

# WORSHIP



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH of  
RICHARDSON

## SEPTEMBER 28, 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

“Consolation”

*Josef Low*

Terry Metzger, Organ

\*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Come! Praise the Lord!

**Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!**

Come! Praise the Lord!

**Praise God who feeds the hungry and uplifts the downtrodden!**

Come! Praise the Lord!

**Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!**

Come! Praise the Lord!

**The Lord will reign forever! Praise the Lord!**

Mary Jo Grimes

*based on Psalm 146*

\*OPENING HYMN | #12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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

**Almighty God, you call us to lives of service,**

**but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need right outside our door.**

**You call us to share our abundance,**

**but we confess that we choose our own comfort over generosity to others.**

**You call us to build community,**

**but we confess that we are too often gatekeepers,**

**letting in only the ones that make us comfortable.**

**Forgive us, Lord.**

**Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have**

**until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made ready to love and serve.**

**Alleluia. 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.*

*We Proclaim the Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
1 Timothy 6:6-19

NRSV OT Pg. 736  
NRSV NT Pgs. 210-211

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Alice Hernandez



*IFLM*

INSIGHT FOR LIVING MINISTRIES  
*The Bible-Teaching Ministry of Pastor Chuck Swindoll*



**JEREMIAH**  
OVERVIEW BIBLE CHART

	JUDAH’S SIN AND JUDGMENT		PROPHECIES AGAINST THE NATIONS		A SOBERING ENDING
	Jeremiah 1–45		Jeremiah 46–51		Jeremiah 52
	Jeremiah’s call	Exhortations to Judah	Egypt	Damascus	Jerusalem in ruins
Idolatry	Promises of restoration ( <i>ch. 30–33</i> )	Philistia	Kedar & Hazor		
Corrupt leadership	Fall of Jerusalem and aftermath ( <i>ch. 39–45</i> )	Moab	Elam		
Moral compromise		Ammon	Babylon		
		Edom			
THEME	Judgment is coming—repent!				
KEY VERSES	Jeremiah 7:23–24; 8:11–12, 21; 9:23–24; 31:1–40				
CHRIST IN JEREMIAH	The fountain of living water ( <i>Jer. 2:13</i> ); the coming Shepherd, the righteous descendant from King David’s line, and “The LORD Is Our Righteousness” ( <i>Jer. 23:4–6</i> ); the new covenant ( <i>Jer. 31:31</i> ); the Redeemer ( <i>Jer. 50:34</i> )				

# *We Respond to the Word*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #846 “Fight the Good Fight”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

*Apostles' 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 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 *and* OFFERTORY

**“It is Well With My Soul”**

*Philip P. Bliss, arr. Cindy Berry*

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

Terry Metzger, Piano

*Anthem lyrics are found on page 840 in the hymnal.*

\*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 | #658 “God is So Good”

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**“How Bright These Glorious Spirits Shine”**

*Robert J. Powell*

Terry Metzger, Organ



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# WEEK AT A GLANCE:

## **Sunday, September 28**

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  
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

## **Monday, September 29**

Spectacular Follies Board Meeting: 10:30 am-12:30 pm, A111  
PEO Chorus Rehearsal: 1-3 pm, Chapel  
Book Discussion Group: 2 pm, Library  
Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field  
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Tuesday, September 30**

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  
Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

## **Wednesday, October 1**

Sometimes: 8-11 am  
**Women's Circle: 9:30 am-12 pm, Chapel**  
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, October 2**

UDCC Thanksgiving Meeting: 8:30-11 am, Library  
Tai Chi: 10 am-12 pm, Fellowship Hall  
Art Therapy: 10 am-12 pm, A111  
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 1:30-6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall  
Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

## **Friday, October 3**

**Men's Breakfast: 7:30 am, La Madeleine @ Coit/Campbell**  
**Euna Rue Brady Memorial Service: 2 pm, Sanctuary**  
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 5-10 pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Saturday, October 4**

Spectacular Follies Rehearsal: 8:30 am-6 pm, Welcome Center  
Ghanian Seventh-Day Adventist Church: 9:30 am-5 pm, Chapel, A109, A111  
Accolade Theatre Rehearsal: 10 am-4 pm, Fellowship Hall  
Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library  
United Fellowship Bible Church: 4-7 pm, Chapel

## **Sunday, October 5**

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  
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