



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 ddd 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 in loving memory and gratitude to God for the lives of George and Mary Morgan Sullivan by Judith and Kevin Kinser and Morgan and Gigi Sullivan and their families.



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.



You're invited to spend your Summer in the Psalms at First Pres! Beginning this Sunday and continuing through August 31, join us for a special sermon series that explores the Psalms as both heartfelt prayers and powerful songs. Together, we'll reflect on themes of praise, lament, thanksgiving, and trust, embracing the full range of human experience as we seek God's presence in every season. Whether you're new to the Psalms or returning with fresh eyes, this series offers space for both personal reflection and communal worship. Want to go deeper? Copies of the daily reading plan are available for pickup outside the worship spaces. Be sure to pick up a free beach towel this morning after worship to help you soak up the summer spirit while staying rooted in the Word!

Staff & Worship Participants

Pastor/Head of Staff
Senior Associate Pastor
Associate Pastor
Associate Pastor for Youth
Parish Associate for Pastoral Care
Director of Music/Organist
Music Associates
Associate Organist & Choral Assistant
Director of Children's Ministry
Director of Young Adult Ministry
Senior Director of Engagement & Programs
Parish Visitor
Parish Visitor
Audio/Video Engineer
Liturgist

The Rev. Dr. Brian Coulter
The Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski
The Rev. Dr. Robyn Michalove
The Rev. Dr. Josh Stewart
The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz
Dr. Ahreum Han Congdon
Rebecca Sawyer, Laura Collins
Brent McCartney
Ann Nielsen
Eric Varnon
Chris Bartley
Matt McGraw
The Rev. Lynda Dinsdale
Tristan Medina
Susan Maxwell Campbell

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

2nd SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, June 22, 2025 | 11 a.m.



Gathering in God’s Name

PreludePreludeJ. Carlton Drew

Use the prelude to make the transit7ion 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 WorshipSusan Maxwell Campbell

Come, walk in the way of blessing,
**not in the path of scoffers, but the path of peace.
We come, seeking wisdom like a tree seeks water.
Let our roots grow deep in God’s Word of life.
Come, delight in the law of love and justice.
We come to worship the One who gives life in every season.

*HymnPraise Ye the Lord, the Almighty35

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of the righteous path, we confess that we have wandered. We
have listened to voices that do not lead to life. We have stood still
when we should have moved toward justice. We have sat
comfortably in places of privilege and forgotten the poor, the
outcast, and the stranger.

Forgive us, O God. Plant us again beside your living waters. Renew
us with your mercy, that we may bear fruit for your world. Amen.

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

*KyrieLord, Have Mercy551

*Assurance of Pardon

If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation, the past is finished
and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe
the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven. 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 719, Old Testament)Jeremiah 17.5-8

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 489, Old Testament)Psalm 1

Sermon“Planted or Potted?”Josh Stewart

Responding to God’s Word

*HymnHow Happy Are the Saints of God457

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

OffertoryO Taste and SeeR. Vaughan Williams

Chancel Choir

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one that
trusteth in him.(Psalm 34.8)

*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

*HymnGive Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm731

*Benediction

*Sung Amen601

PostludePostlude in A flatE.S. Hosmer

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