

# WORSHIP



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH of  
RICHARDSON

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | FEBRUARY 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. Katy Walters

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Light Divine"  
Healy Willan  
Terry Metzger, Organ

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Margaret Rogers, Liturgist  
*adapted from Psalm 112*

People of God, praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord,  
those who greatly delight in his commandments.**

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

**Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.**

We who gather are broken yet holy; sinners at heart, yet fully re-deemed. We are God's very own, called together here this day.

**Let us sing. Let us pray. Let us join together in worship. Praise the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN | #614 "Great are You Lord"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

**Gracious God, we confess that it is harder to do than we expected, this life of faith.**

**You call us to be salt of the earth**

**and to live lives of justice and righteousness and love.**

**But our lives become busy. Following what others do is just easier.**

**And sometimes the cost for doing what is right seems too high.**

**One day, perhaps, we will commit more fully,**

**but the status quo works better for us right now.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Startle our senses and disrupt our routines.**

**Renew in us the passion for doing what is right in your eyes,**

**and inspire us to be sources of your light in the world.**

**May we, like the prophets and the saints, act by faith no matter how high the cost.**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

We are blessed to know the light which breaks forth.

We know God's love and grace through Jesus Christ.

**Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we know new life.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI | #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

## \*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

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*Traditional African American Spiritual*

FUMCR Ukulele Choir

# *We Proclaim the Word*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 112:1-9 (10)

Matthew 5:13-20

NRSV OT Pg. 563

NRSV NT Pg. 4

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Katy Walters

# *We Respond to the Word*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #463 “How Firm a Foundation”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

*from The Confession of 1967*

**We believe: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church’s mission.  
His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.  
His service to men and women commits the church to work  
for every form of human well-being.  
His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering  
so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.  
His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment  
on the inhumanity that marks human relations,  
and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice.  
In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,  
the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society  
and of God’s victory over all wrong.  
The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action.  
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as 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

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Hanalei Moon”  
FUMCR Ukulele Choir

\*DOXOLOGY | #609 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

# *We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*SENDING HYMN | “O God Beyond All Praising” (*see back of insert*)

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Chaconne”  
Auguste Durand  
Terry Metzger, Organ

## *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.

## *Ash Wednesday*

Wednesday, February 18

**12:00 PM & 6:45 PM**

We will be hosting a joint Noon service with our friends from UDCC in the Chapel, and a second service that evening to coincide with Wednesday Night Live.

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Christian Church



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## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE**

**Monthly Dinner & Fellowship**

Dinner will be served from 6-7 pm. Reservations required!

FEBRUARY 18

6:00 PM,  
FELLOWSHIP  
HALL



**All are welcome!**

RSVP in the Friendship Pads. Suggested Donation: \$5/Adult.



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# WEEK AT A GLANCE:

## **Sunday, February 8 - Cents-ability Sunday**

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111

Present Word: 9 am, A109

Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building

Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building

Worship: 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, February 9**

Faith Sharing: 1 pm, Library

## **Tuesday, February 10**

Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library

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

## **Wednesday, February 11**

Sometimers: 8-11 am

Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm

Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

## **Saturday, February 14**

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

## **Sunday, February 15**

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111

Present Word: 9 am, A109

Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building

Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building

Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online

Book Club: 5 pm, Library

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



work



vacation



Marilyn will be out of the office **February 7-14**.  
Church office operating hours will vary during this time.

**If a situation arises, please contact the following:**

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972-816-0111 (cell)

**Shirley Hawkins** | Financial:

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**Pastor Alice** | Pastoral Concerns:

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469-497-5995 (cell)

**Please call the church before stopping by  
to confirm we are open.**

# Rescheduled

# Longest Night Service

Next Sunday, February 15  
10:30 AM

## **Spring Ring 2026**

**Six Sundays | 11:45am-1:00pm**

**February 15 & 22; March 1, 8, 15, & 22**

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Children and adults are invited to  
experience the joy of ringing  
handbells and choirchimes at a  
series of "Lunch & Learn" gatherings  
on Sundays in February and March!



For details  
and registration,  
**scan the QR code.**



# O God Beyond All Praising

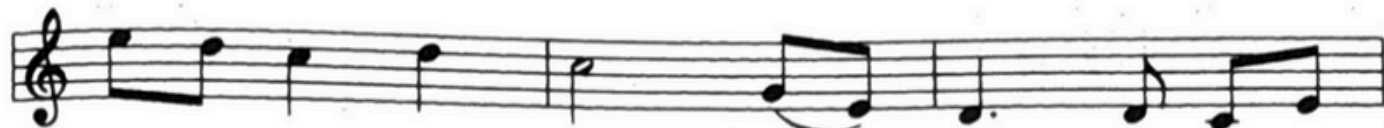
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1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to -  
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we



day and sing the love a-maz-ing that  
bring, that we who know your fa-vor may



songs can-not re-pay; for we can on-ly  
serve you as our king; and whe-ther our to-



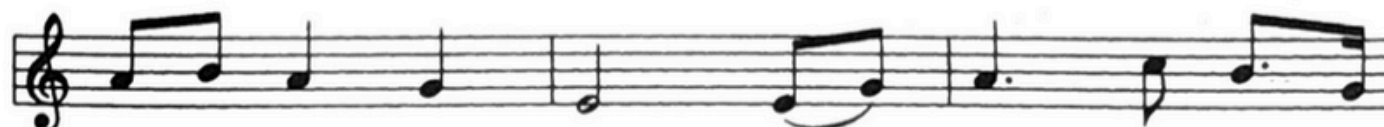
won-der at ev-ery gift you send, at  
mor-rows be filled with good or ill, we'll



bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out  
tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you



end: We lift our hearts be-fore you and  
still: To mar-vel at your beau-ty and



wait up-on your Word, we hon-or and a-  
glo-ry in your ways, and make a joy-ful



dore you, our great and might-y of Lord.  
du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.