

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 9, 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

Rev. Alice Hernandez

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Crescendo"

Per Lasson

Terry Metzger, Piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

Give thanks to God!

We will tell the world what God has done.

Let us bring praise to the name of our Creator.

We will honor God's name with shouts of joy!

Recall all that God provides.

Let us give thanks for all the wonders God has made!

*OPENING HYMN | #317 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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

Surprising and mysterious God, you come to us when we least expect it,

calling us out of our routines and plans,

inviting us to follow Christ into new opportunities.

Merciful and patient God, we confess our fear, doubt and anger

and all the ways we are less than you call us to be.

You call us beloved children and command us to love one another,

and yet we forget that we are brothers and sisters

and are too often thoughtless and cruel.

You call us to live with courage and perseverance,

yet we give up too easily and opt for the safer route.

You encourage us to be bold in our struggles for justice,

yet we remain silent in the face of unfairness.

Forgive us our sins and renew our lives through your mercy and grace.

In moments of fear, speak with words of reassurance.

In moments of doubt, reach out your hand to hold ours.

In moments of turmoil, bring calm to the storm.

Through your Holy Spirit empower us to place our trust in you this day and every day,

and honor you as our Creator, Redeemer and Guide,

in the name of Christ, our Lord and friend we pray.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

God offers forgiveness and saving grace to everyone.
Accept these gifts for yourselves and offer forgiveness to others
in the name of Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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 *and* BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Pastor Sarah and 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 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

NRSV OT Pgs. 556-557

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

NRSV OT Pg. 34

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Alice Hernandez

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #735 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

The Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING

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

"Close Every Door"

Andrew Lloyd

from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Max Bitner, Baritone

*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 DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN | #754 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Melodie"

Piotr Tchaikovsky

Terry Metzger, Organ



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

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

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

Monday, August 10

Faith Sharing: 1 pm, Library

Tuesday, August 11

Prayer Group: 8 am, Phone

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library

Pastor's Bible Study: 4 pm, Google Meet

Wednesday, August 12

Sometimers: 8-11 am

Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

Saturday, August 15

Ginny Holcomb Memorial Service: 12:30 pm, Sanctuary

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, August 16

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111

Present Word: 9 am, A109

Discover FPCR Class: 9 am, Library

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

Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building

Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online

Book Club: 5 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.



Spin! Pizza Fundraiser

August 13 | 4-9 PM

348 W CAMPBELL RD.

RICHARDSON, TEXAS 75080

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**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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BINGO!

3rd Annual Bingo, Pizza, and
Ice Cream Event with UDCC

11:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL