

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

SEPTEMBER 21, 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

“Rondino On a Theme by Beethoven”

Fritz Kreisler

Brianna Henry, Violin; Terry Metzger, Piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Jan Warner

Turn us, O God,

away from the world's temptations and distractions.

Return us, O God,

to the quiet calm of your presence.

Restore us, O God,

to the path you call us to follow.

Orient us, O God,

to the hope of all that is possible through you.

*OPENING HYMN | #307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

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

God, our refuge, you lift up the lowly and hold out hope to the hopeless.

Yet we who receive your grace so freely do not follow your example.

We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, and slow to show mercy.

We gather and keep for ourselves what was meant to be shared.

We diminish and dehumanize those around us.

God, hear this confession. We ask for your forgiveness. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Isaiah 43:1

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

**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.

ANTHEM

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

The Ruth Greer Handbell Choir
Becky Lormor, Director; Brianna Henry, Violin

HOUSTON
Kathleen Thomerson (1934-2025)
arr. Mokebust (ASCAP)

*Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

see Glory To God #377 for complete hymn text

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14:10–16, 26–31
1 Corinthians 10:1–13

NRSV OT Pgs. 60-61
NRSV NT Pg. 172

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Alice Hernandez

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #614 “Great Are You, Lord”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

from a Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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

“When You Believe” from *The Prince of Egypt*

Steven Schwartz

Lauren Smith-Carter, Peter Tiggelaar, Aden Black, Max Bitner, Soloists
Terry Metzger, Piano

*Many nights we prayed with no proof anyone could hear
In our hearts a hopeful song we barely understood
Now, we are not afraid although we know there's much to fear
We were moving mountains long before we knew we could
There can be miracles when you believe; though hope is frail, it's hard to kill
Who knows what miracles you can achieve? When you believe, somehow you will
You will when you believe
In this time of fear when prayer so often proves in vain
Hope seems like the summer bird too swiftly flown away
Yet now I'm standing here my heart's so full, I can't explain
Seeking faith and speaking words I never thought I'd say:*

*Ashirra l'adonai ki ga'oh ga'ah אֲשִׁירָה לַיהוָה כִּי-גָאָה גָּאָה
Michamocha ba-elim adonai מִי-כַמּוֹכָה בְּאֵלִים יְהוָה
Michamocha nedar-bakodesh מִי כַמּוֹכָה נֶאֱדָר בְּקֹדֶשׁ
Nachitah v'chas d'cha am zu ga'alta נַחֲיִיתָ בְּחַסְדְּךָ, עַם-זֶה גָּאֲלָתָה*

*I will sing to the Lord for He has triumphed gloriously
Who is like You, oh Lord, among the celestials
Who is like You, majestic in holiness
In Your love, You lead the people You redeemed*

*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 | "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence" (*see back of insert*)

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Prelude and Fugue in G major"

J.S. Bach

Terry Metzger, Organ

Congratulations and Thank You **"ONETIMERS"**

Winners of our new "Onetimers" team are

Jameson and Barbara Sucher!

This intergenerational team won the Southern Pound Cake for picking up trash and assisting our Sometimers!

Thank you to all our volunteers!

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

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

Monday, September 22

Faith Sharing: 1 pm, Library
Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

Tuesday, September 23

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library
Staff Meeting & Lunch: 12 pm, Conference Room; Library
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 1:30-6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

Wednesday, September 24

Sometimes: 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 25

Tai Chi: 10 am-12 pm, Fellowship Hall
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 1:30-6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

Friday, September 26

Worship and Adult Ministry Team Meeting: 2 pm, Library
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 27

Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 9 am-3 pm
Ghanian Seventh-Day Adventist Church: 9:30 am-5 pm, Chapel, A109, A111
Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library
United Fellowship Bible Church: 4-7 pm, Chapel

Sunday, September 28

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



**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.



Burial Plots Available

FPCR has been gifted 3 burial plots at Restland Cemetery:
2 side-by-side plots in the Garden of the Cross
and 1 double crypt in the Court of Reflections.

Before these plots are offered for sale to the general public, the Session wanted to make the congregation aware of this opportunity. If you or a family member have interest in learning more, please feel free to reach out.

For details, contact Penny Colbaugh at 214-577-0715
(Please note: our former landline, 972-238-8283, is no longer in service)

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Tuesday at 4 pm
as we study the upcoming
passage of scripture for
Sunday's sermon.

To join, email Pastor Alice:
alice@fpcrichardson.org



Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

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1. Lead on, O cloud of Pres - ence, the ex - o - dus is come,
 2. Lead on, O fier - y Pil - lar, we fol - low yet with fears,
 3. Lead on, O God of free - dom, and guide us on our way,

in wil - der - ness and des - ert our tribe shall make its home.
 but we shall come re - joic - ing though joy be born of tears.
 and help us trust the prom - ise through strug - gle and de - lay.

Our slav - ery left be - hind us, new hopes with - in us grow.
 We are not lost, though wan - dering, for by your light we come,
 We pray our sons and daugh - ters may jour - ney to that land

We seek the land of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.
 and we are still God's peo - ple. The jour - ney is our home.
 where jus - tice dwells with mer - cy, and love is law's de - mand.