

WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of RICHARDSON

JULY 20, 2025 | DOLLY CHURCH



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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Tell it to Jesus"

Edmund S. Lorenz, arr. David Paxton
Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Betsy Gust

Come, all you who are weary,
you who've wandered, questioned, or carried too much for too long.
You are not alone.

from the music of Dolly Parton

"I am a seeker, a poor sinful creature, there is no weaker than I am..."

Come, you who long for light after a long dark night. There is mercy. There is hope.

"I can see the light of a clear blue morning..."

"Everything's gonna be all right, it's gonna be okay."

Let us worship the One who calls us to forgive, to begin again, and to try.

"You've got to try, try, try..."

We come with open hearts to worship the God of love, light, and second chances.

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN | #388 "Come All You People"

CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

adapted from Rev. Sudie Neilson Thompson

God our Judge, we admit we have double standards.

We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive others.

We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for others.

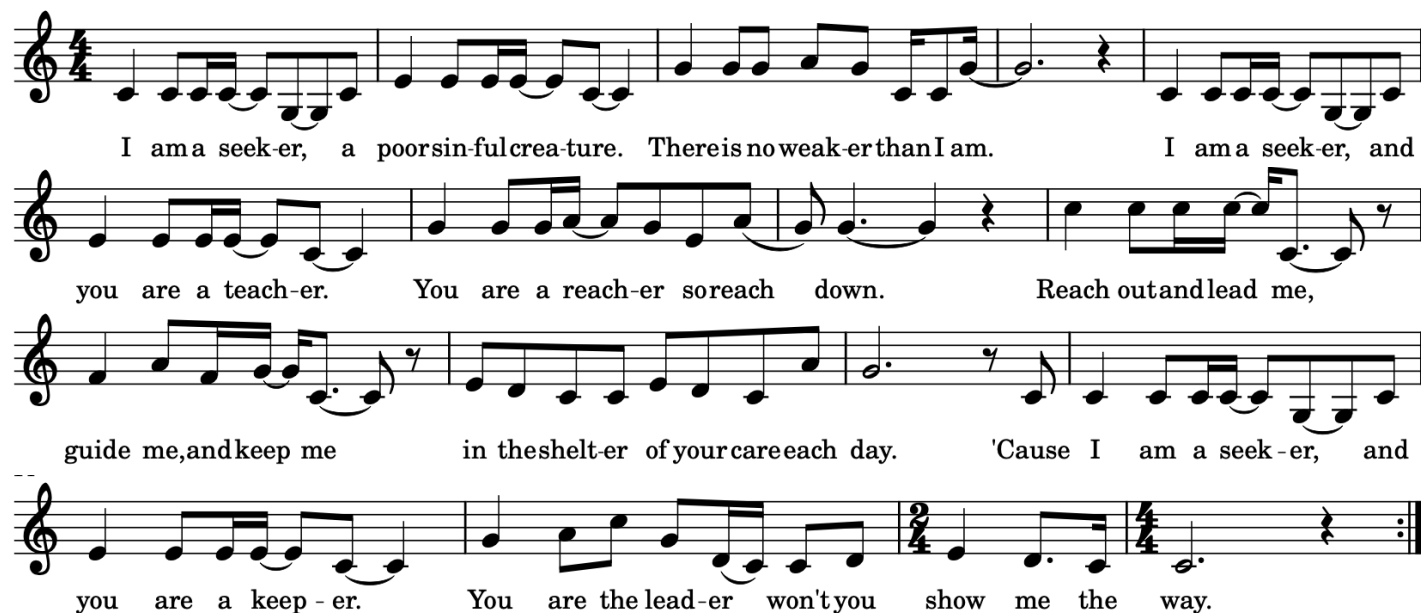
We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to show that mercy to others.

Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive,

showing others the same grace and mercy that you have generously shown to us.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

SUNG CONFESSION | “The Seeker” by Dolly Parton



I am a seek-er, a poor sin-ful crea-ture. There is no weak-er than I am. I am a seek-er, and
you are a teach-er. You are a reach-er so reach down. Reach out and lead me,
guide me, and keep me in the shel-ter of your care each day. 'Cause I am a seek-er, and
you are a keep-er. You are the lead-er won't you show me the way.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Relentlessly God seeks us out.

With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out.

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 103:1-13
Matthew 18:21-35

NRSV OT Pg. 554
NRSV NT Pg. 20

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary

ANTHEM

"I Will Always Love You"

Dolly Parton

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director
Lauren Carter-Smith, Soprano
Terry Metzger, Piano

*If I should stay I would only be in your way
So I'll go, but I know I'll think of you every step of the way
And I will always love you
Bittersweet memories that is all I'm taking with me
So goodbye, please don't cry
We both know I'm not what you need
And I will always love you
I hope life treats you kind
And I hope you have all you've dreamed of
And I wish you joy and happiness
But above all this, I wish you love
And I will always love you*

We Respond to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

inspired by and adapted from the Belhar Confession

**We believe that God calls us into relationship—with God and with one another—
to live as a community of grace, forgiveness, and love.**

**We believe that Christ has broken down the walls
that divide us from each other,
and that true reconciliation begins**

when we forgive as we have been forgiven.

**We believe that unity is not uniformity,
but a daily choice to see Christ in our neighbor,
to listen with compassion, to speak the truth in love,
and to let mercy shape our life together.**

**We believe that when we seek peace,
carry one another's burdens, and choose love over resentment,
we become a witness to God's healing power in the world. Amen.**

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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

Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Coat of Many Colors”

Dolly Parton

Max Bitner, Baritone

Terry Metzger, Piano

*Back through the years I go wonderin' once again
Back to the seasons of my youth I recall a box of rags that someone gave us
And how my momma put the rags to use
There were rags of many colors but every piece was small
And I didn't have a coat and it was way down in the fall
Momma sewed the rags together sewin' every piece with love
She made my coat of many colors that I was so proud of
As she sewed, she told a story from the Bible she had read
About a coat of many colors Joseph wore and then she said
Perhaps this coat will bring you good luck and happiness
And I just couldn't wait to wear it and momma blessed it with a kiss
My coat of many colors that my momma made for me
Made only from rags but I wore it so proudly
Although we had no money I was rich as I could be
In my coat of many colors my momma made for me
So with patches on my britches and holes in both my shoes
In my coat of many colors I hurried off to school
Just to find the others laughing and making fun of me
In my coat of many colors my momma made for me
And oh, I couldn't understand it for I felt I was rich
And I told 'em of the love my momma sewed in every stitch
And I told 'em all the story momma told me while she sewed
And how my coat of many colors was worth more than all their clothes
But they didn't understand it and I tried to make them see
That one is only poor only if they choose to be
Now I know we had no money but I was rich as I could be
In my coat of many colors my momma made for me
Made just for me*

*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 | #539 "We Will Go Out with Joy"

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"My Redeemer"

Franklin Ritter

Terry Metzger, Organ



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WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, July 20

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Present Word: 9 am, A109
Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
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
Texas Favorites Potluck: After Worship, Fellowship Hall
United Fellowship Bible Church: 2-5 pm, Fellowship Hall
Book Club: 5 pm, Library

Monday, July 21

Accolade Theatre Workshop: 2-6 pm, Fellowship Hall
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 22

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

Wednesday, July 23

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

Thursday, July 24

Tai Chi: 10 am-12 pm, Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 25

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 26

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library
United Fellowship Bible Church: 4-7 pm, Chapel

Sunday, July 27 :(

Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Present Word: 9 am, A109
Summer Choir: 10 am, Sanctuary
Worship + Congregational Meeting: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online
First Grace Community Church: 11 am-1 pm, Chapel, A111, A109
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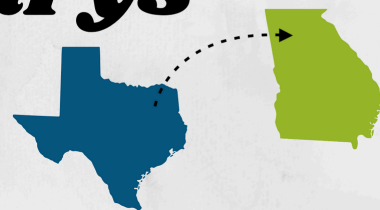
POTLUCK AFTER CHURCH



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.

WORSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING **SUNDAY, JULY 27, 10:30 AM | SANCTUARY**

The Session is calling a congregational meeting for Sunday, July 27, for the purposes of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary and First Presbyterian Church of Richardson, electing a new elder to serve an unexpired term on Session, and electing an additional member of the Pastor Nominating Committee. The worship service and congregational meeting will be combined, beginning at 10:30 am.

PASTOR'S EMERGENCY FUND

QUARTER TWO RECAP

We are 7 months into 2025 - let's see how our Pastor's Emergency Fund has been able to support our neighbors!

REQUESTS RECEIVED:

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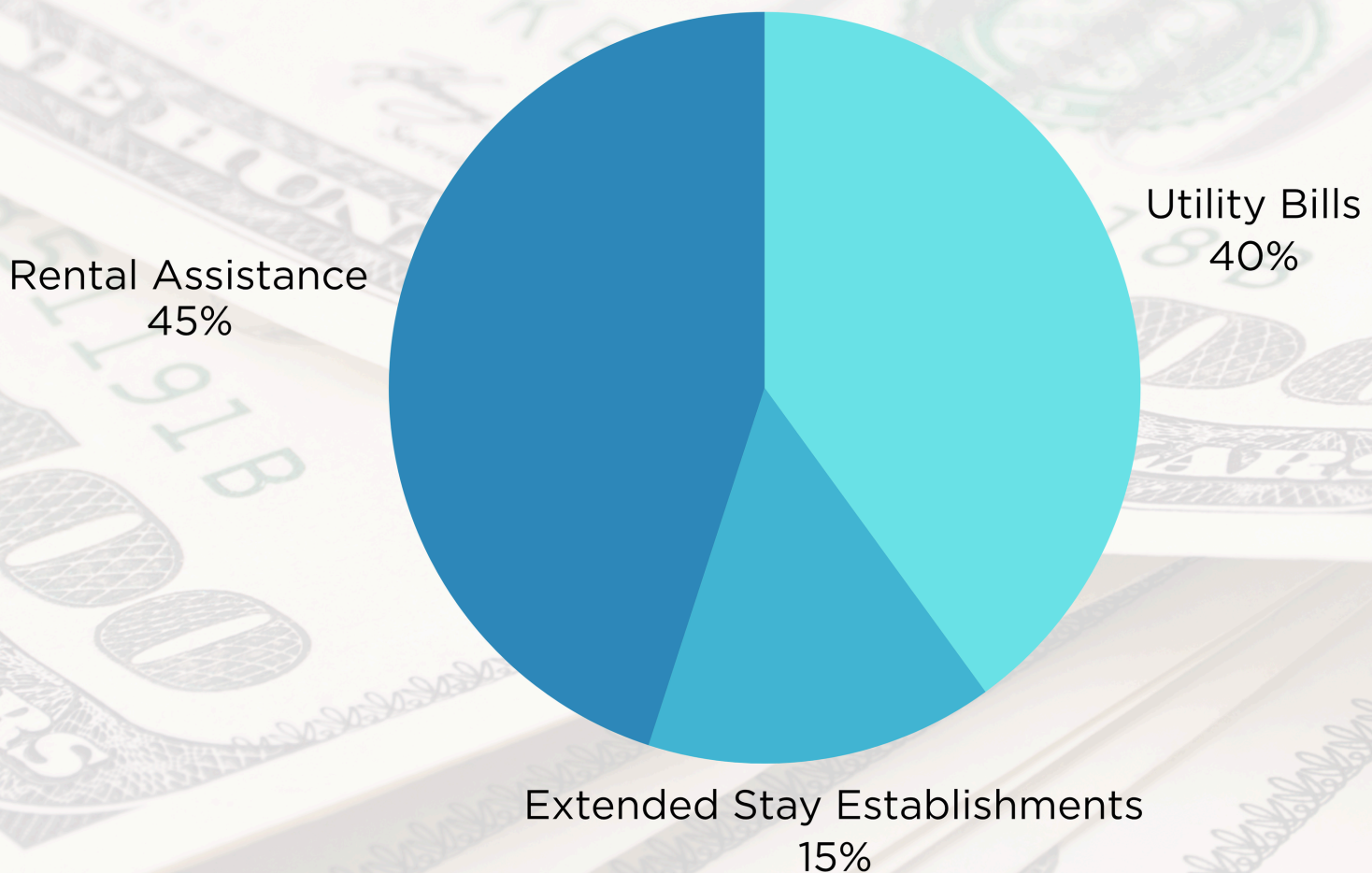
TOTAL AMOUNT:

REQUESTS FULFILLED:

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\$8,502.27

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE TYPES



Our Pastor's Emergency Fund is currently in the red, and has been for several weeks now. Nearly everyday we receive a phone call asking for assistance in some capacity. By giving to the Pastor's Emergency Fund, you are playing an active role in supporting our neighbors and keeping them housed.