

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JULY 19, 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

"Prelude on ST AGNES"

Peter Crisafulli

Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Rev. Alice Hernandez

We gather in the presence of God;

We have come to worship and praise God's name.

We gather in joy and expectancy;

We have come to encounter God in beauty and wonder.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening;

Speak your word of life to us, O God.

*OPENING HYMN | #403 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

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

Ever present God, you know our inmost thoughts and see our thoughtlessness.

We confess our impulsive actions and reactions

when we spoke before we thought, acted rashly and hurt others.

We confess our stubborn attitudes and ask forgiveness

for refusing to show mercy to others or to forgive.

In your kindness, O God, forgive who we have been,

amend who we are, and direct who we shall be

through the grace of Christ, our Lord.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Remember that God is slow to be angry and quick to forgive;

God is kind and gracious to all.

Know that your sins are forgiven through the grace of Jesus Christ,

and forgive those who have sinned against you, as Christ teaches us.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

*GLORIA PATRI | #581 “Glory Be to the Father”

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, 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.

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

NRSV OT Pgs. 577-578

Genesis 28:10-19a

NRSV NT Pg. 25

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #28 “You Are Before Me, Lord”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

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.

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

"I'll Walk With God"

Nicholas Brodsky
Max Bitner, Baritone
Terry Metzger, Piano

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

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN | #686 "God of Our Life"

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Trumpet Tune"

Michael McCabe
Terry Metzger, Organ



WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, July 19

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111

Present Word: 9 am, A109

Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building

Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online

Caring Ministry Team Meeting: 12 pm, Library

Book Club: 5 pm, Library

Monday, July 20

Mission Ministry Team Meeting: 1:30 pm, A109

Tuesday, July 21

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, July 22

Sometimes: 8-11 am

Saturday, July 25

Pool Party: 10:30 am-1 pm, Relyea's House

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, July 26

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111

Present Word: 9 am, A109

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.**



FPCR Children's Ministry

POOL PARTY

Saturday, July 25

10:30 AM - 1 PM

The Relyea's House



SAVE THE DATE!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Back to School Bash!

Sunday, August 9

Special Worship Service
with "Backpack Blessing"

All are invited to stay for
ice cream after worship!

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Pastor's Emergency Fund

Many of you may know that frequently, we will have members of our community call or stop by the church to ask for financial assistance. The most requested need we hear is to help with rent. With rising eviction rates and low-income families paying more than 50% of their monthly income on housing, it's not difficult to see why this is such an urgent need for many. When we can, we honor these requests with funds from the Pastor's Emergency Fund and refer folks to Network Community Ministries for further follow-up. As of a couple of weeks ago, we have distributed all these funds, leaving us unable to assist those who come to us with a need.

The Pastor's Emergency Fund is supported by church fundraisers and generous donations from individuals. The session and ministry teams are working on fundraisers to replenish these funds over the next few months. Right now, we are asking individuals to consider making a contribution to this fund so we can continue to be a light of hope for our neighbors in need.

To make a gift to the Pastor's Emergency Fund, you may give cash or a check by mail or in person to the church office, or place your gift in a marked envelope in the offering plate on Sunday.

**You can also give
virtually by scanning this
QR code, or by visiting
www.fpcrichardson.org/
online-giving.**

