



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY | OCTOBER 4, 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 *and* LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Barbara and Jameson Sucher

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Romance, op. 94, no. 1"

Robert Schumann

Terry Metzger, Organ; Katie Black, Oboe

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Mary Margaret Healy, Liturgist
from Psalm 19

Heaven declares God's glory; the sky proclaims his handiwork.

One day gushes the news to the next,

and one night informs another what needs to be known.

There is no speech, no words, no voices to be heard

but their sound extends throughout the world;

their words reach the ends of the earth.

With our voices, songs, prayers, and words,

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN | #753 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

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

Rev. Alice Hernandez

Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us,

"where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures,

hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy,

clinging to power and privilege whenever we can.

Set us free from greed and fear. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Teach us to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done,
but comes from the grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ.
This is the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI | #583 “Glory to God”



*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

Psalms 19

NRSV OT Pgs. 498-499

Philippians 3:4b-14

NRSV NT Pg. 198

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

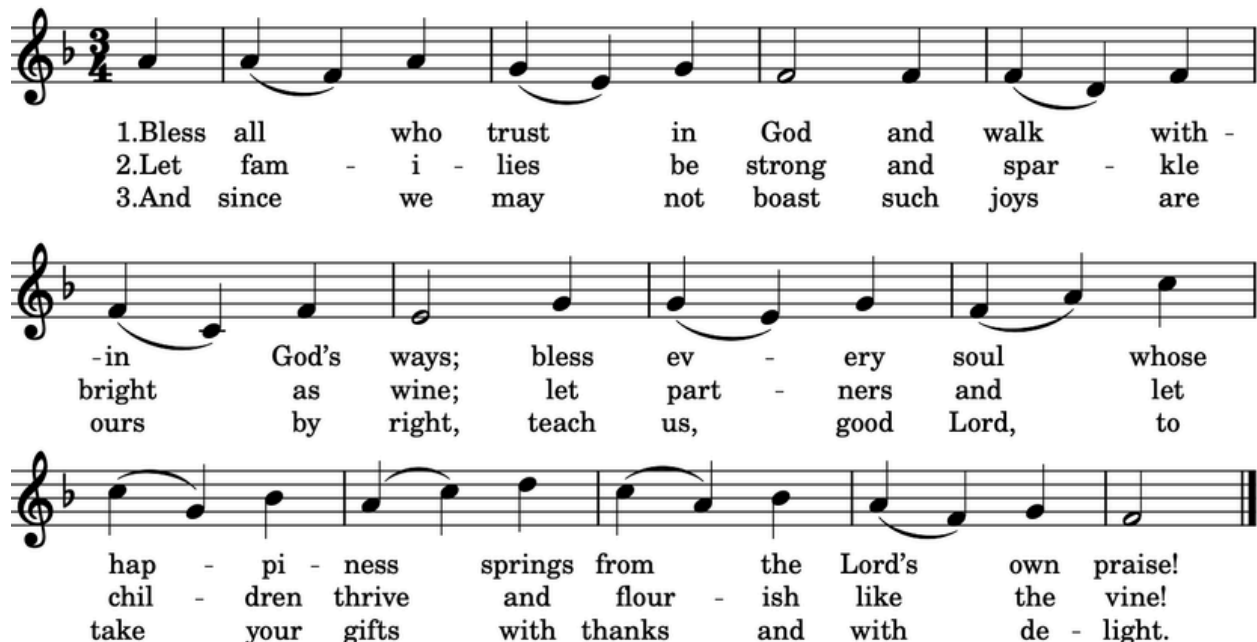
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #47 “Bless All Who Trust in God”



CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

The Apostle's 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.**

LAYING OF HANDS *and* PRAYER OF BLESSING

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

J.S. Bach

Terry Metzger, Piano; Katie Black, Oboe

*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 Celebrate the Joyful Feast

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | *Responsively*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HYMN OF EXALTATION | #552 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This is an open and welcoming table. All are invited.

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*SENDING HYMN | “God Is at Work In Me!” (*see back of insert*)

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Postlude on HANOVER”

Tom Birchwood
Terry Metzger, Organ



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WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, October 4 - Confirmation

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

Tuesday, October 6

Prayer Group: 8 am, Phone
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library
Pastor's Bible Study: 4 pm, Google Meet
National Night Out: 5:30-8 pm, Terrace Park

Wednesday, October 7

Sometimes: 8-11 am
Women's Circle: 9:30 am-12 pm, Chapel
"Dutch Lunch" with Pastor Sarah: 12 pm, Spin! Pizza
Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

Thursday, October 8

Special Gifts Committee: 5:30-6:30 pm, Library

Saturday, October 10

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

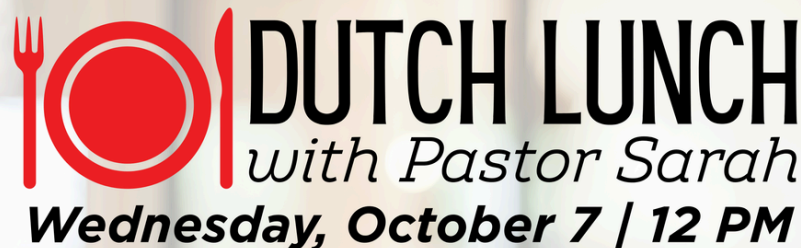
Sunday, October 11

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

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



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



Come have lunch with Pastor Sarah! Our time of fellowship over the table will also be an opportunity for you to share your experiences, stories, and feedback on the life and ministry of our church and what dreams and wishes you have for our future.

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.