OCTOBER 12, 2025 | STEWARDSHIP: COMPASSION MEANS ACTION

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.

We Gather Around the Word

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Meditation on "Rustington" *Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.* Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | Responsively
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
Sing to the glory of God's name.
All of creation worships, singing praise to God.
Sing to the glory of God's name.
Let us give glory to God.
Let us worship God together!

Carolyn Prince based on Psalm 66

*OPENING HYMN | #41 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION | Unison

In this season of stewardship, you call us to return with gratitude—to bring not only our words of thanks but also the pledges and offerings that sustain this church's witness, and extend your mercy to neighbors in need. Forgive us when we hesitate to share the gifts you have entrusted to us, and when our giving falls short of the love and gratitude you deserve. Redirect our paths so that we return to you—offering our praise, our gratitude, and our generosity, that others may know your saving love.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | Responsively
Hear the good news: In Christ we are healed and restored.
We are forgiven, set free to live with gratitude,
and empowered to serve God and neighbor.

Alleluia Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI | #581 "Glory Be to the Father"



*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

TIME FOR TINY THEOLOGIANS

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS | Will Archuleta, Lilly Shih, and Jacy Archuleta

Get to know Will, Lilly, and Jacy on the back of the insert.

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 24:1-10 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 NRSV OT Pg. 502 NRSV NT Pgs. 183-184

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Alice Hernandez

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Unison

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION | Update from the PNC

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"He Leadeth Me"
arr. Gilbert M. Martin
The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis
Max Bitner, Baritone
Terry Metzger, Organ



We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

more;

- *SENDING HYMN | #712 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"
- *BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"O Worship the King" Robert J. Powell Terry Metzger, Organ





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WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, October 12

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111

Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building

Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building

Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online

First Grace Community Church: 11 am-1 pm, Chapel, A111, A109

Presbyterian Church of East Africa: 11 am-2 pm, C203, C204B

Family Fellowship Lunch: 12 pm, Fellowship Hall

United Fellowship Bible Church: 2-5 pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 13

Faith Sharing: 1 pm, Library

Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 14

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library

Pastor's Bible Study: 1:30 pm, Google Meet Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

Wednesday, October 15

Sometimers: 8-11 am

Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm

Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

Thursday, October 16

Tai Chi: 10 am-12 pm, Fellowship Hall

Art Therapy: 10 am, Room A109

Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

Friday, October 17

Friday Faith Sharing and Lunch Bunch: 10:30 am, Library

United Fellowship Bible Church: 4-7 pm, Chapel

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 18

United Fellowship Bible Church: 9:30 am-12 pm, Fellowship Hall

Ghanian Seventh-Day Adventist Church: 9:30 am-5 pm, Chapel,

A109, A111

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

United Fellowship Bible Church: 3-7 pm, Chapel

Sunday, October 19

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111

Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building

Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building

Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online

First Grace Community Church: 11 am-1 pm, Chapel, A111, A109

Presbyterian Church of East Africa: 11 am-2 pm, C203, C204B

United Fellowship Bible Church: 2-5 pm, Fellowship Hall

Session Meeting: 12 pm, Library

Book Club: 5 pm, Library







Help Stock Up for Kindergarten!

This October, we're collecting boxes of Kleenex, new children's underwear (sizes 4-6), and new socks for the kindergarten classes at Terrace Elementary.

Let's support the teachers and care for the youngest students as they begin the school year!

Donation baskets will be available in the Welcome Center and near the church office.



Get to Know Will, Lilly, and Jacy!

When you're not at FPCR, how do you like to spend your time?

Will - Spending time with family has been a top priority for me. Whether it be the form of walking to the playground in our neighborhood, to visiting local events in our area over the weekend, we keep a busy schedule of activities! Otherwise, much of my freetime has recently been devoted to opening my psychology practice, serving children and families with psychological assessment and psychotherapy in the north Dallas area. I also thoroughly enjoy playing my marimba, playing PC and Nintendo games, consuming any media related to Star Wars, and reading books on leadership, psychoanalysis, and business.

Lilly - I love spending time with my family, cooking together, exploring new restaurants, visiting new places, or simply listening to music or reading at home. When I have the luxurious childless time, I enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles, playing video games, and watching movies. My future goal is travelling the world with family and friends.

What is a fun fact about you?

Will - Many people already know that I studied percussion performance during my undergraduate degree and my favorite instrument is the marimba. What some may not know is that I also played steel drum beginning in high school. I played through college, where I performed with the 2 O'Clock steel band at UNT on an international stage. It was quite fun and I miss it very much!

Lilly - I love languages, and almost majored in linguistics. For a time in college, I was able to speak 7 languages, including Chinese, Taiwanese, English, Spanish, Turkish, French, and Japanese.



What excites you about FPCR?

Will - The community. The opportunity to be in fellowship with people I enjoy spending time with. The opportunity to be a part of the music ministry through the handbell choir, as it helps me feel connected to my musical background. The chance to be part of and serve the local community in ways that I can not in my career. I've appreciated the time I've had thus far on the Belonging ministry, and look forward to future endeavors with that ministry, and others. Finally, I am excited to realize and explore my own faith in a new way.

Lilly - I love the community, everybody is so kind to me and our family. I love that there are so many children at the church, so our little one(s) can grow up alongside friends their age.