

# WORSHIP



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH of  
RICHARDSON

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 17, 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

“Andante con moto”  
*Alexandre Guilmant*  
Terry Metzger, Organ

\*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson  
*based on Psalm 66*

Let us be joyful before God!

**We will sing praises to God's holy name.**

Let us lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds,

**who protects orphans and widows and gives the desolate a home.**

Sing to God, all nations of the earth.

**We will sing praises to the Lord, our God!**

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

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

**God of life, we praise you for your love**

**which fills creation from the beginning and which calls all life into being.**

**We worship you for Christ who reveals your loving purpose for all people.**

**We bless you for your Spirit who guides and inspires us**

**and who draws us into the circle of your tender love.**

**In recalling all that you have done and who you are,**

**we confess what we have done and who we are.**

**We confess the times when we forget you and are divided from one another,**

**and how often our thoughts, words, and actions betray your goodness and our calling.**

**We have not believed God's word of promise,**

**we have not served as witnesses of grace to a needy world,**

**and we have sought to serve in our own strength and in our own ways.**

**Forgive us, merciful God.**

**Mend what is broken, heal our wounded relationships**

**and convert our hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

While it is true that we have all fallen short  
in our call to follow Jesus,  
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through his grace.  
Remember the Good News!

**In Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.**

Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

**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

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.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION

Laura Nichols, Children & Family Ministry Elder

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

NRSV NT Pgs. 235

NRSV NT Pg. 111

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Alice Hernandez

# *We Respond to the Word*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #468 “In My Life”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

*from a Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)*

**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.  
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.**

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 | Sticky Breakfast

John Fattaruso, Worship & Adult Ministry Elder

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Wait on the Lord”

*Psalms 27:14 and Isaiah 40:31*

*Rosephanye Powell*

Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

*Wait on the Lord, be strong and of good courage.*

*Wait, I say, on the Lord.*

*They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength,*

*They shall mount up with wings as eagles.*

*They shall run and not be weary,*

*They shall walk and not faint.*

\*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.  
Victory is ours, victory is ours, through God who loves us.*

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*SENDING HYMN | #733 "We Are One in Mission"

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude on "God Be Praised"

*Theodore W. Ripper*  
Terry Metzger, Organ



## SAVE THE DATE STICKY BREAKFAST! SUNDAY, MAY 31 | 9 AM

Join us for breakfast (or grab something on your way to Sunday School) in fellowship hall and sign up for volunteer opportunities here at the church. We'll have our usual sign-up sheets and sticky notes in Fellowship Hall and outside the Sanctuary following worship, as well as a google form in the ePress for those who can't make it on Sunday. Our ministry teams are hard at work planning events and making ministry happen this summer and we can't do it without you!



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# WEEK AT A GLANCE:

## 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

## Tuesday, May 19

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, May 20

Sometimers: 8-11 am  
 Handbell Rehearsal: 5:30-6:40 pm  
**Wednesday Night Live: 6-8 pm, Fellowship Hall**  
 Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

## Thursday, May 21

Art Therapy: 10 am-12 pm, A109

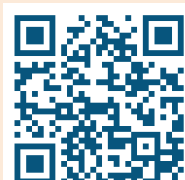
## Saturday, May 23

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

## Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost 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, In-Person & Online

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



# 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!



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

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 24, 2026

Do you speak a language  
other than English?



On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and in the scripture text we read, the disciples are able to speak in all kinds of different languages, so that all are able to hear and understand the word of God. We would like to illustrate this miracle and showcase a variety of languages during our **Pentecost Worship on May 24**. So if you speak Spanish, a Chinese dialect, American Sign Language, French, Gaelic, whatever! and would be comfortable speaking a short phrase during the worship service, **please email Pastor Sarah by Sunday, May 17 to participate.** ([sarah@fpcrichardson.org](mailto:sarah@fpcrichardson.org))