

# WORSHIP



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH of  
RICHARDSON

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 12, 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

“This Joyful Eastertide”

*David Schack*

Terry Metzger, Organ

\*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Rev. Alice Hernandez

Great is the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.**

**But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

\*OPENING HYMN | #238 “Thine Is the Glory”

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

**Eternal God, your Word teaches us**

**that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours.**

**Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life.**

**We live in fear, thinking death has the final say.**

**We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ.**

**Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death.**

**We believe, Lord; help our unbelief.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray. Amen**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

The scriptures teach: “If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

**We confess that Jesus is Lord**

**and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead.**

Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

\*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

Margaret Rogers

*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 Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

*GF Handel*

Lauren Smith-Carter, Soprano

Terry Metzger, Organ

*I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.  
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God  
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep*

## ***We Proclaim the Word***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 16

John 20:19-31

NRSV OT Pgs. 495-496

NRSV NT Pg. 115

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

## ***We Respond to the Word***

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #231 “Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

\*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

CALL FOR OFFERING *and* OFFERTORY “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

*arr. Sjolund*

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

Terry Metzger, Piano

*My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
I love thee because thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

\*DOXOLOGY | #750 “Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;  
light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.  
Vic-tory is ours; vic-tory is ours through God who loves us. us.

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*SENDING HYMN | #263 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“He Is Risen! He Is Risen!”

*Edward Broughton*

Terry Metzger, Organ

*Liturgy written by Philip K. Gladden and published in the Presbyterian Outlook, 2026.*



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# WEEK AT A GLANCE:

## Sunday, April 12

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

## Monday, April 13

Faith Sharing: 1 pm, Library

## Tuesday, April 14

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

## Wednesday, April 15

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, April 16

Art Therapy: 10 am, Room A109

## Friday, April 17

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

## Saturday, April 18

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

## Sunday, April 19

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  
**All Committee Workday & Session Meeting: 12 pm, Library**  
Book Club: 5 pm, Library

# Cents-Ability Sunday

**WE WILL BE COLLECTING YOUR LOOSE CHANGE DURING WORSHIP!**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

### Monthly Dinner & Fellowship

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

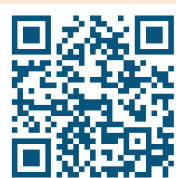
**MENU:** Hot dogs, chips, apples, and a surprise dessert!



**All are welcome!**

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

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



## PRAESIDIUM ACADEMY

### Group Child Protection Training SATURDAY, APRIL 25 | 10 AM

We will be hosting a Child Protection Training Day for those that need to complete the updated training from Praesidium Academy. Bring your laptops and headphones, we'll provide the snacks, and we'll work through the training together!

If you plan to attend, please RSVP with your email address in the Friendship Pads so we can ensure you receive the necessary materials.



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# SAVE THE DATE

EARTH CARE PARK CLEAN-UP SUNDAY, APRIL 26 AFTER WORSHIP

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



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