WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of RICHARDSON

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 22, 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 — "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"
James Hopkins
The Ruth Greer Handbell Choir and The Sanctuary Choir
Amanda Hollis, Director
Jacob Hord, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively* — Peter Tiggelaar, Liturgist

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!
Christ will reign forever and ever.
The Lord is robed in majesty and strength.
Christ will reign forever and ever.
God has established the world and God's realm will never be shaken.
Christ will reign forever and ever.
God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.
Christ will reign forever and ever.
The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.
Christ will reign forever and ever.

*OPENING HYMN | #267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We are not ready for your holy realm.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world,
and fail to be governed by justice and love.
You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead.
You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others.
Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold
and rejoice in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

However long we wander, however far we stray
God's steadfast love endures forever
Sisters and brothers, be assured:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen!

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

*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.

ANTHEM — “I Will Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills (Psalm 121)”

Cathy Moklebust and David Moklebust
The Ruth Greer Handbell Choir, Becky Lormor, Director
Jacob Hord, Organ

The Ruth Greer Handbell Choir expresses sincere appreciation to our friend, supporter, and former substitute ringer, Daniel Thomas, for a generous gift of printed sheet music to RGHC, including scores for today's Anthem, which was composed as a lyrical reflection of the text of Psalm 121 (KJV):

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 100 (NRSV OT Pg. 552); Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV NT Pg. 29)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
Thanks be to God.

SERMON — Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #274 “You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison* — *from the Theological Declaration of Barmen*

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins,
so in the same way and with the same seriousness
is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life.
Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance
from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.
Therefore we reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life
in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords —
areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. 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 "Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind be Opened/
He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd"
Messiah, G.F. Handel
Aden Black, Soloist
Jacob Hord, Organ

*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 | #268 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Festival"
Healey Willan
Jacob Hord, Organ



WEEK AT A GLANCE:

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

Monday, November 23
Faith Sharing: 1 pm, Library

Tuesday, November 24
Prayer Group: 8 am, Phone
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library

Wednesday, November 25
Sometimers: 8-11 am

Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 28
Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday in Advent
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.

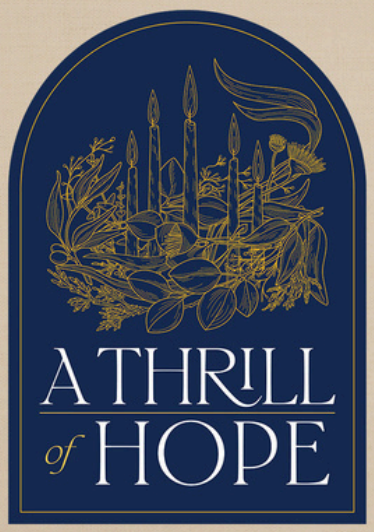


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Happy Thanksgiving



The office will be **CLOSED** Thanksgiving Day (November 26) and Black Friday (November 27)



CELEBRATE WITH US

JOIN US

this Advent

We live in a weary world, fractured by division and despair. Yet, the thrill of hope persists.



Intergenerational Worship & Christmas Pageant

Wednesday, December 16

Dinner: 6 PM in Fellowship Hall | Worship: 7 PM in the Chapel

Join us for our monthly Wednesday Night Live dinner, followed by an intergenerational Christmas service with a children's Nativity Pageant! All are welcome.