



**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](mailto:communications@fpcf.org).

**The flowers in the Chancel** are given in loving memory of Ronnie Clinkscale from Kay Clinkscale and family.



**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](http://www.pcusa.org).



## 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  
Dawn Shepard

*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*

**5TH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**  
Sunday, July 13, 2025 | 11 a.m.



Gathering in God’s Name

PreludeMy Heart at Thy Sweet VoiceCamille Saint-Saëns

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 AnnouncementsJosh Stewart

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 WorshipDawn Shepard

Love the Lord your God,  
with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!  
Love your neighbor as yourself,  
with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!  
Do this and you will live!  
Let us worship God!

\*HymnO Worship the King, All Glorious Above!41  
(verses 1 and 2: all; verse 3: higher voices; verse 4: lower voices; verse 5: all)

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we are your sons and daughters, descendants of the  
God most high, yet, we do not behave to honor you and our  
actions belittle the love you have for us. We do not defend the  
weak or the orphan. We do not uphold the poor or the  
oppressed.

Rise up to judge us, O God. We prefer your merciful justice,  
than living with guilt and fear. Straighten our path, so that we  
can be guided as a mother or a father guides beloved children.  
Amen.

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

\*KyrieLord, Have Mercy551

\*Assurance of Pardon

The triune God’s unconditional love  
does not seek appearances or conditions,  
but loves in such a way,  
that we are restored to health and to wholeness.  
Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are 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 71, New Testament)Luke 10.25-37

Children’s MomentMichael Waschevski

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.

AnthemCreate in Me, O God, a Pure HeartJohannes Brahms,  
edited by Tim Sharp

Chancel Choir

Create in me, O God, a pure heart,  
and grant a right spirit within me.(from Psalm 51)

Second Lesson(page 542, Old Testament)Psalm 82  
Sermon“Who are the gods?”Ashley Drake Mertz

Sealing God’s Word

\*HymnGod Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!365

Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

OffertoryMovement 1 from ArcadieMarc Berthomieu  
Andrea Frankenfield, Nancy O’Malley,  
Veronica Mascaro, and Mary Wirth, flute quartet

\*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

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister continues the Great Prayer, ending with the Lord’s Prayer  
(The Lord’s Prayer text is found in Glory to God page 35)

The Bread and the Cup

The bread of heaven.Amen.The cup of salvation.  
Thanks be to God.

Communion HymnWe Gather Here in Jesus’ Name510

Prayer After Communion

Going in God’s Name

\*HymnCome! Live in the Light!749

\*Benediction

\*Sung Amen601

PostludeThe Easy WinnersScott Joplin

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