



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | OCTOBER 11, 2026

Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.

At First Presbyterian Church of Richardson, we believe that God's love is for everyone—without exception. We welcome all people to worship, serve, and grow with us, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, marital status, or economic circumstance. We affirm the worth and dignity of every person as a beloved child of God, created in God's image. As a church rooted in God's grace, we seek to live with open hearts and open minds. We commit to being a safe and affirming space for all, especially those who have been hurt or excluded by the church in the past. In our worship, our leadership, our fellowship, and our service—we welcome you. We see you. We honor your full humanity. You are welcome here. You are not alone. You are loved.

God is at
work in You

We Gather Around the Word

WELCOME

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Prelude"
Anton Bruckner
Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

John Fattaruso, Liturgist
from Psalm 106

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,

that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

And let all the people say,

Amen. Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN | #804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

**Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first,
to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.**

Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way.

**Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives
and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service.**

May we heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom

and strive, through the power of your Holy Spirit,

to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Hear the good news! The night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI | #583 “Glory to God”

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

TIME FOR TINY THEOLOGIANs

Pastor Sarah

Children of all ages are welcome to join us up front for a brief children’s lesson. Children between the ages of 0-kindergarten are then welcome to go to the nursery following the lesson, or return to their seats.

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God.

NRSV OT Pgs. 557-558

NRSV NT Pg. 198-199

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #466 “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

from A Declaration of Faith

We are certain that Jesus lives.

He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God.

He lives as one of us with God.

**Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.**

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

His resurrection is a decisive victory

over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

His lordship is hidden.

**The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule.**

But his lordship is real.

**It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear
of all lesser lords who threaten us.**

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty

now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *and* THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Unison*

**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.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Liz Bross

CALL FOR OFFERING *and* OFFERTORY

“Pie Jesu”

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Lauren Carter-Smith and Meredith Echols, Duet

Terry Metzger, Piano

Pie jesu,

*Qui tollis peccata mundi dona eis requiem Father, who takes away the sins of the world
Dona eis requiem Angus dei, Grant them rest Lamb of God,*

*Qui tollis peccata mundi dona eis requiem Father, who takes away the sins of the world
Dona eis requiem sempiternam Grant them rest everlasting*

*DOXOLOGY | #608 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN | “God Is At Work In Me!” (*see back page*)

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Fugue in C Major”

Gustav Adolf Thomas

Terry Metzger, Organ

Liturgy written by Phillip K. Gladden, Presbyterian Outlook 2026

COFFICE HOURS

with Pastor Sarah

Monday, October 12
2:30-4:30 PM
201 Legacy Dr, Plano, TX 75023



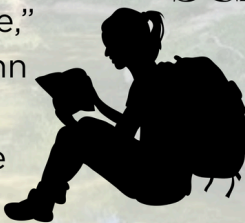


SABBATHIKE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 1:30 PM

Join with your whole family on a “Sabbathike,” an easy hike led by John Fattaruso through a nearby nature preserve east of the church.

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God is at Work in You

Stewardship 2027

God Is At Work In Me!

Music: 'Italian Hymn' Felice de Giardini, 1769
Harmony: "The Methodist Sunday School Hymnal", 1911
Lyrics: J.W.F.

♩ = 120

1. God is at work in me! Through our com - - mun - - i - - ty,
2. God is at work in me! May I Christ's wit - - ness be.
3. God is at work in us all! May we re - - spond to Thy call.
4. God is at work in us all! With pled - ges large or small,

sent from a - - bove, God's spi - rit doth im - part joy in my
Help me to know my treas - ure comes from thee! What por - tion
Our world be healed! God's Word we bold - ly preach, sto - ries of
in faith di - - vine, through ev' - ry pray'r - ful hour, blos - som - ing

serv - ant heart, pledg - ing to do my part shar - ing Christ's love!
will I be of - - fer - ring back to thee, my praise be - - stow!
faith we teach, our neigh - bor's hand we reach, God be re - - vealed!
as a flow'r, God grants us grace - ful pow'r, Christ's light to shine!

The lyrics for today's closing hymn were written by John Fattaruso, ruling elder, and long time member of both our Sanctuary Choir and the Ruth Greer Handbell Choir. John's words are a reflection on our stewardship theme and the scripture text from Philippians 2:13. It is set to the familiar tune of "ITALIAN HYMN," which is most often used with the hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King," #2 in our hymnal. We will be using this hymn for the duration of our Stewardship campaign as we reflect on how God is at work in us and our calling to Christ's mission in the church and in the world.

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, October 11

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building
Elementary Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, Library
Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online
Session Meeting: 12 pm, Library

Monday, October 12

Faith Sharing: 1 pm, Library
"Coffee" Hours with Pastor Sarah: 2:30-4:30 pm,
Local Good Coffee Co.

Tuesday, October 13

Prayer Group: 8 am, Phone
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library
Pastor's Bible Study: 4 pm, Google Meet

Wednesday, October 14

Sometimes: 8-11 am
Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

Thursday, October 15

Art Therapy: 10 am-12 pm, A109

Friday, October 16

Bob Grimes Memorial Service: 2 pm

Saturday, October 17

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, October 18

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building
Elementary Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, Library
Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online
Sabbathike: 1:30 pm
Book Club: 5 pm, Library

For the full events
calendar that includes
our Community Partners,
please scan the QR code.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Monthly Dinner & Fellowship

Dinner is served from 6-7 pm. Reservations are required!

OCTOBER 21

6:00 PM,
FELLOWSHIP
HALL



All are welcome!



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Friendship Pad



NOVEMBER 3, 2026

KIDS DAY OUT FOR KINDNESS

WHILE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED,
ENJOY THE DAY WITH FPCR!
DON'T MISS OUT ON A DAY
FILLED WITH LAUGHTER,
CREATIVITY, AND KINDNESS!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- 🎨 CRAFTS & GAMES
- 🎵 MUSIC & SCRIPTURE
- 🍳 COOKING
- 🦅 LIVE BIRD PRESENTATION
FROM BLACKLAND PRAIRIE RAPTOR CENTER

WHO: CHILDREN AGES KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE
(SIBLINGS/PARENTS/ADULTS MAY JOIN FOR BPRC DEMO AFTER LUNCH)

TIME: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

WHERE: 271 N WALTON ST RICHARDSON, TX 75081



The educational program introduces children and adults to the world of raptors. These hawks, owls and falcons are well trained, and with the assistance of BPRC education specialists, show you what makes them an important part of our environment. Discover their roles in the food chain and their unique adaptations to hunt in woodland, wetlands and prairies.

RSVP
HERE!

SCAN ME



SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 3-5 PM

FPCR Children's Ministry

TRUNK OR TREAT

JOIN US!
ALL ARE
WELCOME!



God is at Work in You

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IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE, OR SCAN THE
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