



Welcome to First Pres! We are so glad you are here today. First Pres is an exciting faith community in which to live out your Christian discipleship. If you are a first time visitor to First Presbyterian Church, please take a moment to see one of the greeters on your way out for a special visitor gift. They will also be glad to answer any questions you might have.



We celebrate your participation in worship today. Please take a moment to register your attendance using the QR code here.

Interested in Joining First Pres? If you are considering church membership, please speak with a minister following worship. You may also call the church office at 817.335.1231 to speak with Chris Bartley (Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Children of all ages are a welcome blessing in worship! Children are invited to worship with their families. Parents, ask an usher for a worship bag full of activities to keep children engaged. Members, having children in worship is a gift and sign that our congregation is growing. Please welcome children and offer parents a smile of encouragement.

Stephen Ministry cares for people in crisis or transition. For more information, contact the Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz in the church office, 817.335.1231 ext. 264.

Large print bulletins and personal sound systems are available from an usher.

Our in-person and online congregations share worship together. This service may be livestreamed or recorded. Your image (photos and video) may appear on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and our website. Questions about this policy? Please email communications@fpcfw.org.

The flowers in the Chancel are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. (Mac and Corinne) McCoy from Greg McCoy.



Offerings can be given by using the envelopes in the worship spaces and placing your gift in the offering plate or using the QR code here to give online.



First Pres is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Learn more about our denomination by visiting www.pcusa.org.



Staff & Worship Participants

Pastor/Head of Staff	The Rev. Dr. Brian Coulter
Senior Associate Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Robyn Michalove
Associate Pastor for Youth	The Rev. Dr. Josh Stewart
Parish Associate for Pastoral Care	The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz
Director of Music/Organist	Dr. Ahreum Han Congdon
Music Associates	Rebecca Sawyer, Laura Collins
Associate Organist & Choral Assistant	Brent McCartney
Director of Children's Ministry	Ann Nielsen
Director of Young Adult Ministry	Eric Varnon
Senior Director of Engagement & Programs	Chris Bartley
Parish Visitor	Matt McGraw
Parish Visitor	The Rev. Lynda Dinsdale
Digital Content Producer	Felix Oyola
Audio/Video Engineer	Tristan Medina
Liturgist	Evelyn McGinnis

Ministers: The Entire Congregation
Partner Congregation in Fort Worth: Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church
Partner Congregations in Cuba: Buen Pastor, Resurrection, and Cidra Presbyterian Churches

8TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, August 3, 2025 | 11 a.m.



Gathering in God’s Name

PreludeRomanzaR.M. Stults

Use the prelude to make the transition from getting here to being here.
Open yourself to the Spirit of God moving in our midst.

Welcome, Greeting and AnnouncementsAshley Drake Mertz

Please pass the Ritual of Friendship down your row and back
to the side aisle during worship in order to greet one another by name.

Minute for Mission: Academy 4Devona Burgess, Principal,
Briscoe Elementary School

*Call to WorshipEvelyn McGinnis

Come, all who dwell in the shelter of the Most High;
Let us rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
God is our refuge and our fortress, our God in whom we trust!
Let us worship the One who covers us with steadfast love.

*HymnAll Things Bright and Beautiful20

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, You promise to be our refuge, but we confess
how easily we turn to fear. We rely on our own strength and
forget your faithful care. We are quick to trust in what is seen,
and slow to rest in your unseen presence.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Draw us back under the shelter of your wings,
and teach us again to trust in your promises. In Jesus’ name we
pray. Amen.**

We continue with a moment for silent prayers and personal confession.

*KyrieLord, Have Mercy551

* The congregation may stand. ** Words in bold are read in unison.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear this good news:
The Lord is our refuge and our dwelling place.
In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new.
Thanks be to God!
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*The Peace

Please share the peace with those around you by saying,
“The peace of Christ be with you,” and responding, “And also with you.”

*Gloria PatriGlory Be to the Father581

Encountering God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson(page 158, New Testament)Romans 8.31-39

Children’s MomentAnn Nielsen

Jesus Loves Me!188

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

TEXT: Stanza 1, Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859; stanza 2, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971.

Second Lesson(page 548, Old Testament)Psalm 91

Sermon“Shade and Shelter”Robyn Michalove

Responding to God’s Word

*HymnOn Eagle’s Wings43
(verses: cantor; refrain: congregation)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

OffertoryLord of All Hopefulnessarr. Alan Bullard
Clare Yurasek, soloist

*DoxologyPraise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow606

**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.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Going in God’s Name

*HymnSavior, like a Shepherd Lead Us187

*Benediction

*Sung Amen601

PostludeMarch BrillanteGordon Williams