



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 by Dale W., Judy, Sorelle, and Ryan Gasch in loving memory of Bertha S. and Dale J. Gasch.



The Pentecost offering is one of four special offerings within the Presbyterian Church. It unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people. Offerings can be given in three ways: use the envelopes in the worship spaces and place your gift in the offering plate; write a check to First Presbyterian Church Fort Worth with “Pentecost offering” in the memo line; or use 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.



Starting this morning, First Pres is launching a brand-new Youth & Children Summer Church School Class called “Wonder, Love, and Play” - and all students in Kinder - 5th Grade, Middle School, and High School are invited! Rooted in our ongoing reflections on *The Anxious Generation*, this new class explores the importance of free play in human development and the value of connecting across ages. Each Sunday at 10 a.m. will include guided free play in the Youth Center and Gym, a brief devotional tied to our *Summer in the Psalms* sermon series, and of course - donut holes! We hope this time will offer space for imagination, movement, connection, and spiritual grounding in Christ.

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
Associate Organist & Choral Assistant	Brent McCartney
Music Associates	Rebecca Sawyer, Laura Collins
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
Video Producer	Richard Massey
Audio/Video Engineer	Tristan Medina
Liturgist	Sandra Davis

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

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, June 1, 2025 | 11 a.m.



Gathering in God’s Name

PreludeSalut d’AmourE. Elgar

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.

*Call to WorshipSandra Davis

The Lord reigns, robed in majesty and strength.
Christ is risen and ascended, seated at God’s right hand.
Come, let us worship the One whose Word stands forever.
Let us praise our eternal King!

*HymnChrist Is Made the Sure Foundation394

*Prayer of Adoration

Most High God, we are witnesses: to the life of Jesus Christ our Lord: written in the Law, promised by the prophets, sung by the psalmists; given in love for the world, risen from the dust of death, lifted up in heavenly glory. Let our lives proclaim Christ’s life. Draw us into your presence that we may worship you always, continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our Savior who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Peace

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.”

*Sung ResponseAlleluia!587

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

Encountering God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson(page 549, Old Testament)Psalm 93

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 91, New Testament)Luke 24.44-53

Sermon“Then he led them out...”Brian Coulter

Responding to God’s Word

*HymnGo in Grace and Make Disciples296

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s PrayerMichael Waschevski

**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

OffertoryPsalm 100René Clausen
Chancel Choir Women’s Ensemble

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness,
come into His presence with singing, Alleluia.*

*Know that the Lord is God, it is He who made us,
not we ourselves, Alleluia.
We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.
Alleluia, and we are His.*

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise,
give thanks to Him and praise His holy name. Alleluia.*

*For the Lord is good, His mercy endures forever,
and His faithfulness endures from generation to generation,
from age to age.*

*DoxologyPraise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow609

**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

*HymnGo to the World!295

*Benediction

*Sung Amen601

PostludeMarchLouis Lufebure-Wely