

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JULY 26, 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

"Celestia"

Dale Wood

Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Amanda Hollis, Liturgist
from Psalm 119

The decrees of the Lord are wonderful,

The unfolding of God's word gives light and understanding.

Turn to us, O God, and be gracious to us.

Make your face shine upon your servants.

We come together to worship the living God.

*OPENING HYMN | #386 "Come, Worship God"

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

**Loving God, who gives wisdom to those who are wise enough to ask for nothing more,
we gather in Your presence,**

seeking to discern what You would do through us in the Kingdom's cause.

We confess that too often we turn to You with impossible demands.

We ask the God of justice for more than our fair share.

We drain from others that which they need to survive.

We put our trust in the passing, flimsy things of this world when we should trust You.

**For selfishness pressed home and for selflessness unexplored –
we seek forgiveness this day,**

in the sure and certain hope that Christ intercedes for us.

As a new week opens, may we take from this service

small seeds of insight to plant them in the world,

that in those places where our feet pass there may be signs of the Kingdom's growth.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Who is in a position to condemn us?

Only Christ – and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

This is good news for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

So be at peace and make peace with one another for Christ's sake.

**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 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.

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:26-39

NRSV NT Pg. 158

Genesis 29:15-28

NRSV OT Pg. 26

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #796 “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

from The Barmen Declaration

**As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins,
so in the same way and with the same seriousness
is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life.**

**Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance
from the godless fetters of this world for a free,
grateful service to his creatures.**

**We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life
in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords —
areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.**

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 *and* OFFERTORY

“Melodie”
Gluck/Kreisler
Brianna Henry, Violin

*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 | #815 “Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Intrada”
Ovid Young
Terry Metzger, Organ

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Monday, July 27

Faith Sharing: 1 pm, Library
Book Discussion Group: 2 pm, Library

Tuesday, July 28

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

Wednesday, July 29

Sometimers: 8-11 am

Saturday, August 1

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, August 2

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Present Word: 9 am, A109
Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online



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