



JULY 27, 2025

7TH 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 is 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

If you would like a large-print hymnal or hearing enhancement device, please ask an usher. We also have worship bags for children on the wall of the Narthex. 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.

Childcare

Childcare is available from 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Contact the church office at (254) 752-1665 for more information.

Worship Service - July 27, 2025 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30)
(10:30)

Nearer My God, to Thee
Alegria (Joy)

arr. Paul Cardell
Goemanne



**Scan and
register your
attendance.**

+ Call to Worship (John 14:1-3)

One: As we settle into worship and into life, we are to find a place of appropriate trust.

Many: Our hearts rest from being troubled and engage a relationship of trust with God.

One: There are so many spaces and places that can hold us. Spaces that ready for us to design and arrange.

Many: We are holding our spaces. We feel as if our life-space has been prepared for us.

One: At times, don't we feel the presence of God, mysterious as it is? Let us worship God in Christ in this shared space. Amen.

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

+ Hymn #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

DARWALL'S 148TH

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of the Return Journeys, we confess that we may have obsessed over mistakes and roads not traveled. We confess that we may have pressured others to travel a certain way in order to meet our own needs. How we long to allow your Spirit to take us on return journeys through the memory. May gratitude flow. How we long to allow your Spirit to extend our journey into an imaginative future we will not know. May hope flow. How we long to journey fully into our present moment with curiosity and observant grace. We are yours and you are ours, Strong Creator. We confess and aspire for the sake of divine partnership. Amen.

**Scan the
QR code
to chat
with the
Zoom
room!**

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.

8:30 AM



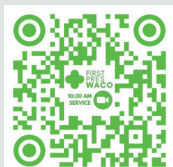
Declaration of Grace & Sharing of the Peace of Christ

+ 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

10:30 AM



Spirit Box

Toasting Our Emotions

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.

**We are
grateful for
last
week's
giving of
\$36,372**

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



Prayer of Illumination

Epistle Scripture Reading: Acts 27:39-44 (pew Bible NT pg.148)

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

Anthem

Come, Ye Disconsolate

Terre Johnson

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish; come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel. Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal. Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope when all others die, fadeless and pure! Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure." Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above. Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrows but heaven can remove.

Epistle Scripture Reading: Acts 28:23-31 (pew Bible NT pg.149)

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: Migrating Heart: Locking In and Signing Up

Leslie King, D. Min.

+ 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)

What Wondrous Love

Burkhardt

+ 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*

Colin Curtis

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 #183 *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* AUSTIN

+ Charge & Benediction

+ Closing Response: (10:30) #175 *Seek Ye First V.1* LAFFERTY

Postlude: (8:30) *For the Beauty of the Earth,* arr. Martha Mier
(10:30) *Toccata in E minor* Pachelbel

**Thank you to
Avery and
John Kerley
for hosting
Coffee
Fellowship**

Sanctuary Flowers

In appreciation of the gift of
the Power of the Pen
Committee’s work.

Given by: Carolyn Neal



Parlor Plants

In honor of the young families
of the church.

Given by: Karennia Malavanti

A special thank you to organist Matt Hulon for enriching our worship today.

Your 2025 Nominating Committee is seeking individuals to serve on Diaconate and Session. Consider nominating yourself or someone else using the QR code form. Feel free to reach out to LaRaine DuPuy, Wes Field, Charlie Stern, Jamie Jackson, or Charlotte Henderson with any questions.

sign up here!



UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

27

8:30 AM
9:15 AM
10:30 AM
11:30 AM

Worship Service - Hybrid
Christian Formation Classes for all ages
Worship Service - Hybrid
Coffee Fellowship - Foundation Parlor

MON

28

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
7:00 PM

Body, Mind, and Soul Camp
Power of the Pen - Zoom

TUE

29

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
8:30 - 11:30 AM

Body, Mind, and Soul Camp
Meals on Wheels - For more information contact
Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305

WED

30

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Body, Mind, and Soul Camp

THU

31

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
8:30 - 11:30 AM

9:00 AM
6:00 PM

Body, Mind, and Soul Camp
Meals on Wheels - For more information contact
Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305
Classic Voice Ensemble - Choir Room
3rd Annual Liver & Onions - Hewitt George's
1201 Hewitt Dr #100, Waco, TX 76712

FRI

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8:00 AM
6:00 PM

Body, Mind, and Soul Camp
Reel Spirituality - Pinewood Public House
2223 Austin Ave Suite D, Waco, TX 76701

SUN

3

8:30 AM
9:15 AM
10:30 AM
11:30 AM

Worship Service - Hybrid
Christian Formation Classes for all ages
Worship Service - Hybrid
Coffee Fellowship

FIRST PRES NEWS

OUR HYBRID HOUSE

Our Hybrid House is the newest committee of the Diaconate and will be focused on what it means to enrich our environment for hybrid worship and 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 meetings the 2nd Sunday each month at 5:00 PM. **August 10th celebrates All Creatures Great & Small: Remembering our favorite pets.**



LIVER AND ONIONS EXTRAVAGANZA

Join us for our First Pres 3rd Annual Liver and Onions Extravaganza hosted at the Hewitt Georges, July 31 at 6:00 PM. Sign up Today.



REEL SPIRITUALITY

Reel Spirituality is back on Friday, August 1st at 6 PM at Pinewood Public House—join us for a screening of *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* (1962), starring James Stewart and John Wayne, followed by a casual, faith-centered conversation over food and drinks. All are welcome—no RSVP needed!

YOUTH SERVICE DAY SALVATION ARMY

We're excited to invite you to our Youth Service Day at the Salvation Army on Friday, August 8th at 11:00 AM.

Come be a part of something meaningful as we serve our community together!

If you'd like to sign up or want more details, please contact Jeremy Davis at jdavis@firstpreswaco.org or call (254) 633-0441.



FIRST PRES CHURCH RETREAT

First Pres is heading back to Mo Ranch, November 7-9!

While the river is currently closed, all other activities are a go. Join us for a fun weekend of fellowship and relaxation. Space is limited—sign up by scanning the QR code before the September 1 deadline. Questions? Contact Shane Montoya at office@firstpreswaco.org or 254-752-1665.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG
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| Custodian | Adriana Goytortu |

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| Diaconate Secretary | Bricker Bruner, Kitty Huneke |
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| Our Hybrid House | Helen Harris, Christine Dennis, Dave Reagan, Jen Ferretter, Avery Kerley, Cynthia Perry, Zdzislaw Wieckowski, George Ahrens |
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Church Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Sunday Services 8:30 AM (Weekly Communion) and 10:30 AM (Morning Worship)
Pastor - Leslie King

