



JULY 13, 2025

FRONTERA DE CRISTO 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 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.

Care & Holding - CAME Center



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attendance.

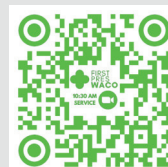
+ Please
rise in
body or in
spirit.

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room!

8:30 AM



10:30 AM



Prelude: (8:30) *Amazing Grace* arr. Pam Gervais
(10:30) *Jesu Christ, Be Present Now* Walther

+ Call to Worship (Matthew 25:37-40)

One: There are moments in our journey when we feel God's transcendent-like presence in our ordinary moments.

Many: It is often when we have responded with love to those who are imprisoned, hungry, sick or lonely.

One: Our experiences of God can leave us wondering, "What comes next?"

Many: We are on a swirling journey that extends us out toward others and back in toward our inner landscapes.

One: In this way, our heart migrates, re-immigrates and grows. Let us worship God in Christ. Amen.

+ Hymn #317 *In Christ There is No East or West* MC KEE

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of Christ's Footpath, we confess our balance is sometimes vulnerable. The ground we travel can be so soft and sandy our entire body strains to pull forward. The ground can be so rocky that we are on our edges and tips to stabilize. The terrain of our life can be so pruned and domesticated, that we can forget the thorny struggles of a wilderness journey. How we long to travel our particular journey staying mindful of the terrains Christ traveled. How we long to travel with a zeal and resilience. When we can, may we offer these gifts to the neighbor, stranger, enemy and friend. Into our Creator's strength, we offer each prayer. 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

Moment for First Pres Josh Delk & YaYa Patterson

Migration & Station - CATPSIC Center

+ 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 \$26,258.31.

Thank you Austin Ingalls & Brian Rainosek for the musical duet.

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



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.

Prayer of Illumination
Epistle Scripture Reading: Acts 15:36-16:3 (pew Bible NT pg.135)
Leader: The Word of the Lord. | **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *The Tree of Life* Carlotta Ferrari
God is Love; Her life begins again, mulls over upon root, Her Word; from once the cloistered page She now is heard,— not dead dust dithered, worm undone; but rained,— rained hard upon the cracked foundation. Turned (yes, turned), not Unmoved Mover She; but were I you—autochthonous we—that Thou of Her Whose Body is all Creation. She is a Tree of Life, a simple girl,— my daughter I, my mother of,— 'round Whom the whole of my new earth doth whirl, as troves of dervishes, as pityings of doves, dance high and heavenward on seed, on pearl,— Who gathers Her children in Love.

Epistle Scripture Reading: Acts 18:18-23 (pew Bible NT pg.138)
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.

Dialogue Sermon: The Migrating Heart: Covering Ground
Leslie & Frontera de Cristo Team Leaders

Offering (10:30) *Moderato* Franck

+ 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.

Steeping in Community - Cafe Justo Women & Cooperative

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30) *Reverie of Rainbows* arr. Purcell

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.

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.

**Thank you to
Donna and
Harvey
Harmon for
hosting
Fellowship.**

+ Hymn #343 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* GERMANY

+ Charge & Benediction

+ Closing Response: (10:30) #175 *Seek Ye First V.2* LAFFERTY

Postlude: (8:30) *A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief* arr. Sally Deford
(10:30) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Costello

Sanctuary Flowers

In loving memory of Bill and
Chris Wilson, beloved parents
of Helen Harris.

Given by: Helen Harris



Parlor Plants

in honor of the young families
of the church.

Given by: Karennia Malavanti

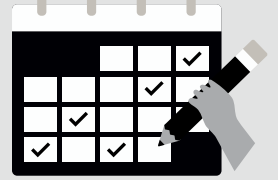
Frontera de Cristo Mission Team:

Jerry Barrett
Jamie Jackson
Jeremy Davis
Sam Ferretter
YaYa Patterson
Josh Delk



**July 20th immediately following the 10:30 service a Hybrid
Congregation Meeting is called for the purpose of receiving an
official report from our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.
The 10:30 Worship Link will grant you access.**

UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

13

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
Hybrid House - Zoom

MON

14

5:30 PM

Administration Committee Meeting - Zoom

TUE

15

8:30 - 11:30 AM

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

WED

16

6:00 PM

Music Clinic - Sanctuary

THU

17

8:30 - 11:30 AM

9:00 AM

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

FRI

18

7:30 AM

Men's Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

SAT

19

5:30 PM

Dinners for 8 - Various Homes

SUN

20

8:30 AM
9:15 AM
10:30 AM
11:20 AM

Worship Service - Hybrid
Christian Formation Classes for all ages
Worship Service - Hybrid
Congregational Meeting

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.

July 13th (today) in honor of the Rotan Windows Model T Ford, we are sharing "important" cars in our lives.



DINNERS FOR 8 ON JULY 19!

We have a few available seats left around some dinner tables! Use the QR code to sign up if you are interested in attending by Tuesday, July 15.



ARCHIVE EXHIBIT (IN PROCESS)

Check out our current exhibit:

The 1953 Downtown Waco Tornado & Dr. Samuel King. Explore the impact of one of Texas' deadliest storms and the legacy of a local leader who helped the city recover.

This exhibit is found in the glass case in-between foundation parlor and the Narthex.

BODY, MIND, & SOUL CAMP 2025

Kids entering Pre-K-4th grade are invited to a fun-filled week at FPC, July 28-August 1, 8:15am-12pm! Through scripture, science, music, art, games, yoga, and water play, campers will explore how water connects us to God, creation, and each other. Cost: \$20.

Register on Realm or contact Jeremy Davis at jdavis@firstpreswaco.org / (254) 752-1665.



BLOOD DRIVE WITH CARTER BLOODCARE!

Join us on Saturday, July 26 from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the Franklin parking lot as we work toward our goal of collecting 20 pints of blood! Every pint can save up to three lives, and your donation makes a real difference. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. Let's come together, roll up our sleeves, and Pump It Up for a great cause. Scan the QR code to sign up today!



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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

