

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

JULY 27, 2025 | CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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 *and* CALL TO ORDER

Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Consolation”

Alice Jordan

Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

God gathers us beneath the cross.

When we forget who we are or wonder if we are loved,

Christ invites us to splash in the waters of baptism and grace.

When we are in need of comfort or need to be challenged,

the Spirit reveals the Word of God to us, offering guidance and wisdom.

In every season of life, no matter the circumstances of the world,

God meets us where we are, offering what we need most.

Dianne Long

written by Rev. Jenny McDevitt

*OPENING HYMN | #475 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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*

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! 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.

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*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary

Heidi Elise Black, daughter of Caleb & Katie Black, beloved sister of Grace and Bettye.

*HYMN | #486 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-21

Acts 8:26-40

NRSV OT Pg. 554

NRSV NT Pg. 20

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #450 "Be Thou My Vision"

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Laura Nichols, Elder

ELECTION OF RULING ELDER, UNEXPIRED TERM IN THE CLASS OF 2027

Sarah Wright



How does FPCR feel like home to you?

I am a life long Presbyterian and have been a member of FPCR for 51 years. Both of our daughters grew up in the church and were married in this sanctuary. All of our grandchildren were baptized in our church.

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What 3 words/phrases best describe you?

I believe outgoing, involved, and loyal are words that best describe me.

Why did you say "yes" to the call to serve as elder?

When asked to serve, I believe that being involved is important and I have the time. I believe God and my 101 year old Mother expect me to give back. I am honored to serve as an elder due to Jenny James's resignation.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBER, PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rick Rickman



What 3 words or phrases best describe you?

Compassionate, inquisitive, loyal

What is your favorite scripture verse?

Galatians 5:22-23 - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

What do you like to do when you are NOT at FPCR?

Being with the children and grandchildren; traveling with Sue; reading; golf; and, of course, following the Aggies.

Why did you say "yes" to serving on the PNC?

I am grateful for my faith journey having been wonderfully supported and shaped over the years by our church family. Being asked to serve with the other members is an opportunity to give back to the church and be part of helping shape its future with the selection of our next pastor-shepherd.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“You’ll Never Walk Alone” *with* “Climb Ev’ry Mountain”

Rodger’s and Hammerstein, arr. Mark Hayes

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

Terry Metzger, Piano

*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.

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.

LITANY

Let us pray for the saving presence of our living Lord:

In your world,

be present, Lord.

In this congregation,

be present, Lord.

In this community on site and on line,

be present, Lord.

In this presbytery and the whole church,

be present, Lord.

One: In the homes and hearts of all your people,

be present, Lord.

Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord:

For work begun but not completed,

Lord, have mercy.

For expectations not met,

Lord, have mercy.

For wounds not healed,

Lord, have mercy.

For gifts not shared,

Lord, have mercy.

For promises not kept,

Lord, have mercy.

Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place:

For friendships made, for joys celebrated

and for times of nurture and growth,

thanks be to God.

For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given and promises kept.

thanks be to God.

For our fellowship in Jesus Christ, and for the love of God which has sustained us,

thanks be to God. Amen.

DISSOLUTION

Do you, the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Richardson
release Rosy from service as your pastor?

We do with thanks to God.

Do you, Rosy, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation?

I do with thanks to God.

PRAYER

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

*SENDING HYMN | #39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*BENEDICTION *and* MOTION TO ADJOURN

SUNG BENEDICTION

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter C. Lutkin

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

PLASTIC-FREE JULY

Solving the Plastic Problem is NOT Mission Impossible!

We may not be able to shut off the plastic waste faucet completely—
but we can slow it to a trickle by recycling, reusing, and refusing single-use plastics.

Consider this:

- 1 million plastic bottles are bought every minute
- 5 trillion plastic bags are used every year
- Plastic straws in the ocean could circle the earth 2.5 times

Most of these are used once,
then end up in landfills or oceans.

Join our effort!

We are holding a prize drawing during worship
on **Sunday, August 24** (*must be present to win*).

Return your Plastic-Free July bingo card
to church on **August 3, 10, or 17**.
Each BINGO on your card = 1 ticket

Let's make a difference—one small step at a time.



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WEEK AT A GLANCE: ***Celebrating the McCrearys***

Sunday, July 27

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Present Word: 9 am, A109
Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
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
Presbyterian Church of East Africa: 11 am-2 pm, C203, C204B
United Fellowship Bible Church: 2-5 pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 28

Faith Sharing: 1-2 pm, Library
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 29

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library
Spaghetti Supper: 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 30

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

Thursday, July 31

Tai Chi: 10 am-12 pm, Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 1

Men's Breakfast: 7:30 am, La Madeleine @ Coit/Campbell
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 2

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

Sunday, August 3 - Communion

Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Present Word: 9 am, A109
Summer Choir: 10 am, Sanctuary
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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. .

UPDATE FROM THE SESSION

Terms of Dissolution for Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary

At the called Session meeting on Tuesday, July 8, the Session unanimously approved the following "terms of dissolution" for Pastor Rosy as her call at FPCR comes to an end:

- Date of discontinuance of Board of Pensions benefits: 10/31/2025
- Salary continuation from 8/1/25 - 12/31/25, reflecting:
 - 13 weeks deferred sabbatical
 - 1.5 weeks unused vacation
 - 7 additional weeks, one week per year of service to the church

If you have any questions about these terms, please be in touch with Laura Owens, Clerk of Session, and she will help get your questions answered. You can email Laura at clerk@fpcrichardson.org

Preaching Sunday, August 3

Rev. Dr. John Williams, Chaplain at Austin College

Preaching Sunday, August 10: Blessing of the Backpacks

Rev. Katy Walters, Chaplain at Cook Children's Hospital