WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of RICHARDSON

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 1, 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.

Saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversaries of the deaths of martyrs - their birthdays as saints through the completion of their baptism. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, remembered and forgotten, known and unknown. It has been celebrated on or around November 1 since the ninth century. In the Reformed tradition, the emphasis of this festival is the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, we also give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of believers in this and every age. We give thanks for the members of this community of faith who have died in the past year, and we pray that we, too, may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

We Gather Around the Word

WELCOME *and* LIFE OF THE CHURCH — Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

OPENING VOLUNTARY — "How Bright These Glorious Spirits Shine"
Robert J. Powell
Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively* — Jill Sizemore, Liturgist

At all times, I will bless the Lord
Praise the Lord, let the suffering listen and rejoice.
Magnify the Lord with me!
Together, let us lift up the name of the Lord on high!
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Happy are all who take refuge in our God. Let us worship the Lord with thanksgiving.

*OPENING HYMN | #326 "For All The Saints"

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison* Rev. Alice Hernandez

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith.
We confess that we are indifferent to your will.
You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.
You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.
You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
In the name of 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

Revelation 7:9-17 NRSV NT Pg. 249-250
Matthew 5:1-12 NRSV NT Pg. 4

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #630 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *and* LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE | *Responsively*

from the Heidelberg Catechism and A Brief Statement of Faith

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong –
body and soul, in life and in death –
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

In life and death we belong to God,
affirming our trust in the everlasting promises of God,
we remember with thanksgiving and joy, those saints whose baptism is now complete
and have joined the Church triumph in this past year.

FPCR members listed in bold

David Carver
Jane Florine
Bob Grimes
Ginny Holcomb
Gene Lormor
Jim Sucher
Mary Walton

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”
Philip W. J. Stopford
The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director
Terry Metzger, Piano
For text reflection, see Glory to God #440

*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.
After you receive communion, all are welcome to take a
tulip bulb in honor of our Saints.

COMMUNION MUSIC "Meditation"
Gabriel Dupont
Terry Metzger, Organ

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*SENDING HYMN | #730 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "All Glory to God On High"
Johann Gottfried Walter
Terry Metzger, Organ

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints' Sunday
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

Tuesday, November 3
Prayer Group: 8 am, Phone
Kids Day Out for Kindness: 9 am-3 pm
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library
Pastor's Bible Study: 4 pm, Google Meet

Wednesday, November 4
Sometimers: 8-11 am
Women's Circle: 9:30 am-12 pm, Chapel
Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

Thursday, November 5
Art Therapy: 10 am-12 pm, A110

Friday, November 6
Men's Breakfast: 7:30 am, La Madeleine

Saturday, November 7
Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, November 8
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 & Congregational Meeting: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online

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

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE YOUR 2027 PLEDGE! DROP YOUR PLEDGE CARD IN THE OFFERING PLATE, OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session is calling a congregational meeting for the purposes of electing the 2029 class of Elders on Sunday, November 8, immediately at the conclusion of our 10:30 AM worship service.

Mission Market

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 10 AM-2 PM

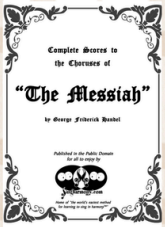
Save the date for our first annual Mission Market beneffiting the Pastor's Emergency Fund! There will be multitudes of hand-crafted gifts and goodies for purchase, and all proceeds will go towards helping our neighbors in need remain safely housed as the colder months approach.

We are in need of volunteers to help staff the event. Please reach out to Liz Bross, Barbara Sucher, or Jan Warner if you would like to volunteer.

Have a craft or treat you would like to contribute?
Get out your paint brushes, sewing machines, and knit/crochet needles, or harness your paper crafting and baking skills, and offer up your time and talents for this wonderful cause.

All contributions need to be delivered to the church no later than Friday morning, November 13. Contact Liz Bross, Barb Sucher or Jan Warner with questions!

Messiah Sing-A-Long

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, DURING WORSHIP | 10:30 AM

The pews become part of the choir loft as we sing the Christmas season's most beloved and traditional music. Singers and listeners are all welcome to join the chorus, complete with fabulous soloists and orchestra. You won't want to miss it!