

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 19, 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

“Prelude on LANCASHIRE”

Robert J. Powell
Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Betsy Gust, Liturgist

Early in the morning, in the garden

Jesus meets us

At the tomb and in our grief

Jesus meets us

On the road telling his story

Jesus meets us

At the table, breaking bread

Jesus meets us

With hearts burning, let us worship God

*OPENING HYMN | #515 “I Come With Joy”

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

Almighty God, through your only Son,

you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.

**We confess we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.**

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new.

**Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,
may, through the renewing power of your Spirit,
arise from death of sin to the life of righteousness,**

that we may know the joy life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, even now Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

*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

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 READINGS

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Luke 24:13-35

NRSV OT Pgs. 564-565

NRSV NT Pg. 90

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #159 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

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 | Earth Day

Eva Waldrop

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale,
and tree and flow’r, sun and moon, and stars of light.*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth,
and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*For the perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flow’rs of earth and buds of heav’n.*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*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 | #247 “Now the Green Blade Rises”

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Postlude”
L.J.T. Darwall
Terry Metzger, Organ



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WEEK AT A GLANCE:

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

Tuesday, April 21

Prayer Group: 8 am, Phone
 Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library
Staff Meeting & Lunch: 12 pm, Conference Room; Library
 Pastor's Bible Study: 4 pm, Google Meet

Wednesday, April 22

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

Saturday, April 25

Child Protection Training Work Session: 10 am, Library
 Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, April 26

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
Church Park Clean-Up: 12 pm

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.



SAVE THE DATE

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

Join us after Worship on Sunday, April 26, for a picnic at FPCR, followed by a neighborhood park clean-up. All are welcome!



POP-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

May 10 at 9:45 AM | Library



What's Next?

The Volunteer Experience at the Immigration Field Office

Join us between the Sunday School hour and Worship as we discuss our experiences at the Immigration Field Office in the month of March, and make plans for our future volunteer efforts.



OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

**Packing Snack Packs
 for School-Aged Children
 Monday, April 27, 1-3:00 PM
 1500 International Pkwy**

We will meet in Network's main lobby, then move to the Community Room to pack Snack Packs for children who are food insecure when not in school. (Breakfast, lunch, and 5 days of snacks for each school-aged child).