

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 26, 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

“A Crown for Me”
James Southbridge
Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson
adapted from Psalm 23

The Lord is our great shepherd, we lack for nothing.

**He leads us to lush meadows and streams of living water,
restoring our souls.**

Even when we walk through dark places,
with the assurance of his presence, we are not afraid.

Our heads are anointed and our cups overflow with blessings.
God's beauty and love chase after us every day of our lives.

We will dwell in the house and in the presence of God forever.

*OPENING HYMN | #268 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

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

**Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world,
you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love.**

But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold.

You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves.

Christ laid down his life,

yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride.

Forgive us, O God.

**Call us back to the open gate of Christ's redeeming love
that we may enter your Beloved Community**

**and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies
and the glory of abiding with you forevermore. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*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

Acts 2:42-47

NRSV OT Pg. 120

John 10:1-10

NRSV NT Pg. 103

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Alice Hernandez

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #187 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

from the Iona Community

**We believe in God, who conceived all that is created,
God who fathers and mothers all people.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s firstborn and only Lord of the earth.

He came down from both heaven and the womb of the virgin Mary;

He lived in solidarity with humankind, befriending, teaching, healing, and restoring;

He was denied and betrayed by his friends; and was done to death by the state.

**He descended to the place of oblivion, rose to life again on the third day,
and ascended to heaven where he sits at God’s right hand.**

This same Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose dynamic presence can make all things new.

And we believe in 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

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

arr. Virgil Thomson

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

For text reflection, please see Glory to God 803.

*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 | #541 “God Be With You Til We Meet Again”

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“An Irish Blessing”

Brian Glynn Cannon

Terry Metzger, Organ

Portions of the liturgy were written by Rev. Dr. Aaron Shepherd, Presbyterian Outlook, 2026



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WEEK AT A GLANCE:

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
Picnic & Neighborhood Park Clean-Up: 12 pm

Monday, April 27

Faith Sharing: 1 pm, Library
 Book Discussion Group: 2 pm, Library

Tuesday, April 28

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

Wednesday, April 29

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

Saturday, May 2

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, May 3

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

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



TODAY!

AFTER WORSHIP

EARTH CARE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK CLEAN-UP

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



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OF COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

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

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.



As a "Thank You" for the usage of our building, Accolade has offered **FREE** tickets to FPCR members who are interested in attending their upcoming shows! Please reach out to Marilyn if you are interested.

