

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025 | BY LOVE

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

“Antiphonal Praise” with
“We Have Met to Praise and Worship”

arr. Tom Fettke
Wen Ling, Guest Pianist

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Gathered to worship God,

we are all right where we belong.

Called to this celebration of worship by God's Spirit,

we approach God with joy in our hearts.

Nourished by the love of Jesus, God's Son,

we gladly feast at this banquet of grace.

Margaret Rogers
Liturgy written by Roger Owens

*OPENING HYMN | “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” (*see last page*)

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

Holy God, we compare ourselves with others,

wondering if we are better than them.

We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves.

We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully

and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Hear the good news of the gospel, we are forgiven and empowered by God's Spirit
to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint.

In Jesus Christ We are Forgiven. Thanks be to God.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

*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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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 & BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

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 81:1, 10-16

NRSV OT Pgs. 541-542

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

NRSV NT Pgs. 227-228

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Alice Hernandez

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #345 “In an Age of Twisted Values”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

Book of Common Worship, Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

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

OFFERTORY

“Hear Ye, Israel from ‘Elijah’”

by Felix Mendelssohn

Aden Black, Soloist

Wen Ling Chua, Guest Pianist

*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 THANKSGIVING

*SENDING HYMN | #300 “They’ll Know We are Christians By Our Love”

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“As the Deer”

arr. Mark Hayes

Wen Ling, Guest Pianist



Grades 1-2: Room C203

Grades 3-6: Room C207

Grades 7+: God's Garage, Room C211

Begins at 9 AM

Preschool: Green Room

Begins after Time for Tiny Theologians



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We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

2031



We bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the house of the



Lord.

We bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the



house of the Lord.

And we of - fer up to



you the sac-ri - fic - es of thanks-giv - ing; and we



of - fer up to you the sac-ri - fic - es of joy.

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, August 31

Present Word: 9 am, A109

Coffee Class: 9 am, A110

Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building

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

Belonging Ministry Team Meeting: 12 pm, Library

United Fellowship Bible Church: 2-5 pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 1 - Labor Day, OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 2

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 1:30-6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 3

Sometimes: 8-11 am

Women's Circle: 9:30-12 pm, Chapel

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm

Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

Thursday, September 4

Tai Chi: 10 am-12 pm, Fellowship Hall

Art Therapy: 10 am-12 pm, A110

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 1:30-6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 5

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

United Fellowship Bible Church: 4-7 pm, Chapel

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 6

United Fellowship Bible Church: 10 am-1 pm, Chapel

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

United Fellowship Bible Church: 4-7 pm, Chapel

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 7 - Communion

Present Word: 9 am, A109

Coffee Class: 9 am, A110

Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building

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

Handbell Rehearsal

WEEKLY REHEARSALS RESUME

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 | 5:45-7:15 PM

Contact Becky@FPCRichardson.org
to volunteer in this musical ministry!



We hope you all have a
safe and relaxing

Labor Day!

Thank you for
everything you do!



Monday, September 1 | Office Closed



One Man's Treasure

Clothing that makes a difference

The most urgent need at the moment is for **shoes** – athletic shoes, dress shoes, and work boots.

Other needs are:

- **Shirts** – long and short sleeve, t-shirts and work shirts
- **Pants** – jeans and work pants, a few dress pants
- **Socks and underwear** – new only
- **For winter** – coat, hat, and gloves

Large sizes of shirts, pants, and shoes are especially welcome.

Please place your gently used or new items in the bin or basket in the Welcome Center or near the office. The Mission Ministry appreciates your donations to this clothing drive.