



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 Ann and David Chappell from Paige and John Pritchett and Blair and Wade Chappell.



Offerings can be given by using the envelopes provided in 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.



Graduating high school seniors and parents – let’s celebrate this exciting milestone! First Pres is honoring our seniors with a special Senior Dinner in May. We’ll also spotlight our graduating seniors in upcoming First Pres publications, making this moment even more meaningful. If you are a graduating senior or family member who would like to attend the dinner or submit your senior’s info for publication, reach out to Becky (bquick@fpcfw.org) or Josh (josh@fpcfw.org).

We’re also inviting the church to join the celebration by signing up to sponsor a senior with a small, thoughtful basket of helpful items as they begin their next chapter. Small groups or church school classes are welcome to go in together to sponsor a senior. Scan the QR code here to sign up to provide a basket and show your support!



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
Liturgists	First Pres Youth

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

YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, April 19, 2026 | 11 a.m.



Youth Sunday 2026 T-Shirt Design. Inspired by this year’s theme, “Hidden in Plain Sight,” the design centers on a magnifying glass that brings the seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) into focus. Within the seal are numerous symbols that are often overlooked at first glance (hidden in plain sight!), including the cross, open book, dove, lectern, flames, triangle, fish, baptismal font, and chalice. Some, also, observe that the overall form echoes the flowing calligraphy of ancient Hebrew and Greek manuscripts. The surrounding artwork is intentionally softened and slightly blurred, reinforcing the theme by inviting us to consider how our perspective and focus shape the way we see and follow Christ. Finally, the design is printed on a camouflage t-shirt, adding a visual layer to the theme by highlighting how something meaningful can be present yet easily missed. The design also includes the First Pres Youth logo and was created and brought to life by high school seniors, Eliza Stubblefield and Annabel Coulter.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* arr. Cathy Moglebust
Middle School Bells

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 Thomas Melton
Lily Huckaby

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 Callie Martin

God's footsteps are before us,
****God guides our feet.**
God is our lighthouse,
so we can see in the dark.
God stands before us, beside us, behind us, and with us.
Let us find God in worship.

*Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* 450
Cooper Varnon-tenor sax, Liam Landes-French horn, Michael Menchaca-trombone

*Prayer of Adoration Bo Goodfriend

**Risen Lord, we adore you for always watching over us, every step
of the way. Help us to recognize your loving care and not take it
for granted. Thank you for being our wonderful Savior. Amen.**

*The Peace Colin Kennedy

And now, 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."

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

*Sung Response *Alleluia!* 587

Encountering God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Franklin delaPeña

First Lesson 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7,10-13a Alex O'Malley
(page 259, Old Testament) Maggie Melton

Children's Moment Mary Jenkins
Paige Coulter
Andrew Michalove
Cooper Varnon

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.

Anthem *Christ Is Alive* arr. Jason W. Krug
High School Bells

Second Lesson Luke 24.13-35 Eleanor Ballew
(page 90, New Testament) Maggie Kruger

Sermon "Hidden in Plain Sight" Caleb Barnes
Eliza Stubblefield
Annika Gronberg
Annabel Coulter

Responding to God's Word

*Song *Day of Arising* 252

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Sarah Hermus

**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 Ben Tackitt

Offertory *Gloria! Gloria!* Roger Emerson
Youth Choir

*Gloria in excelsis Deo
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis*

Translation: *Glory to God in the highest and on Earth, peace to all
of goodwill.*

*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 Caroline Midkiff

Going in God's Name

*Hymn *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* 543

*Benediction Annabel Coulter

*Sung Amen 601

Postlude *Sortie* George Blake