



**JULY 20, 2025**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &  
SUDDERTH 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.

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30) *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* arr. Bob Walters  
(10:30) *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Manz



Scan and  
register your  
attendance.

+ Call to Worship (Mark 10:17-25)

One: It is remembered that a certain person sought eternal life.

**Many: Yes, he sought assurance that he had checked the boxes and done what was necessary.**

One: It is remembered that Jesus said something like, "How hard it is to draw wealth through the needle that seeks to stitch the kingdom of God."

**Many: Yes, it is difficult. There is a difference between what is necessary and what is imperative.**

One: Let us worship the Triune Steamstress. Amen

+ Please  
rise in  
body or in  
spirit.

+ Hymn #65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

**Living God of travel and discernment, we confess how challenging it can be to draw meaning from our journey. We wonder if we have been persistent or responsive enough. We have been self-critical and carried the weight of guilt like an earned punishment. How we long to travel with a profound spring in our step. How we long to travel trusting that our impact joins the impacts of others. Together may we contribute to vibrancy and possibility in your kingdom. May we be aware of the process of forgiveness at work in self, between us and all around us. We pray remembering Jesus' ministry and Christ's ever presence. Amen.**

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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.

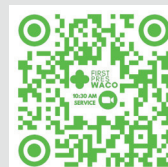
8:30 AM



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.

Prayer of Illumination

Epistle Scripture Reading: Acts 19:21-30 (pew Bible NT pg.139)

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

**Thank you  
to Sarah  
Ochel for  
her  
musical  
offering.**

Anthem *Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee* Charles Gounod

And Ruth said: Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest, I will go, and where thou lodgest I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught death part thee and me.

Epistle Scripture Reading: Acts 20:1-12 (pew Bible NT pg.140)

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: The Migrating Heart: An Edgy Frontier

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)

*Be Thou My Vision*

Schelat

+ 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) *Sanctifying Light*

Hames Southbridge

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.**

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



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 #303
- God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*
- CHURCH UNITED
- + Charge & Benediction
- + Closing Response: (10:30) #175
- Seek Ye First V.3*
- LAFFERTY

**We are grateful for last week's giving of \$9,228.26.**

**Sudderth Fund  
\$641.60  
Goal of \$1,500.**

**Please stay for our brief congregational meeting after the (10:30) service as we receive a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Your presence is important.**

**Sanctuary Flowers**  
  
Wishing a happy 4<sup>th</sup> birthday to our baby girl, Byntlie!  
  
Given by: Shane & Malorie Montoya



**Parlor Plants**  
  
In honor of the young families of the church.  
  
Given by: Karennia Malavanti

**Thank you to this week's liturgist Associate Pastor Nominating Chair Kris Olson.**

**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.**

A square QR code with a black and white pixelated pattern, used for quick access to the nominating form.

# UPCOMING THIS WEEK



**SUN**

**20**

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

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

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**TUE**

**22**

**8:30 - 11:30 AM**

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

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**WED**

**23**

**12:00 PM**  
**1:30 PM**  
**6:00 PM**  
**7:00 PM**

Facilities Committee Meeting - Hybrid  
Worship Committee Meeting - Zoom  
Archive Committee Meeting - Choir Room  
Choir Rehearsal

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**THU**

**24**

**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

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**SAT**

**26**

**9:00 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

Carter Blood Care - Franklin Parking Lot  
Active Incident Conceal Carry - Chapel Parlor

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**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



# 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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 VOLUNTEERS!

FPC is hosting a fun-filled kids' camp July 28-August 1, 8:15 am-12 pm, and we need helping hands! Join us as we explore how water connects us to God, creation, and each other through games, art, music, and more.

Contact Jeremy Davis at [jdavis@firstpreswaco.org](mailto:jdavis@firstpreswaco.org) or (254) 752-1665 to volunteer!

## BLOODMOBILE CHALLENGE!

"Welcome to the last week to sign up and help us meet our goal of 20 pints of blood! To keep it fun, an anonymous donor has provided a playful incentive. Those who donate will enter a lottery for up to 5 gift cards. Names will be drawn in worship on the 27th during the announcement time. You do not have to be present to get the gift card. Let's have fun and share.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG](http://WWW.FIRSTPRESWACO.ORG)  
OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA @FIRSTPRESWACO



## Staff

Pastor  
Operations Manager  
Communication & Design Specialist  
Organizational Developer: Communities for Children & Youth  
Chancel Choir Director  
Handbell Director  
Organist  
Pianist (8:30 am service)  
Nursery Coordinator  
Church Historian  
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Adriana Goytortu

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Sanctuary Guild  
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Cary DuPuy

## Session Committee Members

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Finance Committee  
Outreach Committee  
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Worship Committee

Charlie Olson, Mike Morrison, Enid Watkins Holleyman  
Jamie Jackson, Shannon Field, Anita Karney  
Sharon Stern, Max Anderson  
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Mike Harper, Todd Ehlers, Elouise Frazier  
Jamie Delk, Meredith Palm

## Diaconate Committee Members

Diaconate Moderator/Vice Moderator  
Diaconate Secretary  
Agape Committee  
Our Hybrid House  
Power of the Pen  
Prayer Committee  
Stork Committee  
Ushering Coordinator

Malorie Montoya, Bricker Bruner  
Bricker Bruner, Kitty Huneke  
All Deacons  
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Zdzislaw Wieckowski, George Ahrens  
Helen Harris, Peggy Graham, Michelle Plaskett, Parker Adamson  
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Wes Field



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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

