

WORSHIP



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 30, 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

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Reach Out and Touch”

Charles F. Brown
Terry Metzger, Piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Rev. Alice Hernandez

Hear O Israel! I am calling! Are you listening?

We are here and we are ready.

Beloved Children, who do you say that I am?

You are our rock and our redeemer.

Our trust is in you. Our hearts, minds and souls belong to you!

I created you, named you and have a calling for your life.

We give thanks with our whole hearts for your steadfast love!

*OPENING HYMN | #503 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

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

O God of life, eternity cannot hold you,

nor can our little words catch the magnificence of your kindness.

Yet in the space of our small hearts and in silence you can come close and repair us.

O God of life, grant us your forgiveness

For our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds,

For our empty speech and the words with which we have wounded

O God of life, grant us your forgiveness

For our false desires, for our hateful actions,

For our wastefulness, and for all we left untended

God of life, do not darken your light to us.

God of life, do not limit your joy in us.

God of life, do not shut your door to us.

God of life, do not refuse us in your mercy.

O loving Christ, hanged on a tree yet risen in the morning,

scatter the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills;

begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are.

A brief silence is kept

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Christ, our Brother and Lord, has taken our sin in his body on the cross,
so that all may know the grace and mercy of God
and nothing may separate us from the love of God.
In Christ we are forgiven and freed.

**In you we place our hope, our great hope, our living hope,
this day and evermore. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI | #583 “Glory to God” (*Unison twice through, in a round twice through*)



*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

Romans 12:9-21

NRSV NT Pgs. 162

Matthew 16:21-28

NRSV NT Pg. 18

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

We Respond to the Word

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

A New Creed, United Church in Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,

**who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *and* THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Unison*

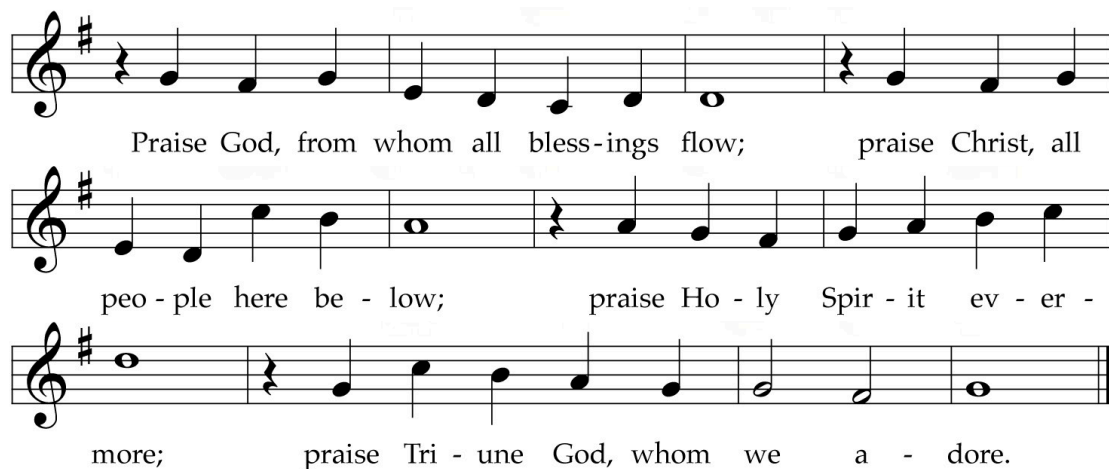
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN | #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*At this time, walk around and place your Sticky Notes
on the volunteer opportunities around the room.*

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



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN | #540 "Farewell, Good Friends!" (*Unison twice through, in a round twice through*)

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Brighten the Corner Where You Are"

Charles H. Gabriel
Terry Metzger, Piano



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WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Sunday, August 30

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111

Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building

Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am

Sticky Breakfast & Worship: 10 am, Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 31

Book Discussion Group: 2 pm, Library

Tuesday, September 1

Prayer Group: 8 am, Phone

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library

Pastor's Bible Study: 4 pm, Google Meet

Wednesday, September 2

Sometimers: 8-11 am

Women's Circle: 9:30 am-12 pm, Chapel

Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

Thursday, September 3

Art Therapy: 10 am-12 pm, A110

Friday, September 4

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

Saturday, September 5

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

Sunday, September 6 - Communion

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.**



QUESTIONS AFTER

STICKY BREAKFAST?

REACH OUT TO YOUR ELDERS!

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