

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 | 10:30 AM, IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Three Variations on KREMSER”

Michael Sullivan

Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Debbie Rowley, Liturgist

Gathered in the presence of God,

we come as one family of faith.

Called by the Spirit to worship and rejoice,

we lift our hearts in gratitude and praise.

Fed by the goodness of Christ's love,

we are strengthened to share that love with the world.

*OPENING HYMN | #353 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

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

Merciful God, we confess that we often seek recognition more than righteousness.

We measure our worth by achievements and appearances,

and forget that You look upon the heart.

We cling to pride when You call us to humility,

and we protect our comfort when You invite us to compassion.

Forgive us, we pray.

Turn our hearts toward Your grace,

that we may live with honesty, kindness, and joy in Your presence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Psalms 145

God's ways are just, and God's kindness is constant.

The Lord is near to all who call, to all who call on the Lord in truth.

Beloved, God draws near to us with compassion and forgives our sins.

Thanks be to God, we are a forgiven people. Amen.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

*GLORIA PATRI | #581 “Glory Be to the Father”

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.

*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.

ANTHEM

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing!”

The Ruth Greer Handbell Choir, Becky Lormor, Director

For reflection on this joyful hymn text, see Glory to God 267

MADRID

Arr. Matthew Compton

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17–25

NRSV OT Pg. 696

Luke 21:5–19

NRSV NT Pg. 85

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Alice Hernandez

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #384 “Soon and Very Soon”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

Book of Common Worship, Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION | Electronics Recycling Drive *and* Christmas Cantata

Amanda Hollis

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Praise to the Lord”

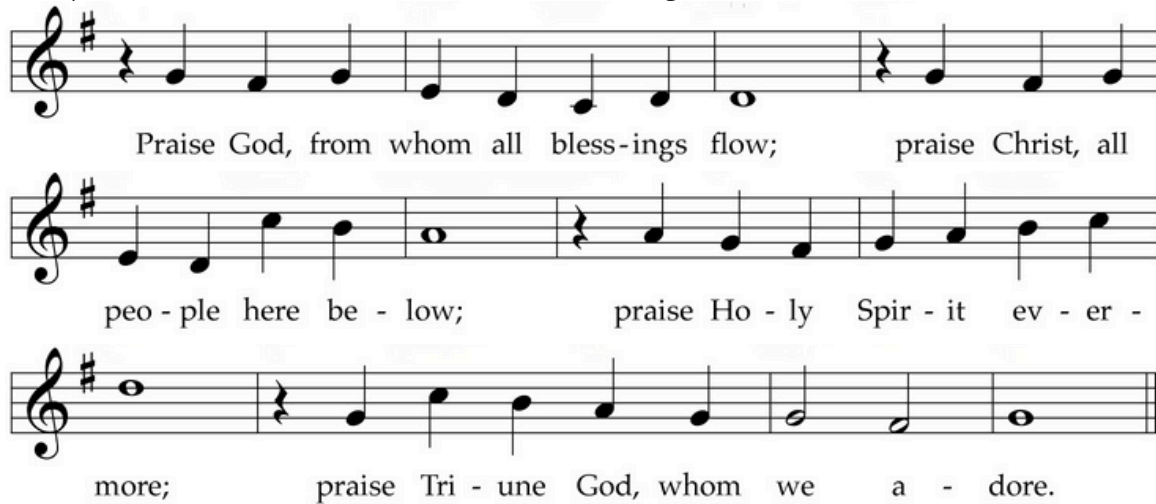
F. Melius Christiansen

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

Terry Metzger, Piano

For reflection on this joyful hymn text, see Glory to God 35

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



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 Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*SENDING HYMN | “When We All Get to Heaven” (*see back of insert*)

*BENEDICTION

*All are welcome and encouraged to stay after the service for a
Congregational Meeting where we will vote as a church on our next pastor.*

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, November 16

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 and Online

Congregational Meeting: After Worship, Sanctuary

Session Meeting: 12 pm, Library

Book Club: 5 pm, Library

Tuesday, November 18

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library

Staff Meeting: 12 pm, Conference Room

Pastor's Bible Study: 1:30 pm, Google Meet

Wednesday, November 19

Sometimers: 8-11 am

Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm

Wednesday Night Live: 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

Thursday, November 20

Art Therapy: 10 am, Room A109

Friday, November 19

Friday Faith Sharing & Lunch Bunch: 10:30 am, Library

Sunday, November 23

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 and Online

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



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COMPASSION MEANS ACTION



STEWARDSHIP 2026

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Monthly Dinner & Fellowship

NOVEMBER 19

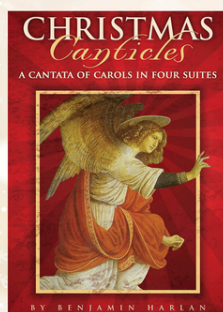
6:00 PM,
FELLOWSHIP
HALL



All are welcome!

RSVP in the Friendship Pads

Christmas Cantata



On **Sunday, December 7 and 14**, the combined chancel choirs of First Presbyterian Church of Richardson and Holy Covenant United Methodist Church will present the delightful music of Benjamin Harlan's Christmas Canticles.

Join us on **December 7 at 10:30 AM at FPCR** and again on **December 14 at 10:30am at Holy Covenant UMC in Carrollton**.

The choir and orchestra are guaranteed to get your heart and soul in the Christmas spirit!



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**The ultimate
recycling program!**

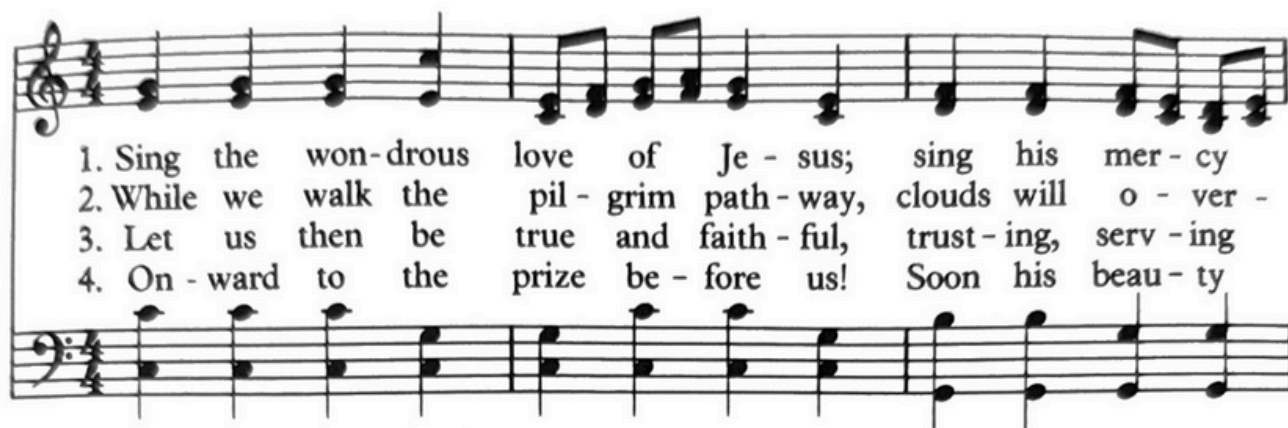
ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DRIVE

Saturday, December 13 / 9 AM - 12 PM

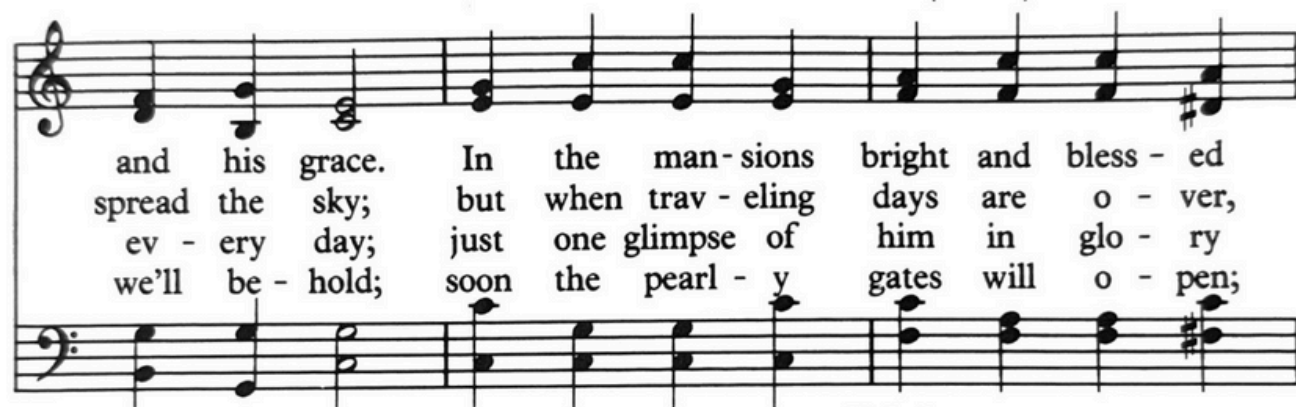
It's time to purge those old electronics! FPCR has a solution to help you dispose of your unused phone chargers, cords, laptops, broken televisions, clothing/textiles and more in an environmentally responsible way!

On **Saturday, December 13 from 9 AM - 12 PM**, the church parking lot will be set up like a drive-thru where you can drop off the electronic items that you would like to recycle.

This event is in partnership with Bubba Fundraising so tell your friends, families and neighbors! The more you bring, the more the environment and FPCR's general operating budget will benefit!



1. Sing the won-drous love of Je - sus; sing his mer - cy
2. While we walk the pil - grim path - way, clouds will o - ver -
3. Let us then be true and faith - ful, trust - ing, serv - ing
4. On - ward to the prize be - fore us! Soon his beau - ty



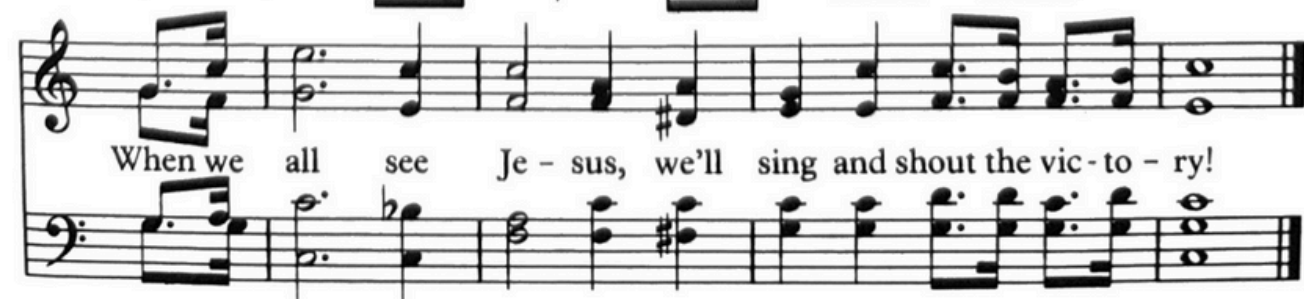
and his grace. In the man - sions bright and bless - ed
spread the sky; but when trav - eling days are o - ver,
ev - ery day; just one glimpse of him in glo - ry
we'll be - hold; soon the pearl - y gates will o - pen;



Refrain
he'll pre - pare for us a place.
not a shad - ow, not a sigh. When we all get to
will the toils of life re - pay.
we shall tread the streets of gold.



heav - en, what a day of re - joic - ing that will be!



When we all see Je - sus, we'll sing and shout the vic - to - ry!