



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 27, 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.

God is at Work in You Stewardship 2027

We Gather Around the Word

WELCOME

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Variations on KING'S WESTON"

Alfred Fedak
Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Robin Smith, Liturgist

Praise the Lord who is our provider.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

*OPENING HYMN | #265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

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

Rev. Alice Hernandez

Righteous God, we confess that we have not lived as your obedient children.

We have honored you with our words, but we have denied you with our actions.

**We have not pursued the mind of Christ, who took the form of a servant,
for we have acted with selfish ambition.**

**We have put our interests before the interests of others
and have not regarded them in humility.**

**Forgive us our arrogance, awaken our hearts to sincere repentance,
and enable us to will and to work for your good pleasure,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

People of God, our sins are forgiven.

The Lord is loving, and we are reconciled to God.

Therefore, let us surrender ourselves to the will of God for the glory of the Lord.

*GLORIA PATRI | #583 “Glory to God”



*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

TIME FOR TINY THEOLOGIANs

Pastor Sarah

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 78:1-4, 12-16

NRSV OT Pgs. 537-538

Philippians 2:1-13

NRSV NT Pgs. 200-201

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #630 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

from A Declaration of Faith

Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement.

His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion.

His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand.

His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness.

Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.

We acknowledge that Christ chooses to be known in the world

through this community of ordinary people,

therefore we dare not despise or abandon the church.

Christ is the head of the church,

therefore we are responsible to Christ when we make policy and decisions in the church.

Christ is the foundation of the church,

therefore it will not fall despite our weakness.

We are confident that the Lord of the church

will judge and defeat our sinful intentions and actions,

help us in our weakness and blindness, and use the church to accomplish his purposes.

We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations,

when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives.

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Brian Alton

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"A Humble Prayer"

Sandra Eithun

The Ruth Greer Handbell Choir, Becky Lormor, Director

Judy Wolfe, Piano

*DOXOLOGY | #608 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all
people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever
more; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN | "God Is at Work In Me!" (*see insert*)

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Jesus Shall Reign"

James Mansfield

Terry Metzger, Organ

The lyrics for today's closing hymn were written by John Fattaruso, ruling elder, and long time member of both our Sanctuary Choir and the Ruth Greer Handbell Choir. John's words are a reflection on our stewardship theme and the scripture text from Philippians 2:13. It is set to the familiar tune of "ITALIAN HYMN," which is most often used with the hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King," #2 in our hymnal. We will be using this hymn for the duration of our Stewardship campaign as we reflect on how God is at work in us and our calling to Christ's mission in the church and in the world.



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WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, September 27 - Stewardship Kick-Off

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am
Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online
Care Ministry Team Meeting: 12 pm, Library

Monday, September 28

Faith Sharing: 1 pm, Library
Book Discussion Group: 2 pm, Library

Tuesday, September 29

Prayer Group: 8 am, Phone
Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library
Pastor's Bible Study: 4 pm, Google Meet

Wednesday, September 30

Sometimes: 8-11 am
"Coffice" Hours: 2:30-4:30 pm, La La Land
Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

Thursday, October 1

Art Therapy: 10 am-12 pm, A110

Friday, October 2

Men's Breakfast: 7:30 am, La Madeleine

Saturday, October 3

Church Clean-Up Day: 9 am-12 pm
Electronics Recycling Pick-Up: 9 am-12 pm, Parking Lot
Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, October 4 - Confirmation

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111
Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building
Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building
Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online

For the full events
calendar that includes
our Community Partners,
please scan the QR code.



**God is at
Work in You**
Stewardship 2027
**DON'T FORGET TO PICK
UP YOUR PLEDGE CARD
TODAY!**

COFFICE HOURS



with Pastor Sarah

Wednesday, September 30

2:30-4:30 PM

242 W Campbell Rd,
Richardson, TX 75080

La La Land
KIND CAFE



*The ultimate
recycling program!*

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DRIVE

Collecting Through September!

It's time to purge those old electronics!

Donations accepted Monday-Thursday 9 AM-4 PM
or any Sunday morning during the month of September.

SAVE THE DATE

**Church Clean
Up Day!**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 / 9-12 PM



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

October 6, 5:30-8 PM

Terrace Park

God Is At Work In Me!

Music: 'Italian Hymn' Felice de Giardini, 1769
 Harmony: "The Methodist Sunday School Hymnal", 1911
 Lyrics: J.W.F.

♩ = 120



1. God is at work in me! Through our com - - mun - - i - - ty,
 2. God is at work in me! May I Christ's wit - - ness be.
 3. God is at work in us all! May we re - - spond to Thy call.
 4. God is at work in us all! With pled - ges large or small,



sent from a - - bove, God's spi - rit doth im - part joy in my
 Help me to know my treas - ure comes from thee! What por - tion
 Our world be healed! God's Word we bold - ly preach, sto - ries of
 in faith di - - vine, through ev' - ry pray'r - ful hour, blos - som - ing



serv - ant heart, pledg - ing to do my part shar - ing Christ's love!
 will I be of - - fer - ring back to thee, my praise be - - stow!
 faith we teach, our neigh - bor's hand we reach, God be re - - vealed!
 as a flow'r, God grants us grace - ful pow'r, Christ's light to shine!

Stewardship Season at a Glance

COFFICE HOURS

with Pastor Sarah



2:30-4:30 PM

Wednesday, September 30

Monday, October 12

Come have coffee or lunch with Pastor Sarah! Our time of fellowship over the table will also be an opportunity for you to share your experiences, stories, and feedback on the life and ministry of our church and what dreams and wishes you have for our future. Keep an eye on the ePress for reminders and more information!

DUTCH LUNCH

with Pastor Sarah



12 PM

Wednesday,

October 7 & 21



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

October 6, 5:30-8 PM

Terrace Park

SABBATHIKE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 1:30 PM

Wednesday, September 30 | 2:30-4:30 PM

Coffee Hours @ La La Land

Saturday, October 3 | 9 AM-12 PM

Church Clean-Up Day & Electronics Recycling Pick Up

Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday & Confirmation

Tuesday, October 6 | 5:30-8 PM

National Night Out @ Terrace Park

Wednesday, October 7 | 12 PM

Dutch Lunch @ Spin! Pizza

Monday, October 12 | 2:30-4:30 PM

Coffee Hours @ Local Good Coffee Co.

Sunday, October 18 | 1:30 PM

Sabbathike

Wednesday, October 21 | 12 PM

Dutch Lunch @ Afrah Mediterranean Cuisine

Wednesday, October 21 | 6-8 PM

Wednesday Night Live

Sunday, October 25 - Dedication Sunday

Finger-Food Potluck | After Worship

Trunk or Treat | 3-5 PM

God is at Work in You

Dedication Sunday

Sunday, October 25 | Potluck After Worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 3-5 PM

FPCR Children's Ministry

TRUNK OR TREAT

**SAVE THE DATE!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

