



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | OCTOBER 18, 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.



We Gather Around the Word

WELCOME

Rev. Alice Hernandez

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Cynthia Dobrinski

The Ruth Greer Handbell Choir, Becky Lormor, Director

For text reflection, please see Glory to God 265.

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Jan Warner, Liturgist
from Exodus 33

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 | #12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

**Lord Jesus, we meet with you in this community today.
We are sorry for the times when we have tried to go it alone
and ignored the people on the way who have needed a friend,
for not standing in solidarity with our neighbours,
for ignoring your will for our lives and theirs.
Lord forgive us and heal us, help us to put things right.
Help us find ways of living faithfully in this world,
but never at the expense of our love for you.
May our ultimate devotion always be to you,
Jesus our Lord and Savior. Give us what we need this day and always
so that we can share your love with others
and show them the way to your peace and glory. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Beloved ones, God has shielded us, covered our sin with the hand of protection,
as we hide ourselves in Christ, the rock of our salvation.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*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 Alice

*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

Exodus 33:12-23

Thessalonians 1:1-10

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God.

NRSV OT Pg. 30

NRSV NT Pg. 201

SERMON

Rev. Alice Hernandez

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #438 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church
God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit. 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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

John Fattaruso, Music Ministry

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"God Never Failed me Yet"

Robert Ray

Lauren Smith-Carter, John Fattaruso, and Max Bitner, Soloists
Terry Metzger, Piano

*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

"Deep Purple"

Peter DeRose

Terry Metzger, Piano



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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 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

Monday, October 19

Mission Ministry Team Meeting: 1:30, A109

Tuesday, October 20

Prayer Group: 8 am, Phone
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library
Staff Meeting: 12 pm, Conference Room; Library
Pastor's Bible Study: 4 pm, Google Meet

Wednesday, October 21

Sometimers: 8-11 am
"Dutch Lunch" with Pastor Sarah: 12 pm, Afrah Mediterranean Restaurant
Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm
Wednesday Night Live: 6-8 pm, Fellowship Hall
Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

Saturday, October 24

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, October 25

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
Elder Training Class: 9-10 am, Conference Room
Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online
Dedication Potluck: 12 pm, Fellowship Hall
Trunk or Treat: 3-5 pm

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!



Scan to RSVP
or write in the
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
Stewardship 2027

FILL OUT YOUR PLEDGE CARD AND DROP
IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE, OR SCAN THE
QR CODE TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE