

# WORSHIP



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH of  
RICHARDSON

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 | 10:30 AM

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*Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.*

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*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

Robin Smith, Liturgist

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"In Autumn"

Edward MacDowell

Terry Metzger, Piano

\*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

*based on Psalm 139 and Jeremiah 18*

Like clay on a wheel

**God forms us: shaping us, molding us, creating us.**

And like moldable clay,

**God continues to shape us. Let us worship God.**

\*OPENING HYMN | #336 "We Gather Together"

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

**Creator God, you know us better than anyone else.**

**You formed us in your own image.**

**And yet, we sometimes stray from the gift you've given us.**

**We keep people at a distance,**

**letting systemic and personal barriers get in the way of relationships.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Let us hear your call to change and do better.**

**Empower us to ask for forgiveness from those whom we have wronged.**

**Help us to think of you and those around us.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Friends, the good news is this: God is not done with us.

Our Creator is still forming and shaping us, forgiving us, and allowing us to grow.

Hear the Good News of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*\*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

Mary Margaret Healy, Elder

*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

Psalms 139: 1-24

NRSV OT Pgs. 577-578

Philemon: 1-25

NRSV NT Pgs. 215-216

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sam Turpen

## ***We Respond to the Word***

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #28 “You are Before Me, Lord” (Psalm 139)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Gather the People”

*Stan Pethel*

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis

Terry Metzger, Piano

*Gather the people, let the trumpet sound  
Call out the congregations where they may be found  
A voice is calling and we must obey  
Assemble the Elders for what the Lord will say  
Fear not o, land, be glad and rejoice; the Lord will do great things  
God will send the sun, God will send the rain, God is the Lord of everything  
God’s power is great, God is the Lord; our hope and dreams shall be restored  
We call on him and we are saved! What a great and mighty day!*

\*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 | #556 “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 the One who comes in the Lord’s name.

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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.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Ave Verum Corpus”

W.A. Mozart

The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

Terry Metzger, Organ

*Ave verum corpus, natum  
de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine  
cuius latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis prægustatum  
in mortis examine.  
O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie,  
O Iesu, fili Mariae.  
Miserere mei. Amen.*

*Hail, true Body, born  
of the Virgin Mary,  
truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side  
flowed water and blood:  
Be for us a foretaste of the  
Heavenly banquet  
in the trial of death!  
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
O Jesus, son of Mary,  
have mercy on me. Amen.*

## ***We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World***

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*SENDING HYMN | #37 “Let All Things Now Living”

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Galliard”

Bernhard Schmid

Terry Metzger, Organ

# ***Handbell Rehearsal***

## **WEEKLY REHEARSALS**

## **WEDNESDAYS | 5:45-7:15 PM**

***Contact [Becky@FPCRichardson.org](mailto:Becky@FPCRichardson.org)  
to volunteer in this musical ministry!***



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# WEEK AT A GLANCE:

## **Sunday, September 7**

Present Word: 9 am, A109

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

## **Monday, September 8**

Faith Sharing: 1 pm, Library

**Mission Ministry Team Meeting: 1:30 pm, Conference Room**

Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

## **Tuesday, September 9**

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group: 6:30 am, Phone

UDCC Women's Group: 10 am, Room A109

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library

Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

## **Wednesday, September 10**

Sometimes: 8-11 am

Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm

Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

## **Thursday, September 11**

Tai Chi: 10 am-12 pm, Fellowship Hall

Rayados Soccer Club: 5-9 pm, Soccer Field

## **Saturday, September 13**

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

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

United Fellowship Bible Church: 4-7 pm, Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, September 14**

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

Present Word: 9 am, A109

Coffee Class: 9 am, A110

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## 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.

Please place your gently used or new items in the bin or basket in the Welcome Center or near the office. The Mission Ministry appreciates your donations to this clothing drive.

## **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY**

Join us on Tuesdays as we study the upcoming passage of scripture for Sunday's sermon.

To join, email Pastor Alice:  
[alice@fpcrichardson.org](mailto:alice@fpcrichardson.org)

*We are meeting at 12 pm right now, but will soon change to 4 pm.*



MEET OUR GUEST PREACHER

## Rev. Sam Turpen

Samuel Turpen is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). A native of Birmingham, Alabama, he studied psychology and music at Maryville College before receiving his Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary. After seminary, Sam completed two years of chaplain residency at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. He now serves as a chaplain with Amedisys Hospice, walking alongside patients and families affected by illness. Sam is married to Chelsea, who serves as the Clinical Pastoral Education Manager at Children's Health. Together they are proud parents of twin daughters, Haven and Eden, born last December. Sam is especially grateful for another opportunity to worship at First Presbyterian of Richardson.

Thank you for joining us today, Rev. Sam!