

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 2, 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. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Benediction"

Thomas Middleton

Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Rev. Alice Hernandez

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made.

The eyes of all look to you, God, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is just in all God's ways, and kind in all God's doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on the Lord, to all who call on the Lord in truth.

*OPENING HYMN | #270 "O Lord You are My God and King"

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

**Merciful God, you meet us in the mess of our lives,
in the dark nights of the soul.**

Wherever there is fear and despair, you are there.

**We confess that in our doubt, in our struggle to believe in your goodness,
to trust that you really are there for us,**

**we turn to other sources for our comfort and strength -
wealth, power, a carefully curated and controlled life.**

**Forgive us when we think you too small, too fragile,
too reactive to handle our disappointments and doubts.**

**As we wrestle with our faith, bless us with wisdom and grace,
and an abiding assurance of your steadfast love.**

We pray and hope in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;
see: everything has become new.

**All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's self through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.**

Believe the promise of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**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 17:1-7; 15

NRSV NT Pg. 496

Genesis 32:22-31

NRSV OT Pg. 30

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #833 “O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

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

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Martin Luther

Peter Tiggelaar, Tenor

For text reflection, see Glory to God 275.

*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.

ANTHEM

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

Don Humphreys

Peter Tiggelaar, Tenor

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*SENDING HYMN | #488 "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

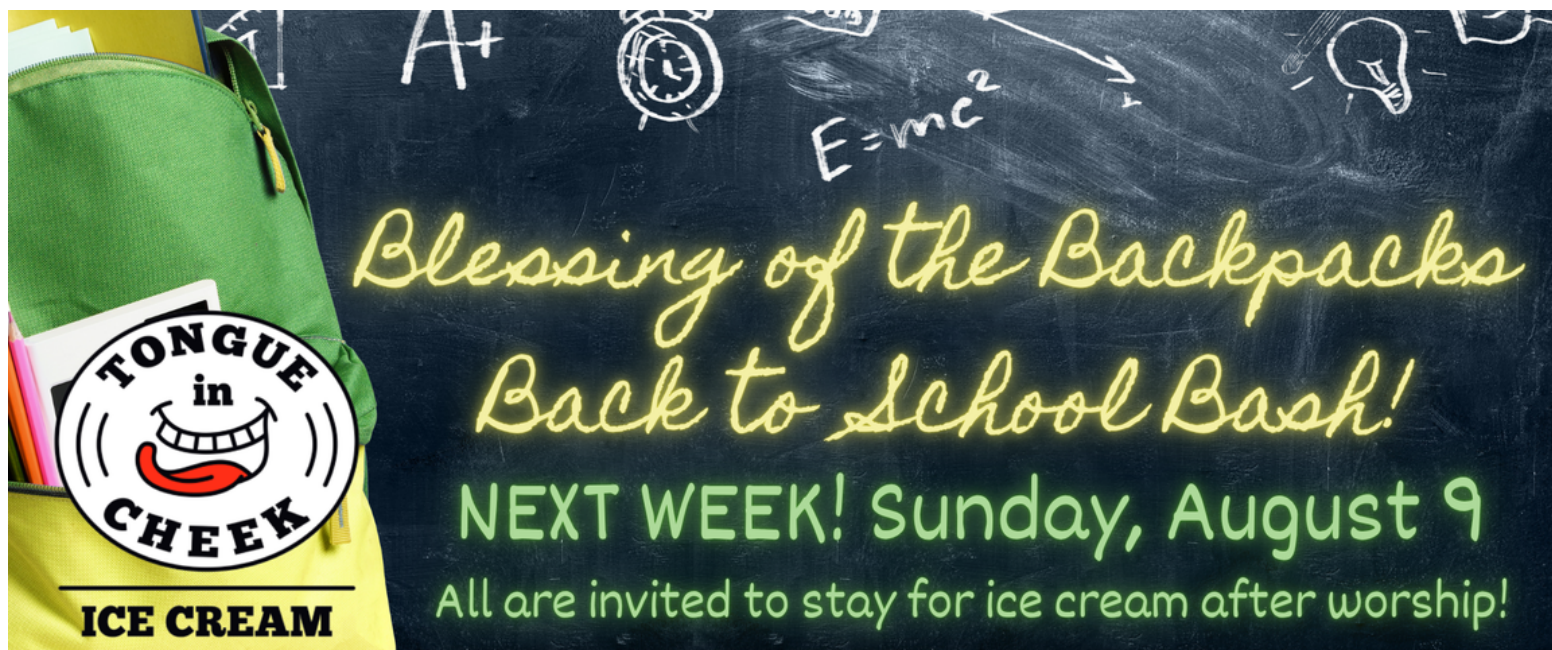
*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Processional"

Alfred Fedak

Terry Metzger, Organ



**Blessing of the Backpacks
Back to School Bash!**
NEXT WEEK! Sunday, August 9
All are invited to stay for ice cream after worship!



Children's Sunday School

Begins August 16!

Grades 1-6: The Upper Room, Room C203

Grades 7+: God's Garage, Room C211

Begins at 9 AM

Preschool: Green Room

Begins after Time for Tiny Theologians



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WEEK AT A GLANCE:

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

Tuesday, August 4

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

Wednesday, August 5

Sometimers: 8-11 am

Thursday, August 6

Art Therapy: 10 am-12 pm, Room A110

Friday, August 7

Men's Breakfast: 7:30 am, La Madeleine @ Coit/Campbell

Saturday, August 8

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, August 9 - Blessing of the Backpacks

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Present Word: 9 am, A109
Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online
Session Meeting: 12 pm, Library

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Monthly Dinner & Fellowship

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

AUGUST 19

6:00 PM,
FELLOWSHIP
HALL



All are welcome!

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



SHOW YOU CARE, WITH UNDERWEAR!

Terrace Elementary School has preschool classes where frequent changes in underwear are needed. The Mission Ministry is sponsoring an underwear drive during the month of August to help the little ones in these classes.

Sizes requested are 3 or 3T, 4 or 4T, 5 and 6. Please place your donations in the basket provided in the Welcome Center.



Spin! Pizza Fundraiser August 13 | 4-9 PM

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Eat dinner at Spin! Pizza
Invite your friends and neighbors
to help us raise money for the
Pastor's Emergency Fund.

20% of sales from supporters will
come back to FPCR so we can
continue helping those in need.

Discover FPCR Class

Meet with Pastor Sarah and
members of our Belonging Ministry
Team and learn more about
becoming a member of First
Presbyterian Church of Richardson!

Sunday, August 16
9 AM / Library