# WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of RICHARDSON

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | NOVEMBER 15, 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 — Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

OPENING VOLUNTARY — "A Glorious Day is Dawning"
*Peter Pindar Stearns*
Terry Metzger, Organ

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

We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
**Knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.**
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
**Trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.**
We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
**Relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of hope and service.**
Let us worship together this day!

*OPENING HYMN | #4 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

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

**Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love.**
**Even so, we have not lived according to your will.**
**When we are oppressed or unjustly accused,**
**we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance.**
**When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others,**
**we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws.**
**Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience.**
**Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness,**
**that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace;**
**through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Children of light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear -
**Christ he lived for us, Christ died for us, Christ was raised for us and prays for us.**
Believe the promise of your baptism:
**in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*GLORIA PATRI | #583 "Glory to God"

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!*
*Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

*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
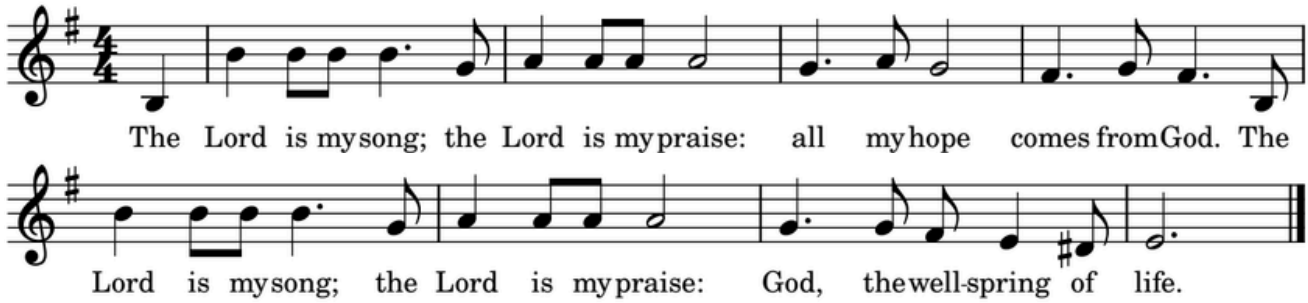
SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NRSV NT Pg. 205); Matthew 25:14-20 (NRSV NT Pg. 28)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON — Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

# We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #471 "The Lord Is My Song"




*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison* — *From A Declaration of Faith*

**In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus**
**God has already demonstrated his judging and saving work.**
**We are warned that rejecting God's love and not caring for others whom God loves results in eternal separation from him and them.**
**Yet we are also told that God loves the whole world**
**and wills the salvation of all humankind in Christ.**
**We live in tension between God's warnings and promises.**
**Knowing the righteous judgment of God in Christ,**
**we urge all people to be reconciled to God,**
**not exempting ourselves from the warnings.**
**Constrained by God's love in Christ, we have good hope for all people,**
**not exempting the most unlikely from the promises.**
**Judgment belongs to God and not to us.**
**We are sure that God's future for every person will be both merciful and just. Amen.**

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

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart"

*Moses Hogan*

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

*I'm gonna sing 'till the Spirit moves in my heart, I'm gonna sing 'till Jesus comes.*
*It was grace that brought me, it was grace that taught me, it was grace that kept me*
*And it's grace that will lead me home.*
*I'm gonna pray 'till the Spirit moves in my heart. I'm gonna pray 'till my Jesus comes.*
*Can't you feel the spirit moving? I'm gonna shout 'till the Spirit moves in my heart*
*I'm gonna shout 'till Jesus comes. I'm gonna sing till my Jesus comes.*

*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*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

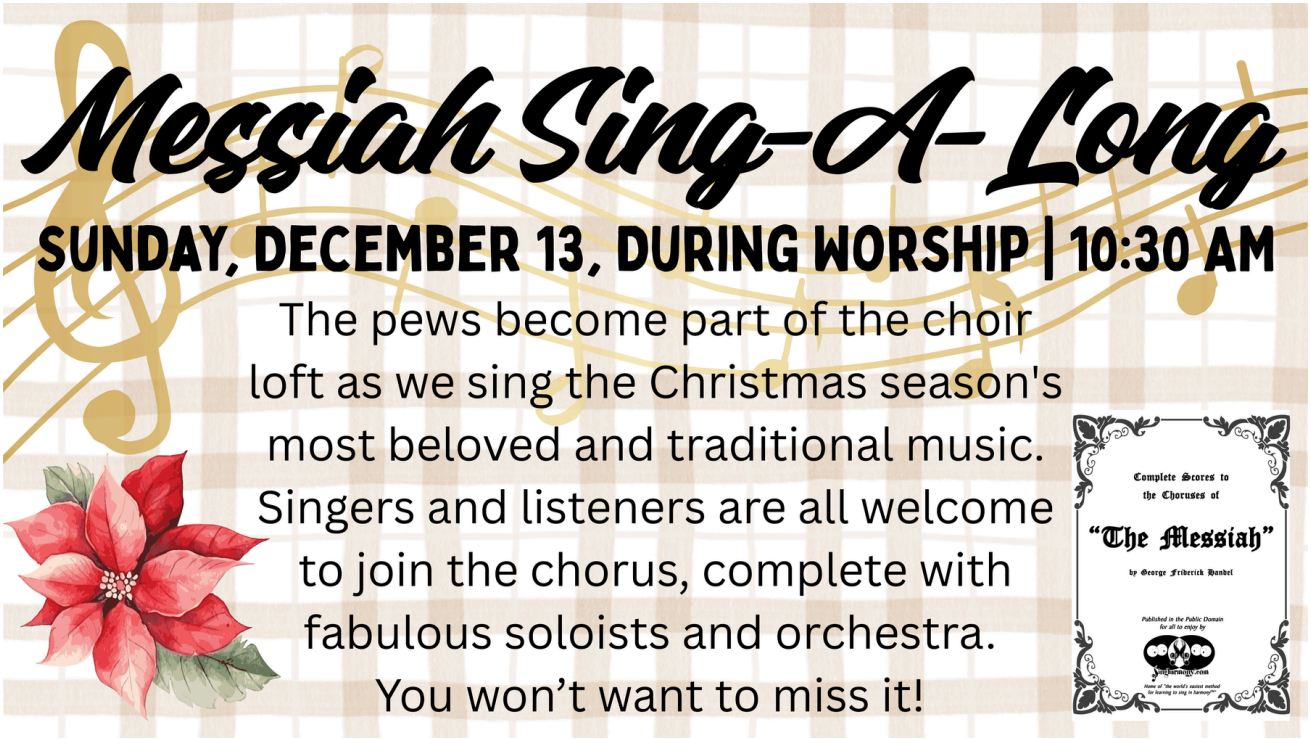
*SENDING HYMN | #305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "O God, Thou Faithful God"

*Anonymous (c. 1700)*

Terry Metzger, Organ




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# WEEK AT A GLANCE:

***Sunday, November 15***
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
Session Meeting: 12 pm, Fellowship Hall
Book Club: 5 om, Library

***Monday, November 16***
Mission Ministry Meeting: 1:30 pm, A109

***Tuesday, November 17***
Prayer Group: 8 am, Phone
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library
Staff Meeting & Lunch: 12 pm, Conference Room; Library
Pastor's Bible Study: 4 pm, Google Meet

***Wednesday, November 18***
Sometimers: 8-11 am
Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm
Wednesday Night Live Advent Workshop: 6-8 pm, Fellowship Hall
Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

***Thursday, November 19***
Art Therapy: 10 am-12 pm, A109

***Saturday, November 21***
Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

***Sunday, November 22***
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

**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**






*Christmas Children's Tree*

# The Christmas Children's Tree is up!

If you decide to be an angel and adopt a Christmas child, *(limit 1-2 per person)*, please remember:

1. **Take your tag off the tree and attach it to your plastic bag** when you return it *(no gift wrap, please)*.
2. **Sign your name and phone number on the list** next to your adoptee's name.
3. **Take an instruction sheet** *(this outlines how to return your gifts, the return dates, etc.)*
4. **HAVE FUN** shopping for your Christmas kids!

In addition, this year we are looking for individual items of your choice, like toys, clothing or gift cards!

All donations due back under the Christmas tree by December 1

Thanks so much for your always generous participation!