



MAY 3, 2026

COMMUNION SUNDAY



WELCOME HOME, CHILDREN OF GOD

Supper at Emmaus by: Maximino Cerezo Barredo



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 (ask an usher for assistance)

- Large-print hymnal
- Hearing enhancement device
- Worship bags & fidget toys for children in the Narthex "parental discretion with these items, please." 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 unless you request otherwise.

Childcare

Childcare is available from 8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M in room S202.

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

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: (8:30) *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* Hicks
(10:30) *Fanfare on Cwm Rhonda* Manz

+ Call to Worship Hebrews 12:1-2 (paraphrased)

One: We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.

Many: Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

One: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Many: We are looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

One: Let us worship God in Christ and the mysterious joy set before them.

Amen.

+ Hymn #247 *Now the Green Blade Rises* NOEL NOUVELET

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of technology and the televised, we confess terror. We remember the deaths of strangers. We confess commemorating catastrophes far from our locale. Our grief is spread and thickens in the spreading. How we long to break through our grief as he shares the bread and cup. How we long to honor our losses without being swept away by them. As we dine on essential substance, may we move from terror to tenacity. Into the strength of your Spirit, we pray. 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.

Spirit Box

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 \$8,835.27

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.

Venmo can facilitate your offering or designated gift.



Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:10-11 (pew Bible OT pg. 614)

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

Anthem *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in thy name, two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them; alleluia, alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem. As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, alleluia, alleluia! So now bind our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be true disciples be. Alleluia, alleluia!
we will serve thee faithfully.

+ Gospel Reading: Luke 24:28-35 (pew Bible NT pg. 90)

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: Remembering our Dead - Rattling the Body Cage Leslie King, D. Min.

+ Hymn #175 *Seek Ye First V.3* LAFFERTY

Offering (10:30) *Meditation on Promise* (Hymn No. 250) Portman

+ 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) *My Heavenly Father Loves Me* McMaster
(10:30) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Hobby

Scan and register your attendance.



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 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 #65

Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

+ Charge & Benediction

Postlude: (8:30)

I Am a Child of God

Goldstein

(10:30)

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Powell

Sanctuary Flowers

In celebration of our youth!

Given by: Don & Helen Harris



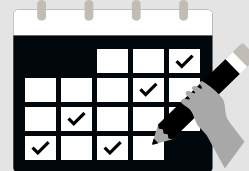
Parlor Plants

In honor of Polly Ehlers.

Given by: Todd & Katherine Ehlers

Thank you to
**Bricker
Bruner**
for hosting
**Coffee
Fellowship.**

UPCOMING THIS WEEK



SUN

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8:30 A.M.
9:15 A.M.
10:30 A.M.
11:30 A.M.

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

MON

4

5:30 P.M.

Diaconate Meeting - Hybrid

TUE

5

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

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

WED

6

6:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M.

Bell Choir Practice
Choir Practice

THU

7

8:30 - 11:30 A.M.

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SUN

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Confirmation Sunday

8:30 A.M.
9:15 A.M.
10:00 A.M.
10:30 A.M.
11:30 A.M.
5:00 P.M.

Worship Service - Hybrid
Christian Formation Classes for all ages
Called Session Meeting in Chapel
Worship Service - Hybrid
Coffee Fellowship
Our Hybrid House - Zoom

FIRST PRES NEWS

OUR HYBRID HOUSE



Our Hybrid House is the newest committee of the Diaconate, focusing on enriching our environment for hybrid worship and meetings held on Zoom. We are particularly interested in your opinions and experiences if you are a non-local participant of First Presbyterian. Look for our Hybrid House meeting on **May 10! This month's question will be "What is something that's on your bucket list?"**



FAITH ON TAP

Join us on Tuesday, May 12, at 6:00p.m. for Faith on Tap at the Woodway Slowrise.

7608 Woodway Dr, Waco, TX 76712



JUNIOR HIGH JUBILEE INTEREST

Junior High Jubilee: A week-long conference for 6th-8th graders featuring worship, friends, and fun! To register a student or volunteer as an adult sponsor, contact Malorie (dcf@firstpreswaco.org) or Taylor (tholleyman@firstpreswaco.org).

SUMMER TEACHER ORIENTATION

Thank you to all of our Summer Christian Formation teachers. Orientation will be on Saturday, May 16th, at 10:00a.m. More details to come soon.

CHURCH RETREAT

Church Retreat sign-ups are live! We hope you can join us at Mo-Ranch, November 6-8. We are excited to have Austin Dickson join us as our guest speaker. Austin is the CEO of the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country, the organization that has led the Rebuild Kerr efforts following last year's devastating floods. We'll look forward to time together in the Hill Country this November.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us Friday, May 15, at 7:30a.m. for Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall.



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Church Office Hours: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Sunday Services 8:30 A.M. (Weekly Communion) and 10:30 A.M. (Morning Worship)
Pastor - Leslie King

