

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 3, 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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION | The Welman Project

Sharon Relyea

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Bunessan”
David Schack
Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Mike Haun, Liturgist
Based on Psalm 31

Our God refuses to shame us. God's justice delivers us.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

*OPENING HYMN | #624 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

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

God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people.

We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us.

Far too often, however, we wield forgiveness like a weapon.

We see others doing wrong and feel haughty when we grant them grace.

We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power.

We become narrow in our quest for truth,

and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for your justice.

Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness

from those we have made beg us for mercy.

Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace as we follow you.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus promised his followers there are many rooms in a world filled with God's justice. When we speak truth to our own power, we make room for God's just world. This is the good news: God raised Jesus and made room for us, calling us to live out of God's forgiveness by making sure there is room for all.

Alleluia, 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

Julie Houpt

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

1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

NRSV OT Pg. 233
NRSV NT Pgs. 108-109

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #661 “Why Should I Feel Discouraged?”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

*The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place”

Johannes Brahms

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

*How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord.
My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.
O blest are they that dwell in thy house: they praise thy name evermore.*

*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 Celebrate the Joyful Feast

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | *Responsively*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HYMN OF EXALTATION | #552 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This is an open and welcoming table. All are invited.

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*SENDING HYMN | #724 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Postlude”

*Johan Adam Krygell
Terry Metzger, Organ*

Liturgy written by Dr. Jimmy Hoke, published in The Presbyterian Outlook, 2026.

**The Nicene Creed is our most “Ecumenical” Statement of Faith, meaning it is the creed that is the most accepted and shared across the Christian Church as a whole. As we celebrate the Lord’s Supper we are reminded that in this meal we are joined with Christian believers across space and time.*



WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, May 3

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building
Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

Sometimers: 8-11 am
Women's Circle: 9:30 am-12 pm, Chapel
Women's Circle Luncheon: 12 pm, Fellowship Hall
Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

Thursday, May 7

Art Therapy: 10 am, Room A110

Saturday, May 9

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day

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?" Pop-up Sunday School Class: 9 am, Library
Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online

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



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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

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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

This is an exciting and joyful time in our life together and I hope that you will be able to join us as we give thanks to God and celebrate! -Pastor Sarah



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.





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PROJECT



FILL A CLASSROOM, NOT A LANDFILL!

It's time to clean out those drawers, cabinets, and closets. Gather the items you no longer need or use and donate them to help teachers stock their classrooms—for free!

Items like frames, picture matting, silk flowers, books, yarn, egg cartons, old jewelry, buttons, coffee containers, pill bottles, party supplies, vases, clean glass jars with lids, fabric, notions, garage tools, nuts, bolts, screws, binders, and more can all be put to good use. Even that craft project you never started, the extra desk you no longer need, or household duplicates you only need one of could become valuable classroom resources.

We are collecting donations **May 1–10** only, so now is the time to rescue those unused items and bring them to the church.

List of Accepted Items

- **Arts & Crafts:** paint, stamps, beads, ribbon, corks, googly eyes, paper rolls, wooden shapes, old jewelry, general craft supplies (even abandoned marker caps)
- **Paper:** copy/construction paper, scraps, stationery, notebooks, posters, matboard
- **Office Supplies:** Post-its, staplers/staples, tape, organizers, clipboards, printers, scissors, pens/pencils/markers, folders
- **School Supplies:** binders (1–2”), dividers, folders, colored pencils, erasers, pencil boxes, index cards, rulers, scissors
- **Classroom Items:** games, books, prizes, décor, whiteboards, pillows, carpet squares, frames
- **Party Supplies:** plates, cups, napkins, hats, small prizes
- **Textiles:** fabric, yarn, leather, scraps, patterns, canvas
- **Containers/Organizers:** crates, baskets, jars, cans, cartons, bottles (clean, labels removed)
- **Event Materials:** signage, promotional items, decorations
- **Packing Materials:** Styrofoam, cardboard, packing paper, plastic film
- **Misc Finds:** vintage items, collage materials, odd metal pieces, trophies/parts
- **Furniture:** desk chairs, small tables, file cabinets, storage units
- **Garage Items:** tools, building materials, paint & brushes, hardware (nuts/bolts/screws)
- **Reading Materials:** books (especially children’s), magazines, brochures
- **Kitchen Items:** paper/plasticware, sealed utensils/straws, aluminum pans (clean)

Guideline: If a teacher (especially K–6) could use it—for projects, décor, or classroom organization—it’s worth donating.