



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@fpcf.org.

The flowers in the Chancel are given by Betsy and George Pepper in loving memory of their parents, Nita and Jack Pepper and Elisabeth and Jacob Rohrbaugh.



The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is one of three special offerings within the Presbyterian Church, and benefits those whose lives have been affected by poverty, hunger, or disaster. Offerings can be made by using the envelopes provided outside the worship spaces and placing your gift in the offering plate, or by 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.

SEPARATING FACT FROM FICTION IN THE IMMIGRATION CONVERSATION

Given the amount of disinformation and misinformation shared publicly about immigration, how should a Christian today discern what to believe or how to act? **On Sunday, April 19, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., this workshop will provide an overview of immigration law and reflections on the current crisis from a pastor who has ministered on the ground in Dallas, Chicago, and Minneapolis.**

APRIL 19
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Meet our speaker: Rev. Mara Richards Bim is a pastor, writer, speaker and spiritual director. She currently serves as the firstJustice & Advocacy Fellow in the newly-launched Prophetic Leadership Program at Royal Lane Baptist Church.



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
Engagement Coordinator	Eric Varnon
Senior Director of Engagement & Programs	Chris Bartley
Parish Visitor	Matt McGraw
Digital Content Producer	Felix Oyola
Audio/Video Engineer	Tristan Medina
Liturgist	Susan Leach

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

EASTER

Sunday, April 5, 2026 | 11 a.m.



Gathering in God's Name

Prelude *Easter Rejoicing* arr. Todd Marchand

"Hallelujah Chorus" from *The Messiah* G.F. Handel
arr. Douglas D. Haislip

"March" from *Scipio* G.F. Handel
arr. Robert S. Wallace II

Brian Walker, trumpet; Jeremy Garnett, trumpet; Janet Nye, French horn;
Eric Swanson, trombone; Ed Jones, tuba; Kyle Maxwell-Doherty, timpani

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 Announcements Michael Waschevski

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.

*Call to Worship Susan Leach

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

****Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

*Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* 232

*Prayer of Adoration Ashley Drake Mertz

**Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus
from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for
us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate
to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the
truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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

*Easter Response *Alleluia!* 587

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

Encountering God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson (page 201, New Testament) Colossians 3.1-4

Children's Moment Ann 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 33, New Testament) Matthew 28.1-10

Sermon "there they will see me" Brian Coulter

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* 248

*The Apostles' Creed Josh Stewart

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

Robyn Michalove

**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

Offertory *Alleluia* Elaine Hagenberg
Chancel Choir

*Alleluia, all shall be Amen.
We shall rest and we shall see,
we shall see and we shall know,
we shall know and we shall love,
behold our end which is no end.
Alleluia! All shall be Amen!*

*Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* 609

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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*Prayer of Dedication

Going in God's Name

*Hymn *The Day of Resurrection!* 233

*Benediction

*Sung Amen 601

Postlude "Toccatà" from *Symphony V* C.M. Widor