

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

AUGUST 3, 2025 | SUNDAY, 10:30 AM

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Prayer”

Ambroise Thomas
Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will tell of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Carolyn Prince

from Psalm 9 and Psalm 33

*OPENING HYMN | #175 “Seek Ye First”

CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

**Merciful God, we pray the Lord's Prayer each week, even daily,
but we do not always walk the walk.**

**We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done,
but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy
that characterize your kingdom.**

We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can.

**We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others,
but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive.**

Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.

**Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of
Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Please stand in body or spirit*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Galatians 5:13

For freedom Christ has set us free.

Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,
but through love become slaves to one another.

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*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

Luke 11:1-13

NRSV NT Pg. 72

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Learning to Pray from Doug and Ray

Rev. Dr. John Williams

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #449 “Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love”

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Mary Margaret Healy, Elder

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

Thomas Matthews

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

Lauren-Carter Smith, Soprano

Terry Metzger, Organ

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*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 | #556 “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 the One who comes in the Lord's name.

Hosanna in the highest.

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Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Allen Pote

Lauren-Carter Smith, Soprano

Terry Metzger, Piano

*Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees.*

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION | *Unison*

**We give you thanks, O God,
for here at your Table you have transformed us
from individuals into the Body of Christ.
Now send us out into your broken and beautiful world
to bear your Good News of hope and joy for all. Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN | #748 “Go with Us, Lord”

*Sung in unison followed by a four part canon;
join in wherever you feel comfortable and we will conclude with an “amen”.*

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Pastorale”

Louis Lefébure-Wély

Terry Metzger, Organ

**Preaching Sunday, August 10:
Blessing of the Backpacks**
Rev. Katy Walters, Chaplain at Cook Children's Hospital

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, August 3 - Communion

Coffee Class: 9 am, A110
Present Word: 9 am, A109
Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Worship: 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, August 4

P.E.O. Workday: 10 am-12 pm, A109, A110
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 5

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library

Wednesday, August 6

Sometimers: 8-11 am
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall
Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 7

Tai Chi: 10 am-12 pm, Fellowship Hall
Art Therapy: 10 am-12 pm, A110
P.E.O. Chapter Meeting: 5:30-8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 8

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 9

Accolade Theatre Auditions: 10 am-3 pm, Fellowship Hall
Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library
United Fellowship Bible Church: 4-7 pm, Chapel

Sunday, August 10 - Blessing of the Backpacks

Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Coffee Class: 9 am, A110
Present Word: 9 am, A109
Worship: 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



Promotion Sunday

Join us **August 17** for the beginning of Fall Sunday School and celebrate with our students starting a new grade.

See you then!



MEET OUR GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Dr. John Williams

John Williams is Chaplain of Austin College in Sherman, Texas. He is founder and director of the ACtivators—a program through which, since 1995, 622 Austin College students have traveled over 184,000 miles to help plan and lead 745 ministry events in 13 states involving over 54,000 Presbyterian children, youth, college students, young adults, formerly-young adults, and senior citizens. He is author of many published articles about church-related higher education, and Presbyterian Church History. In 2023, the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Christian Formation published his Bible Study series "Why Presbyterians Are Like That."

John is the husband of Linnea, an Early Childhood and Elementary Instructional Coach. He is father of Emily and Joseph. He's a folk & roll songwriter (Honorable Mention at the 2015 Woody Guthrie Songwriting Contest), he has sung "Under the Boardwalk" on stage with the Persuasions, and Maya Angelou once told him, "Young man, you have strong words."