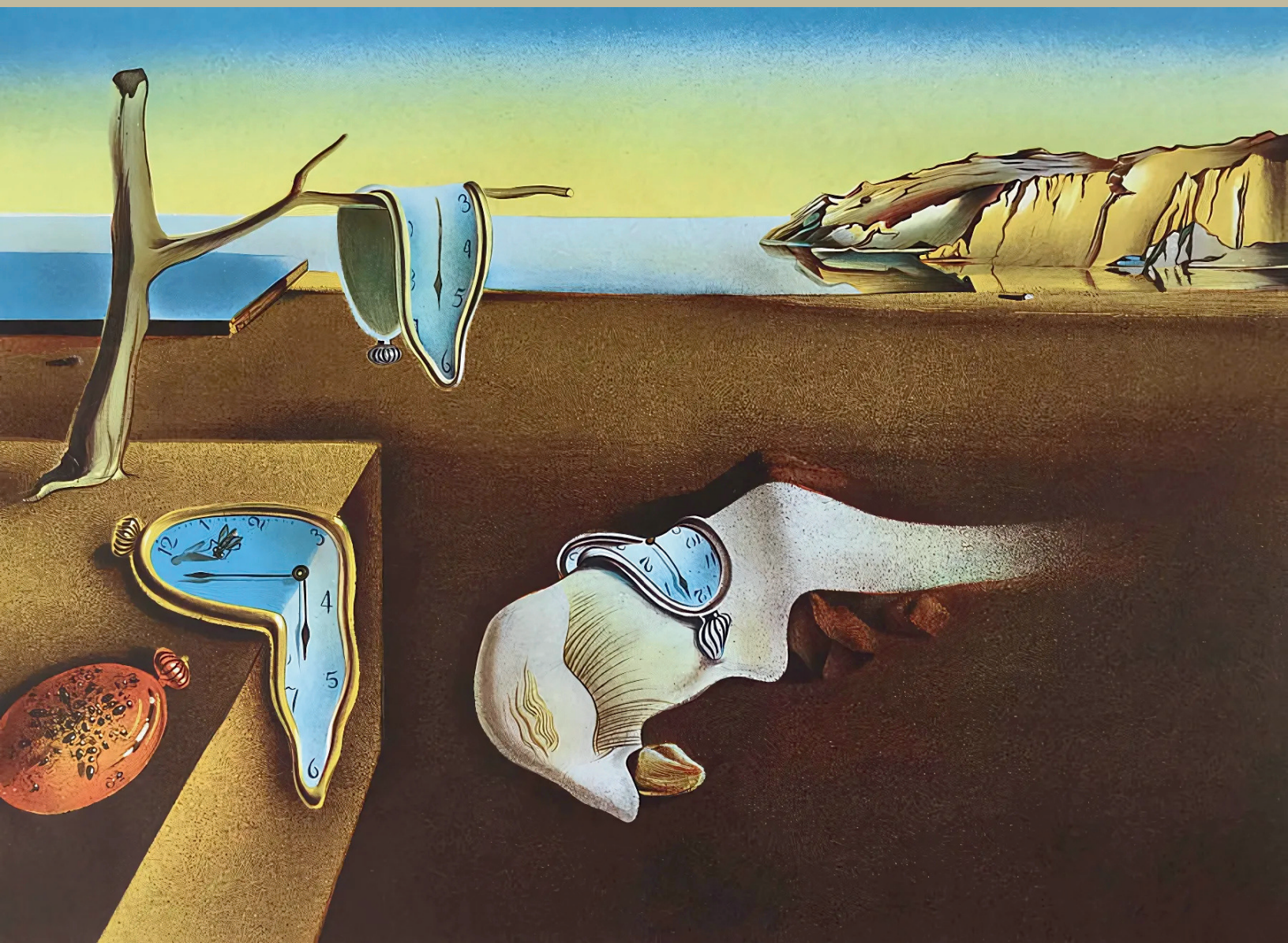




SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



"The Persistence of Memory," 1931, Salvador Dali

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

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.

Scan and
register your
attendance.



+ Please
rise in
body or in
spirit.

Scan the
QR code
to chat
with the
Zoom
room!

8:30 AM



10:30 AM



Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30) *Love One Another* arr. Nathan Owens
(10:30) *My Lord, What a Morning* Mathias

+ Call to Worship (Psalm 107)

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is Good.

Many: The loving kindness of God is everlasting.

One: We cry out when heaven feels distant, and the Lord hears our voice.

Many: We have seen the works of the Lord, and God's wonders in the deep.

One: Let us praise God's wonders with joyful singing. Amen.

+ Hymn #754 *Help Us Accept Each Other* BARONITA

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of loving presence, we confess that the conditions of life often bring us low. The trials we face are occasions of both resilience and insecurity. We confess the power of your presence to strengthen our fortitude and ease our vulnerability. As we are held in your memory, we long to be people who carry your comfort into the world. We offer you our prayers with the reassurance of your mysterious nearness. 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

**We are
grateful for
last
week's
giving of
\$14,508.40.**

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



Spirit Box (10:30) Miles & Theo Stahl-Wright
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: Psalm 139: 1-12 (pew Bible OT pg.573)

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

Anthem *This Little Light of Mine* Paul Christiansen
*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.*

Epistle Scripture Reading: Romans 8:35-39 (pew Bible NT pg.158)

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: Remembered by God Devan Stahl Ph.D.

+ 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) *Minuet* J. S. Bach

+ 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) *Golden Hour* Francesco Parrino

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 #372 *O for a World* AZMON

+ Charge & Benediction

+ Closing Response: (10:30) #741 *Guide My Feet* GUIDE MY FEET

Postlude: (8:30) *My Heavenly Father Loves Me* arr. Marvin Goldstein
(10:30) *Fanfare on "Azmon"* Page

Sanctuary Flowers

In honor of our 38th wedding anniversary.

Given by: Charlie & Sharon Stern



Parlor Plants

With gratitude for our children, their spouses, and our grandchildren.

Given by: Mike & Kathy Jones

**Thank you to
Sherry and
Bob Cragen
for hosting
Coffee
Fellowship!**

We're excited to welcome Peighton Pulley as our new intern at First Presbyterian Church! Peighton is pursuing her Master of Social Work at Baylor University and is passionate about the connection between mental health and ministry.

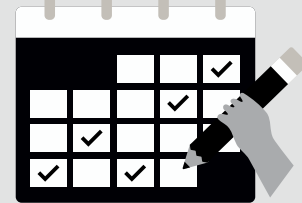
As part of her placement, she will offer confidential counseling support for individuals and families, providing a safe and compassionate space for healing and growth.

Peighton looks forward to serving alongside our ministry team and getting to know this church family. You can reach her at peightonp@firstpreswaco.org with questions or to connect.

**Nominating
Committee**



UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

14

8:30 AM
9:15 AM
10:30 AM
11:30 AM
5:00 PM

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

TUE

16

8:30 - 11:30 AM

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

WED

17

5:30 PM
6:00 PM
6:00 PM
7:00 PM

This is First Pres - Chapel Parlor
St. Cecilia Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Mid Week Programming - Youth
Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

THU

18

8:30 - 11:30 AM

9:00 AM
12:00 PM
4:00 PM

Meals on Wheels - For more information contact
Charlotte Henderson - (254) 744-3305
Classic Voice Ensemble - Choir Room
Finance Committee Meeting - Zoom
Stewardship Committee Meeting - Zoom

FRI

19

7:30 AM

Men's Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

SUN

21

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

Greater Waco Interfaith Festival of Faiths
Today, 3:00-5:00 PM
Providence Pavilion, Providence Hospital

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 on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5:00 PM.

Our next meeting will be today, September 14th. This month's question will be, what is your favorite gift you've received & from whom?



POWER OF THE PEN

Join us Monday, September 29th at 7:00 PM on Zoom for Power of the Pen.



MID WEEK YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Youth, join us Wednesdays for Cha & Chats! We meet at the church at 6:00 PM, walk to Cha Community for an hour of conversation and refreshments, then return from 7:00–8:00 PM for Study Hall—a supportive space to focus on homework or reading. A midweek chance to connect, reflect, and grow together!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us for Men's Breakfast on Friday, September 19 at 7:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Whether it is your first time attending or you have been to multiple, we look forward to seeing you there!



THIS IS FIRST PRES

Are you interested in learning more about who we are as a church? Join us on Wednesday, September 17, at 5:30 PM in the Chapel Parlor for a relaxed and informative gathering. Whether you're new to First Pres or have been attending for a while, this is a great opportunity to hear about our story, our mission, and the many ways you can connect. We'll talk about what it means to be part of the First Pres family and explore the path to membership. Come with your questions, bring a friend, and enjoy an evening of conversation and community. Text Leslie to RSVP at (254) 214-5999.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG
OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA @FIRSTPRESWACO



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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

