

# WORSHIP



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH of  
RICHARDSON

## OCTOBER 5, 2025 | WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP: COMPASSION MEANS ACTION

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*Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.*

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*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

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

*Tom Birchwood*  
Terry Metzger, Organ

\*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
**the world and those who live in it.**

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?  
**We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Katie Haun Black

*Psalms 24:1, 116:12-13*

\*OPENING HYMN | #713 “Touch the Earth Lightly”

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

**As we come today to your great table, O God,  
we realize how small we have made our own.  
Our vision of your grace is too narrow.  
Our awareness of your mercy is too limited.  
Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short.  
We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be.  
Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings.  
Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits,  
so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner of Jesus. Amen.**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy,  
across time and space and through the generations, God seeks us out. This is good news!  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

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

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "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." The score consists of six systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The final measure of the piece is marked with a double bar line and a fermata over the final chord.

\*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.*

# *We Proclaim the Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Luke 17:5-10

NRSV OT Pgs. 171-172

NRSV NT Pg. 80

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Alice Hernandez

# *We Respond to the Word*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #691 “Lord, When I Came into This Life”

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”


*Nicholas White*

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis

Terry Metzger, Piano

*Offertory lyrics are found on page 610 in the hymnal.*

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



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 Celebrate the Joyful Feast*

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | *Responsively*      *Please turn to hymn #556-558 for musical responses.*

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 | #556 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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 | #767 “Together We Serve”

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“O For a Thousand Voices”

*Ronald Besemer*

Terry Metzger, Organ

# WEEK AT A GLANCE:

## **Sunday, October 5**

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

## **Monday, October 6**

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 7**

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone  
Pastor's Bible Study: 1:30 pm, Google Meet  
Special Gifts Committee: 2 pm, Library  
Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field  
National Night Out: 5:30 pm, Terrace Park

## **Wednesday, October 8**

Sometimes: 8-11 am  
Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field  
Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm  
Wednesday Night Live: 6 pm, Fellowship Hall  
Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

## **Thursday, October 9**

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

## **Saturday, October 11**

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: 4-7 pm, Chapel

## **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  
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# COMPASSION MEANS ACTION



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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

### October 7 | 5:30-8 PM

Join us on Tuesday, October 7 at Terrace Park for National Night Out! We are looking for volunteers to sit at our table and hand out refreshments. Contact **Josh Manck** at [josh@manck.net](mailto:josh@manck.net) or call/text 817-487-5136 if you're interested in helping!

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

## Monthly Dinner & Fellowship

October Menu: Stuffed Meatloaf, Mini Twice Baked Potato, Southern Green Beans, Peach Cobbler  
(Vegetarian & Kid Options Available)



**All are welcome!**

RSVP with Church Office. Suggested Donation: \$6/Adult.