

WORSHIP

JULY 13, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

ROOTED IN WELCOME: CHALLENGE OTHERING

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. Rosy Robson McCreary

CENTERING SONG | #399 "God Welcomes All"

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Just As I Am"

Edward Broughton
Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

KC Chang

adapted from Rev. Mary Katherine Robinson

*OPENING HYMN | #404 "What is this Place"

**Please stand in body or spirit*

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

God of mercy, we confess that we have drawn lines between “us” and “them.”
We judge others without seeing their hearts.
We forget your call to seek the good of all people,
to build peace even with those we call strangers.
Forgive us. Soften our hearts.
Teach us to see others as you see them—beloved and worthy of grace. Amen.

SUNG CONFESSION | #698 “Take O Take Me As I Am”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Take O Take Me As I Am" in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a half note C5. The piano accompaniment begins with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note Bb3, and a half note C4. The lyrics "Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall" are written below the vocal line. The second system continues the vocal line with a half note D5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, and a half note A4. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note Bb3, and a half note C4. The lyrics "be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me." are written below the vocal line.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Friends, hear the good news:
God’s mercy is deeper than our divisions, and Christ’s love crosses every line we draw.
We are forgiven, we are set free, we are called to live in love.
Thanks be to God! 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

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

ANTHEM

“At the River”
Aaron Copland
KC Chang, Tenor
Terry Metzger, Piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 7:36-50
Jeremiah 29:1-14
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

NRSV NT Pgs. 66-67
NRSV OT Pg. 731

SERMON

Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | “Life Can Change in Just a Moment” (*see back of insert*)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

**We believe in one living God,
who is infinite, incomprehensible, wise, and free.
We believe in Jesus, a Palestinian Jew,
who lived among his own people
and shared their needs, temptations, joy and sorrows.
He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a sibling to all,
though this led him into conflict with religious aspirations and national hopes.
We believe in the working of God’s Spirit, a binding force for unity
which guides us in our pursuit of eradicating separation,
enmity, and hatred between people and groups.
We reject the false doctrine
that the church should abandon this message for its own pleasure
or to adapt to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.
Therefore, we must speak with one voice in this matter today.
We may not keep silent,
since we believe we have been given a common message to utter
in a time of common need and temptation.
We believe that in doing this we are a part of God’s work,
because in life and death we belong to God. Amen.**

*adapted by Kate Trigger Duffert
from the Confession of 1967,
Belhar Confession,
Barmen Declaration,
and A Brief Statement of Faith*

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.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Ev’ry Valley Shall Be Exalted”

G.F. Handel

KC Chang, Tenor

Terry Metzger, Piano

*Every valley shall be exalted
And ev’ry moutain and hill made low
The crooked straight
And the rough places plain*

*DOXOLOGY | #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*SENDING HYMN | #754 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Hymn to Joy”

Wilbur Held

Terry Metzger, Organ



ROOTED

in welcome

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, July 13

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Present Word: 9 am, A109
Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Earth Care Plastic-Free Reception: 9:30 am, Welcome Center
Summer Choir: 10 am, Sanctuary
Worship: 10:30 am, In-person and Online
First Grace Community Church: 11 am-1 pm, Chapel, A111, A109
Presbyterian Church of East Africa: 11 am-2 pm, C203, C204B
United Fellowship Bible Church: 2-5 pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 14

Faith Sharing: 1 pm, Library
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 15

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library
Pastor's Bible Study: 4 pm, Zoom

Wednesday, July 16

Sometimes: 8-11 am
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 17

Tai Chi: 10 am-12 pm, Fellowship Hall
Art Therapy: 10 am, A109

Friday, July 18

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 19

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library
United Fellowship Bible Church: 4-7 pm, Chapel
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 20

Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Present Word: 9 am, A109
Summer Choir: 10 am, Sanctuary
Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person and Online
First Grace Community Church: 11 am-1 pm, Chapel, A111, A109
Presbyterian Church of East Africa: 11 am-2 pm, C203, C204B
United Fellowship Bible Church: 2-5 pm, Fellowship Hall
Book Club: 5 pm, Library

Texas Favorites Potluck Lunch

Sunday, July 20 | Fellowship Hall

"We love potluck meals!"

How many times has your Fellowship ministry heard this?!? Well, here is your opportunity!

Sunday, July 20 after worship, we will host a potluck lunch. The theme is **favorite Texas dishes!** Bring your tried and true dish, the ovens in the kitchen will be turned on so that hot food can be heated as needed.
Save the date and plan to come!



Celebrating the McCrearys

Many of you have been asking, "What kind of festivity are we planning to celebrate our time with Rosy and Jay?"

Well, here are the details!



We will host a Spaghetti Supper, **Tuesday, July 29 at 6:30 pm.**

We will be serving our famous spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and dessert.

Please RSVP by July 26.

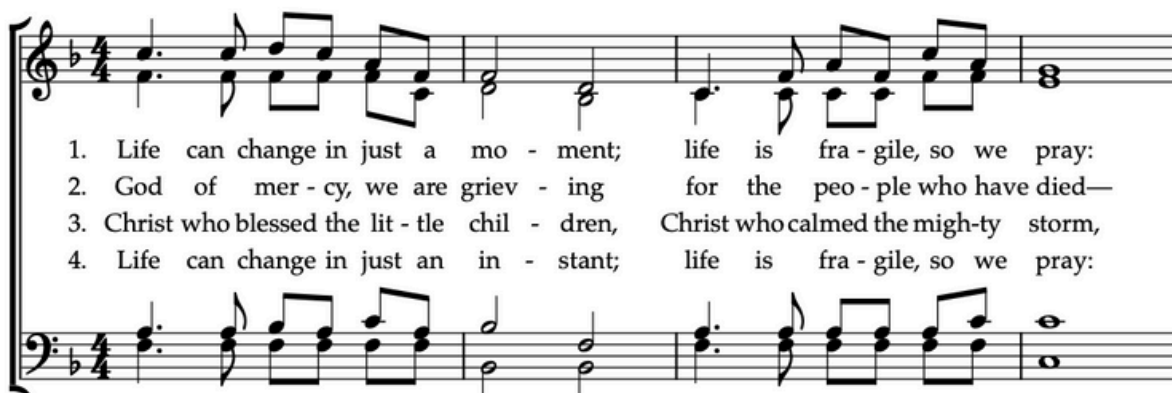
Contact the church office, or mark your planned attendance in the red friendship pads during worship.

Life Can Change in Just a Moment

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2025

Converse

Charles C. Converse, 1868



1. Life can change in just a mo - ment; life is fra - gile, so we pray:
2. God of mer - cy, we are griev - ing for the peo - ple who have died—
3. Christ who blessed the lit - tle chil - dren, Christ who calmed the migh - ty storm,
4. Life can change in just an in - stant; life is fra - gile, so we pray:



God, we grieve the migh - ty tor - rent that has swept so much a - way.
and for fam - ilies who are suf - fering. Lord, our hearts are bro - ken wide.
Christ who reached in love to poor ones, to the out - cast, to the worn—
May we trea - sure ev - ery mo - ment. May we trust in Je - sus' way.



Storm and flood have ov - er - tak - en peo - ple, pla - ces we hold dear.
Ev - ery per - son has a sto - ry. Ev - ery one is trea - sured, too.
Some led stran - gers through the wa - ters, sav - ing life—as best they could.
As we grieve what's so dis - tress - ing, hold us close, O God a - bove.



In this night - mare, hearts are break - ing! Hold your hurt - ing peo - ple here.
God, we beg you: by your mer - cy, hold your peo - ple close to you.
Some gave their own lives for oth - ers, all to serve the com - mon good.
May we use our time for bless - ing neigh - bors, stran - gers with your love.