood Public House | For more information contact Kyle Plaskett - (254) 717-8415

TUE

1

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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

WED

2

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

3

8:00 a.m.

Personnel Committee

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

Open Table - For more information contact Taylor Holleyman

FRI

4

6:00 p.m.

Reel Sprituality - Pinewood Public House

SUN

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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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Youth are invited to join us each Wednesday in September for Wednesday Night Programming from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This week, September 2nd, we will gather in the Youth Suite with the discussion topic, "Stories of Belonging." During the 7 o'clock hour we will have pizza and study hall time. Bring a friend and join us!

Contact Malorie Montoya for more information or questions: dcf@firstpreswaco.org

THIS IS FIRST PRES

Would you like to learn more about First Pres, her ministry and history? This Is First Pres is a gathering with the pastors to tour the building, talk about the Presbyterian tradition, and to share our own experiences with church and faith. The next gathering is Wednesday, September 9, 5:30 p.m.

RSVP by texting Leslie at (254) 214-5999

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our annual Ice Cream Social is back on Sunday, September 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.



REEL SPIRITUALITY

Join us for Reel Spirituality at Pinewood Public House on September 4th at 6:00 P.M. This month's movie will be *The Sheep Detectives* (2026) - Available to stream on Amazon Prime.

2223 Austin Ave Suite D, Waco, TX 76701

Scan the QR Code to find out more information about our Christian formation classes and signup.



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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

