

# WORSHIP



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH of  
RICHARDSON

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | OCTOBER 25, 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

“Come, O Almighty King”

*Healy Willan*

Terry Metzger, Organ

\*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Rick Rickman, Liturgist

The Lord has been our dwelling place in all generations.

**From everlasting to everlasting, God is God; and so we come to worship.**

God satisfies us every morning with steadfast love;

**Let us rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Tell of God's glorious power and praise God's holy name.

**We will offer God the work of our hands**

**and praise from the depths of our hearts.**

\*OPENING HYMN | #624 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**God, our God, your love is steadfast, your presence ever near.  
Your wisdom is older than time and as fresh as the morning dew.  
Your name has come to us through the centuries,  
yet you can always do a new thing to draw us back to you.  
In recalling all that you have done and who you are,  
we recall who we have been and what we have done.  
Out of a desire to begin again with you and one another, we confess to you our sins.  
Merciful God, you know our hearts, the times we truly loved one another  
and the times we merely tolerated each other.  
You know our minds, the times we focused on you  
and the times we pursued our own purposes.  
You know our bodies, the times we have served you  
and the times we have served only ourselves.  
Forgive us those times we went our own way,  
and renew our commitment to live lives marked by your grace.  
Holy God, we offer you our prayers and praise this day in humble expectation;  
refresh our understanding and nurture our readiness to serve you. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Friends in Christ, we are forgiven people, set free from past failures,  
to make a fresh start this day and every day.  
The Holy Spirit empowers us to love God and to love others.  
**Thanks be to God for such everlasting grace!**

\*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

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word  
**Thanks be to God.**

NRSV OT Pg. 547-548  
NRSV NT Pg. 197

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

# *We Respond to the Word*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #712 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

*from The Scots Confession*

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave,  
whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship,  
and in whom alone we put our trust.  
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;  
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.  
By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,  
visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being,  
and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence  
for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed,  
and to the manifestation of his own glory.**

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

Eva Waldrop, "Christmas Kids Drive"

CALL FOR OFFERING

*As you are able, please bring forward your  
pledge cards and offerings this day to the  
baskets at the front of the sanctuary.*

OFFERTORY

**"You Raise Me Up"**

*arr. Tom Fettke*

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

Terry Metzger, Piano

*Be still my soul, the Lord is on your side, bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to your God to order and provide, in every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still my soul! The waves and winds still know, God's voice who ruled them while God dwelt below.  
When I am down, and, oh, my soul so weary, when troubles come and my heart burdened be.  
Then I am still and wait here in the silence, until You come and sit awhile with me.  
You raise me up so I can stand on mountains, you raise me up to walk on stormy seas.  
I am strong when I am on your shoulders, you raise me up to more than I can be.  
There is no life, no life without its hunger, each restless heart beats so imperfectly.  
But when you come and I am filled with wonder, sometimes I think I glimpse eternity.*

\*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*

## \*LITURGY OF DEDICATION | *Responsively*

Through the ages and in each generation of the one catholic and Apostolic Church

**God is at work!**

United in our purpose, mission, and ministry

**God is at work!**

In times of conflict and wrestling with our identity and our calling

**God is at work!**

As we worship, nurture, and serve

**God is at work!**

In dreaming big dreams and listening to the Holy Spirit's guidance for our future

**God is at work!**

As we dedicate our gifts and our lives to the Lord and the building up of God's Kingdom

**God is at work!**

## \*SENDING HYMN | "God Is At Work In Me!" (*see back of insert*)

## \*BENEDICTION

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Davy Jones' Organ"

from "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest"

*Hans Zimmer, arr. Rob Hlebinsky*

Terry Metzger, Organ

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

**THANKS  
GIVING  
DINNER**

**12 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Join the celebration of  
Thanksgiving with our  
friends from UDCC!**

**All are welcome.**

Scan the QR code to **RSVP**  
and **sign up** to bring a  
potluck item to share!

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# WEEK AT A GLANCE:

## 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, Fellowship Hall  
Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online  
Dedication Potluck: 12 pm, Fellowship Hall  
Trunk or Treat: 3-5 pm

## Monday, October 26

Faith Sharing: 1 pm, Library  
Book Discussion Group: 2 pm, Library

## Tuesday, October 27

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

## Wednesday, October 28

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

## Saturday, October 31

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

## Sunday, November 1- Daylight Savings Ends

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, Fellowship Hall  
Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online  
Thanksgiving with UDCC: 12 pm, Fellowship Hall

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



## All Saint's Sunday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Next Sunday, November 1, we will be observing All Saint's Day, and remembering the lives of those who we have lost in the last year.

If you would like your loved one(s) to be recognized during worship on All Saint's Sunday, please contact the office and provide us with their name by Thursday, October 29.

TODAY! October 26 | 3-5 PM

## FPCR Children's Ministry

# TRUNK OR TREAT

JOIN US!  
ALL ARE  
WELCOME!



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 - 6<sup>TH</sup> 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

RSVP BY  
THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 29



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



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

# 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.