

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 | REIGN OF CHRIST

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

“We Gather Together”

Wilbur Held

Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Rev. Alice Hernandez, Liturgist

based on Luke 1:68–79

We gather to worship God,
who looks favorably on all the humans they created.

We sing blessings to God, who stands with us for justice and salvation.

We gather to worship God,
who worked with many prophetic humans in every time and place.

We sing blessings to God, who makes faithful promises, to us and our ancestors.

We gather to worship God, whose tenderness we see shimmering in the breaking of dawn.

We sing blessings to God, who guides our feet on paths of peace.

*OPENING HYMN | #367 “Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

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

based on Jeremiah 23:1-4

**O God of justice and mercy, you call us to be shepherds
who gather and protect those more vulnerable than ourselves.**

**We speak of your justice,
but our actions continue to leave others scattered on the edges of society.**

**We remain tempted by the dream of the Good Life,
where goodness for some only comes at the expense of many.**

**Raise us up, O God, from our willful ignorance; bring us back into the fold;
help us shepherd in the genuine change that reflects your just promises.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Hear the good news:

Jesus's death and resurrection confirm God's faithful promises extend to us.

God forgives and calls us to keep striving to do justice.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy 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 image shows a musical score for a hymn in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of two systems of staves. Each system has a soprano and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many chords and some melodic lines. The final measure of the second system has 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.

ANTHEM

“O Worship the King”

Joseph M. Martin

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

Terry Metzger, Piano

For reflection on this hymn text, see Glory to God 41

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79

NRSV OT Pg. 725

NRSV NT Pg. 58

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Katy Walters

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #363 “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

“Hallelujah Chorus”

G.F. Handel

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director
Terry Metzger, Organ

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



We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*SENDING HYMN | #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Come Thou Almighty King"

David Schack

Terry Metzger, Organ

MEET OUR GUEST PREACHER FOR NOVEMBER 23:

Rev. Katy Walters

A native of North Texas, Rev. Katy Walters recently returned to the area after many years spent in the Texas Hill Country. She is a graduate of Austin College in Sherman, Texas where she received a Bachelor of Arts in music, and then went on to earn her Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Practical Theology with a focus in Christian Education from Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, GA.



Rev. Walters has over 20 years of experience working primarily with children and youth, serving churches across the south, as well as working with the Girl Scouts of America. She recently wrapped up her Chaplain Resident year at UTSW Clements where she focused on caring for families and staff in the Neurology Units and Emergency Department. Beginning in August, she will be the NICU Staff Chaplain at Cook Children's in Fort Worth.

Every day Katy seeks to find some magic in the mundane: through walks with her pup Winston, making a delicious mess in the kitchen, busting out in show tunes or Disney songs, bird watching, reading books or crocheting tiny hearts. She is a coffee and cookie aficionado and enjoys spending time with her family.



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WEEK AT A GLANCE:

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

Monday, November 24

Faith Sharing: 1-2 pm, Library

Book Discussion Group: 2-3 pm, Library

Tuesday, November 25

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone

Wednesday, November 26

Sometimers: 8-11 am

Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Day

Office Closed

Saturday, November 29

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, November 30

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

Happy Thanksgiving

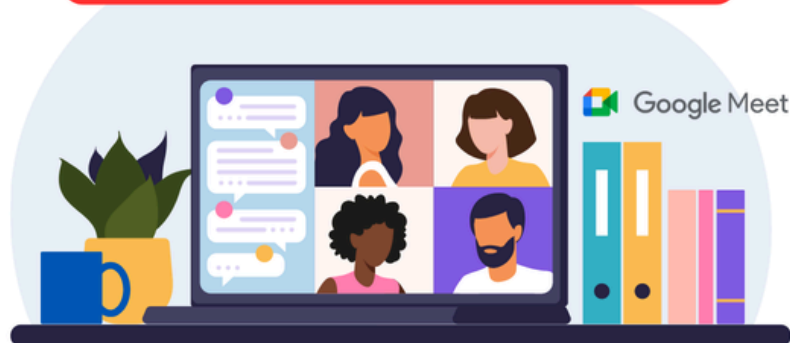


The office will be **CLOSED** Thanksgiving Day (November 27) and Black Friday (November 28)

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Tuesdays at 1:30 PM as we study the upcoming passage of scripture for Sunday's sermon.

**FYI: NOT MEETING NEXT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25**



Next Week: The First Sunday in Advent



Luke 1:5-13 | Lamentations 3:55-57