

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 6, 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 *and* LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Alice Hernandez

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Prelude in F Major, Op. 51, No. 1”

Carl Nielsen

Terry Metzger, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Reagan Hernandez, Liturgist

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding,

that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees; in your righteousness be gracious to me.

*OPENING HYMN | #409 “God Is Here!”

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

Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually.

**We tend to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others,
rather than on the growth and work we are called to.**

**We've made assumptions about what others want and need,
robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves.**

We've tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours.

We've relied upon your grace, time and time again,

**while hastily denying that you are eager to give it not only to us, but to our enemies,
also. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

calling all to turn from sin, and live.

By the grace of God, our sins are forgiven.

Amen.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

*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

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

Exodus 12:1-14

NRSV NT Pg. 58

Romans 13:8-14

NRSV NT Pg. 162

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Alice Hernandez

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #353 “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

from The Confession of 1967

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world
as a reconciling community.**

**This community, the church universal,
is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation
and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities
which separate people from God and from one another.**

**Christ has called the church to this mission
and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

**The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel
by faithful obedience to God’s call.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether”

Harold Friedell

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

Terry Metzger, Organ

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly in thy name,
two or three are met together, thou are in the midst of them.*

Alleluya! Touch we no thy garment's hem.

*As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the father break the bread and bless the cup.*

Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

*All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.*

Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

*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 Celebrate the Joyful Feast

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | Responsively

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HYMN OF EXALTATION | #552 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This is an open and welcoming table. All are invited.

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

PRYAER AFTER COMMUNION

*SENDING HYMN | #69 “I, the Lord, of Sea and Sky (Here I am Lord)”

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Prelude in E Minor, Op. 51, No. 2

Prelude in E Major, Op. 51, No. 3”

Carl Nielsen

Terry Metzger, Organ

Liturgy written by David Gerner, Presbyterian Outlook, 2026

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE
Monthly Dinner & Fellowship
Dinner is served from 6-7 pm. Reservations are required!

SEPTEMBER 16

6:00 PM,
FELLOWSHIP
HALL

Scan to RSVP
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Friendship Pad

All are welcome!



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