

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | LETTERS & PROPHETS

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

“Andante con moto”

Alexandre Guilmante

Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Have you come here to grumble?

No! We are here to rejoice!

Oh. Are you lost?

No! We are found!

Okay, I see. Do you seek a welcome at this table?

Yes! We are here to let go of the past and begin fresh.

We are here to celebrate the joy of heaven.

We are here to feast with Christ, our Lord!

Wonderful! You are in the right place.

You are welcome here. Let's worship God together!

Rick Rickman

based on Luke 15:1-10

*OPENING HYMN | #634 “To God Be the Glory”

CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

God of loving kindness, have mercy on us.

**We know our transgressions, our sin, our evil done against you
distorts your love and corrupts your creation.**

**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom,
purge and clean our hearts, and put your Spirit anew within us.**

based on Psalm 51:1-10

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Hear the good news: With utmost patience, Christ offers mercy

so that we may thrive in eternal life. In Christ's name, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

based on 1 Timothy 1:14,16

**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.
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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Nancy Gilbert

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
1 Timothy 1:12-17

NRSV OT Pgs. 702-703
NRSV NT Pg. 208

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Alice Hernandez

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #619 “Praise, my Soul, the God of Heaven”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

from The Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language Text

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.
Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs,
temptations, joys, and sorrows.
He expressed the love of God in word and deed
and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women.
But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.
His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.
Many rejected him and demanded his death.
In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself
the judgment under which everyone stands convicted.
God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.
The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all. 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

Concertato on "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Johnathan A. Tuuk

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

Terry Metzger, Organ

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

*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 | #757 "Today We All Are called to Be Disciples"

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Jesus Paid It All"

James Pethel

Terry Metzger, Organ



WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, September 14

UDCC Baby Shower: 9 am-2 pm, Fellowship Hall

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

Earth Care Meeting: 12 pm, Library

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

Monday, September 15

P.E.O. Chorus Rehearsal: 1-3 pm, Chapel

Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

Tuesday, September 16

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library

UDCC Primetimers: 11:30 am-2 pm, Fellowship Hall

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

Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

Wednesday, September 17

Sometimers: 8-11 am

Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm

Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

Thursday, September 18

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

Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

Friday, September 19

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 20

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 9 am-3 pm

Ghanian Seventh-Day Adventist Church: 9:30 am-5 pm, Chapel, A109, A111

Dallas Philharmonic Choir: 2-7 pm, Sanctuary

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

United Fellowship Bible Church: 4-7 pm, Chapel

Sunday, September 21

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

Session Meeting: 12 pm, Library

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

Book Club: 5 pm, Library

EARTH CARE MEETING



AFTER WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 14 LIBRARY

The Earth Care Team will have a meeting following our worship service in the library on September 14.

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

Hope to see you there!



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.

Prince of Peace,



We pray for a world free from the gun violence that takes, that destroys, that divides.

We pray for real change, honest conversation, and true healing among your people.

Give us courageous hearts as we work for an end to the epidemic of violence.

Grant us the grace to be instruments of your peace, lighting the way for others to follow.

May we work together, with your guidance, to march down the path of peace.

Give us hope, knowing that you never give up on your children.

Amen