WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of RICHARDSON

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | NOVEMBER 8, 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. Alice Hernandez

OPENING VOLUNTARY — "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"
J.S. Bach
Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively* — Dianne Long, Liturgist

People of God, Listen!
The Lord has done marvelous things.
Teach your children all that God has done
So that they may live in hope and peace.
Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN | #362 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison* — Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory.
You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live.
Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more.
Rather than trust your provision, we chase after our own happiness.
Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you.
Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace,
for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Here the good news:
Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
Believe the gospel! 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!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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 — Psalm 78:1-7 (NRSV OT Pg. 536); Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSV NT Pg. 28)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
Thanks be to God.

SERMON — Rev. Alice Hernandez

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #754 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison* — *The Apostle's 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION | The Network — Caroline Christian

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY — "Keep Your Lamps!"

Andre Thomas
The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning; the time is drawing nigh
Children don't get weary till your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over; the time is drawing nigh

*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 | #765 “May the God of Hope Go with Us”

CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
and ELECTION OF RULING ELDERS, CLASS OF 2029

Barbara Sucher



What 3 words/phrases best describe you?
Kind to animals and people; resilient and helpful; giving and determined

What do you like to do when you are not at FPCR?
Walk the dogs and visit with the neighbors
Train for the Dallas Turkey Trot and Gobble Hobble
Bag groceries at Network

Why did you say “yes” to the call to serve as elder?
My father was an elder at First Presbyterian Richardson and my sister an elder at First Presbyterian Ft. Worth and I wanted to also help do God's work here.

Dianne Long



What 3 words/phrases best describe you?
Organized, reliable, reflective

What do you like to do when you are not at FPCR?
*R*ead, play bridge, work jigsaw puzzles

Why did you say “yes” to the call to serve as elder?
I felt a call to serve. I am committed to FPCR

Zach Echols



What 3 words/phrases best describe you?
Hardworking, thoughtful, empathetic

What do you like to do when you are not at FPCR?
I love anything and everything to do with the outdoors! I work outside as a land surveyor, I love to play golf, and I love to go camping and hiking. I also enjoy learning new things and taking on new challenges. This year I have been taking piano lessons, and I’m also building a homemade camper trailer.

Why did you say “yes” to the call to serve as elder?
Growing up, I never truly understood or appreciated what having a church family meant. It wasn’t until I got older that I realized how important it is to have community in your life and a church to call home. I said yes to joining session because I want to become more involved in my church family and to provide my unique perspective to our session.

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Now Thank We All Our God"
Wilbur Held
Terry Metzger, Organ

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!





WEEK AT A GLANCE:

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

Monday, November 9
Faith Sharing: 1-2 pm, Library

Tuesday, November 10
Prayer Group: 8 am, Phone
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library
Pastor's Bible Study: 4 pm, Google Meet

Wednesday, November 11
Sometimers: 8-11 am
Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

Saturday, November 14
Mission Market: 10 am-2 pm, Welcome Center
Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

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 pm, Library

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



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