

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JULY 5, 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 *and* LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Alice Hernandez

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“I Wish I Could Take It Back”

Dan Romer

Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Rick Rickman, Liturgist

Psalm 95:1-3, 6

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

*OPENING HYMN | #435 “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

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

Gracious and loving God,

forgive us when we turn a deaf ear to your call in Jesus Christ

and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help.

Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression

rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people.

O Lord, forgive our sin.

Help us to know and love you with all that we are,

that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit

to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ,

in whom we have our hope and put our trust. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

The apostle Paul also wrote to the believers in Galatia,

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters;

only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,

but through love become slaves to one another.

The whole law is summed up in a single commandment,

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

*GLORIA PATRI | #399 “God Welcomes All” (sung twice through)

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of music ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

TIME FOR TINY THEOLOGIANS

Eva Waldrop

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

Isaiah 43:1-7

NRSV OT Pg. 672

1 John 4:13-21

NRSV NT Pg. 241

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | “Luca”

Rev. Alice Hernandez



We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #340 “This Is My Song”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“If God be For Us from Messiah”

G.F Handel

Aden Black, Solo

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 Celebrate the Joyful Feast

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | *Responsively*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HYMN OF EXALTATION | #552 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This is an open and welcoming table. All are invited.

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*SENDING HYMN | #331 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Go Find Out For Me”

Dan Romer

Terry Metzger, Organ

Liturgy written By Phillip K. Gladden, in *Presbyterian Outlook*, 2026



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WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, July 5

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

Monday, July 6 - OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, July 7

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

Wednesday, July 8

Sometimers: 8-11 am

Saturday, July 11

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, July 12

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Present Word: 9 am, A109
Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online
Plastic Free Lunch & Learn: 12 pm, Fellowship Hall

For the full events calendar that includes our Community Partners, please scan the QR code.



Plastic-Free July Lunch & Learn

July 12 | After Worship

Join the Earth Care Team in the Fellowship Hall for lunch, engaging conversation, and an informative presentation by an environmental representative from the City of Dallas.

Come enjoy good food, good company, and the opportunity to learn something new together. We think you'll find it both interesting and inspiring!

Please RSVP no later than July 8 by contacting the church office or signing the poster in the Welcome Center.

We hope to see you there!
The Earth Care Team



CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE!

If you would like your children to be in childcare during the Plastic Free Luncheon, be sure to **sign the luncheon attendance form in the Welcome Center**, indicating the number of children you would like in childcare.

4th of July

Independence Day

The church office will be closed **Monday, July 6** in observance of Independence Day

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Monthly Dinner & Fellowship

Dinner will be served from 6-7 PM. Reservations are required!



RSVP in the Friendship Pads. Suggested Donation: \$5/Adult.

FPCR Children's Ministry

POOL PARTY

SCAN TO RSVP BY JULY 15



NEW DATE!
Saturday, July 25
10:30 AM - 1 PM