

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

OCTOBER 19, 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 Trio for Piano, Oboe, and Bassoon: "II. Andante"

Francis Poulenc

Terry Metzger, Piano; Katie Haun Black, Oboe; Ryan Morris, Bassoon

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Julie Houpt

We lift up our eyes to the hills — from where will our help come?

Psalms 121 and 2 Timothy 4

Our help comes not from the hills, but from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message;

be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;

**The Lord will keep you going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

With endurance, expectation, and joy,

Let us worship the living God!

*OPENING HYMN | "Sing a New Song to the Lord" (*see back of insert*)

CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

**God of the covenant, you write your law upon our hearts,
that we might be your faithful people.**

Still we stray from your ways.

**We speak more than we act, mirror the world more than the gospel,
and forget that all we have belongs to you.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Renew in us the courage to make compassion our action,
to be generous stewards of your gifts, and to reflect your love in all we do.**

**By your Spirit, engrave your covenant upon us again,
that our hearts and hands may serve your world.**

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!

**Please stand in body or spirit*

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

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

*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.

ANTHEM

"Rhosymedre"

Ruth Greer Handbell Choir
Becky Lormor, Director
Katie Haun Black, Oboe; Ryan Morris, Bassoon

John D. Edwards (1805-1885)
arr. R. Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)
arr. Carol Lynn Mizell (ASCAP)

This hymn tune, composed by Anglican priest John Edwards, is named for the village of Rhosymedre in North Wales, where Edwards was vicar from 1843 until his death in 1885. The tune has been used with a range of hymn texts, including "My Song Is Love Unknown" and "Author of Life Divine." The setting we share today is based on the second in the collection Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes that Ralph Vaughan Williams composed and published in 1920. Denton, Texas, composer and arranger Carol Lynn Mizell has faithfully adapted Vaughan Williams' organ setting for handbells, paired with treble and bass solo instruments.

We are grateful to Katie and Ryan for their participation in today's musical offerings – Soli Deo Gloria!

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Chronicles 29:1-9

Mark 12:41-44

NRSV OT Pgs. 386-387

NRSV NT Pg. 50

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Alice Hernandez

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #762 “When the Poor Ones”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

The Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language edition

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.

**His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope
for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.**

**In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all,
moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

**The new life takes shape in a community in which people know
that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are.**

**They therefore accept themselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.**

The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear.

They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems.

**Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ,
they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days,
confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.**

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 | Stewardship

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Howard Don Small

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

Terry Metzger, Organ; Katie Haun Black, Oboe; Ryan Morris, Bassoon

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



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*SENDING HYMN | #697 “Take My Life”

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Bells”

Jean Langlais

Terry Metzger, Organ



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WEEK AT A GLANCE:

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: 12-5 pm, Fellowship Hall
Family Fellowship Lunch: 12 pm, Church Front Lawn
Session Meeting: 12 pm, Library
Book Club: 5 pm, Library

Monday, October 20

PEO Chorus Rehearsal: 1-3 pm, Chapel
Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 21

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library
UDCC Primetimers: 11:30 am-2 pm, Fellowship Hall
Staff Meeting & Lunch: 12 pm, Conference Room; Library
Pastor's Bible Study: 1:30 pm, Google Meet
Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

Wednesday, October 22

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 23

Tai Chi: 10 am-12 pm, Fellowship Hall
Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

Friday, October 24

PEO Fundraiser: 10 am-12 pm, Chapel
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 25

Ghanian Seventh-Day Adventist Church: 9:30 am-2:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
PEO Fundraiser: 10 am-2 pm, Chapel
Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library
United Fellowship Bible Church: 4-7 pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 26

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building
Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Souper Stewardship Sunday Worship & Lunch: 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall
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: 3-6 pm, Fellowship Hall
Trunk or Treat: 3-5 pm

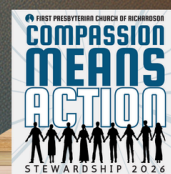
NEXT SUNDAY:

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 10:30 AM

All are welcome and encouraged to join us for **Worship in Fellowship Hall**, followed by a soup lunch to celebrate our Stewardship Season!



Sunday, October 26 | 3-5 PM

FPCR Children's Ministry

TRUNK OR TREAT

Church parking lot by playground. Free come and go event for all ages!

Bring your little ghosts and goblins for a night of fun, candy, and community! Enjoy creatively decorated trunks, treats, and lawn games. Costumes are also heavily encouraged!

Adults are invited to decorate and host their trunk, or run a yard game on the soccer field.



DON'T FORGET TO RSVP!

Sing a New Song to the Lord

2045

G F G F G Dm7

1. Sing a new song to the Lord, he to whom won-ders be -
 2. Now to the ends of the earth see his sal - va - tion is
 3. Sing a new song and re - joice, pub - lish his prais - es a -
 4. Join with the hills and the sea thun - ders of praise to pro -

G F Em A Em

long! Re - joice in his tri - umph and tell of his
 shown! And still he re - mem - bers his mer - cy and
 broad! Let voic - es in cho - rus, with trum - pet and
 long! In judg - ment and jus - tice he comes to the

F D7 G Dm7 Am7 D7 G Am7 Gmaj7 Am7

power — O sing to the Lord a new song!
 truth, un - chang - ing in love to his own.
 horn, re - sound for the joy of the Lord!
 earth — O sing to the Lord a new song!

Final ending
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