



AUGUST 3, 2025
COMMUNION SUNDAY



Art Therapy at Southwestern College by Amy Hautman Bates

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 - August 3, 2025 - Communion Sunday

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30) *Count Your Many Blessings* arr. Martha Mier
(10:30) *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Hal Hopson

+ Call to Worship

One: From our East and West....

Many: from our North and South....

One: We arrive with ready hearts to one loaf and one cup.

Many: May the many become one. In becoming one, may we be increased by one. May it be so as our togetherness is, itself, a new reality.

One: Let us worship God in Christ. Amen.

+ Hymn #308 *O God in Whom All Life Begins* NOEL

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

Holy Host of our Lives, we confess our appetites. Appetites can be anxious and manifest as greed, lust and splintering factions. We can strive in ornery ways. We can lock in with enmity. How our hunger longs to move beyond appetites to deep satisfaction. How we long to let the fruits of the spirit sustain our humanity and drive our energy. We arrive to your non-anxious table longing to be filled with your spirit, mind and strength. Hear our confession and aspiration. 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

Body, Mind, & Soul Choir

Directed by: Brian Rainosek

Spirit Box

Fruit of The Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

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.



**Scan and
register your
attendance.**

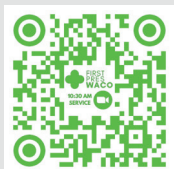
**+ Please
rise in
body or in
spirit.**

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

8:30 AM



10:30 AM



Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Genesis 29:9-20 (pew Bible OT pg.25)

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

Anthem

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire, And have not love, my words are vain, As sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess, But not be given by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; By this we worship, and are freed.

+ Gospel Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:34-46 (pew Bible NT pg.25)

Leader: The Gospel of our 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: Courting Life: Getting Told

Leslie King, D. Min.

Offering (10:30)

Amazing Grace

arr. Hal Hopson

+ 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) *Midnight*

Jason Tonioli

(10:30) *The Gift of Love*

arr. Hal Hopson

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.

We are grateful for last week's giving of \$6,119.60.

On Sundays when we have communion or baptism and the congregation responds to the sacrament, we receive that participation as our Affirmation of Faith for the day.

Prayers of Great Thanksgiving

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 #496 *Bread of Heaven, on The We Feed* ARFON

+ Charge & Benediction

+ Closing Response: (10:30) #795 *Healer of Our Every Ill* v.1 Healer of Our Every Ill

Postlude: (8:30) *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Andy Muskrat
(10:30) *Fanfare on Azmon* arr. Hal Hopson

The musical selections today, all by Hal Hopson (1933 - July 20th 2025), have been selected as a tribute to his life's work as a composer, arranger, organist and choral musician. Hal was born and lived his life in Texas, was a life-long Presbyterian, earned a degree from Baylor University and published over 1800 sacred works. His contributions to church music will continue to be an integral part of worship services in years to come.

Sanctuary Flowers

In memory of Bert Watkins.
Given by: Enid Watkins & Taylor Holleyman



Parlor Plants

In honor of the young families of the church.
Given by: Susan & Chip Somerville

Thanks to today's Communion Servers.

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.

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



Thank you to Meg Parrish for hosting Coffee Fellowship.

sign up here!



UPCOMING THIS WEEK



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

MON

4

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
5:30 PM

Talitha Koum Training Days - Fellowship Hall
Diaconate Meeting - Session Room

TUE

5

8:30 - 11:30 AM

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

WED

6

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Talitha Koum Training Days - Fellowship Hall

THU

7

8:30 - 11:30 AM
9:00 AM
5:30 PM

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

FRI

8

11:00 AM

Youth Service Day - Salvation Army

SAT

9

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Christian Formation Teacher Orientation

SUN

10

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

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.**



FAITH ON TAP

Join us for Faith on Tap at One Day Bar on Tuesday, August 12th at 6:00 PM. This is a great way to have great conversation and make new friends and connections.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us Friday August 15th at 7:30 AM for Men's Breakfast. A great way to start the day and a new conversation lead each month.



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 Taylor Holleyman at tholleyman@firstpreswaco.org or 254-752-1665.



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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

