

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 10, 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

"Lullaby"
David Lasky
Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Rev. Alice Hernandez
based on Psalm 66

All you nations, bless our God!

Let the sound of our praises be heard!

All you who honor God, come close and listen

And we will tell of God's great works.

God hears our prayers and remains faithful to us

God's steadfast love endures forever.

*OPENING HYMN | #242 "Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded"

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

**Merciful God, we come to you this day singing songs of praise,
remembering your mighty acts of love and faithfulness.**

We admit that while we know you love us, trusting you,

trusting in that love and following your commandments is difficult and we fall short.

In Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness.

We confess that that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good.

We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,

so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,

and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us,
for God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.

Believe this good news and give thanks:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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 Alice

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

“Lead Me Lord”
Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Ensemble
Terry Metzger, Piano; Amanda Hollis, Director

Samuel Wesley
Arr. Carlton Young

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 17:22-31
John 14:15-21

NRSV NT Pgs. 137-138
NRSV NT Pg. 109

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

We Respond to the Word

CHORAL RESPONSE

“If Ye Love Me”
Thomas Tallis
Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

*If ye love me, keep my commandments
And I will pray the father
And he will give you another comforter
That he may bide with you forever
Even the spirit of truth.*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our 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 *and* OFFERTORY "I Love to Tell the Story"

Ruth Greer Handbell Choir, Becky Lormor, Director

For reflection, please see Glory to God 462

HANKEY
Arr. Ron Mallory

*DOXOLOGY | #750 "Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"

*Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours, through God who loves us.
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We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN | #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Alleluia"

Healey Willan

Terry Metzger, Organ



WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, May 10

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
What's Next? Immigration Field Office: 9:45-10:15 am, Library
Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online

Monday, May 11

Faith Sharing: 1 pm, Library
Mission Ministry Team Meeting: 1:30 pm, Room A109

Tuesday, May 12

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

Wednesday, May 13

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

Friday, May 15

Faith Sharing & Lunch Bunch: 10:30 am-12:30 pm, Library

Saturday, May 16

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, May 17

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
Session Meeting: 12 pm, Library
Book Club: 5 pm, Library

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



SAVE THE DATE!

05.31 2026

PASTOR SARAH'S INSTALLATION

4 PM | Sanctuary

A Service of Installation to the
Ministry of Word and Sacrament

Childcare available
beginning at 3:30 PM

Reception to Follow



On this Mother's Day

we join with those...

who gave birth...
who are single moms...
who have lost their mom...
who desperately want to be a mom...
with strained mother/child relationships...



who have stepped in to be moms...
who have lost a child...
who are stepmoms...
who adopted...
who are called "mom"...

you are so very loved.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Monthly Dinner & Fellowship

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



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

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 show!

Please reach out to Marilyn if you are interested.

