



**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).



**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).



# Kirkin' OF THE Tartans

You're invited to the 29th annual Kirkin' of the Tartans service on Sunday, February 1, a vibrant celebration of the Presbyterian Church's Scottish heritage! Experience the stirring sound of bagpipes and the colorful procession of tartan banners as we honor centuries of tradition.

After worship, enjoy a complimentary Scottish-themed luncheon in the Great Hall - complete with authentic flavors and lively entertainment.

Want to carry a tartan in the processional? Call the church office at 817.335.1231.

Wear your family tartan or favorite plaid and come experience the pageantry!

## 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  
Digital Content Producer  
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  
Felix Oyola  
Tristan Medina  
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*

## EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 4, 2026 | 11 a.m.



# Gathering in God’s Name

PreludeCradle SongM. Hauser

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 WorshipSusan Leach

Arise, shine; for your light has come.  
\*\*The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.  
Come, worship the Lord of glory.  
Proclaim God’s praise among the nations.

\*HymnAs with Gladness Men of Old150

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have given us everything; we have failed to  
respond in gratitude. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your  
Word; we answer with empty promises. In Jesus Christ, you have  
given your light; we try to hide ourselves from your glory. In  
Jesus Christ, you have given us your life; even this precious gift  
we have not received.

Have mercy on us, O God; forgive us. In Jesus Christ, give us the  
faith and power to become what you created us to be: beloved  
children, full of grace and truth. Amen.

KyrieO Lord, Have Mercy578



O\_\_ Lord, have mer cy; O Lord, have mer cy; O\_\_ Lord, have mer-cy; have mer cy on us.

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\*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, you have been called by God, claimed in Christ,  
set free through the Spirit. Believe the good news:  
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 690, Old Testament)Isaiah 60:1-6

Children’s MomentAnn Nielsen

Jesus Loves Me!188

Second Lesson(page 2, New Testament)Matthew 2.1-12

Sermon“Keep God’s Light”Michael Waschevski

# Responding to God’s Word

\*SongCome! Live in the Light!749

## The Sacrament of Baptism

Worship is reverent and photography is distracting. Family and friends  
are invited to take photographs in the worship space after worship.

The PresentationRobyn Michalove  
Judith Kinser, elder

Creighton Mark Eidson and Harris Breckenridge Riedel

Profession of Faith and Vows

\*The Apostles’ Creed

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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water and the Lord’s Prayer  
(The Lord’s Prayer text is found in Glory to God page 35)

The Baptism and the Welcome

Baptismal ResponseYou Have Put On Christ491

Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

OffertoryLight DivineAlexander Archangelsky  
Chancel Choir

O light divine, the world rejoices as morning dawns and  
shadows flee. All nature bends its myriad voices to welcome the  
morning from on high.

O light eternal, love divine, let your bright radiance within us  
ever shine. Light eternal shine, O shine upon us.

All glorious, evermore, all glorious from age to age you are the  
one unchanging light. O light divine. Break forth and ever shine,  
our light, our life from Thee.

\*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

\*HymnWhat Star Is This, with Beams So Bright152

\*Benediction

\*Sung Amen601

PostludePostludeA. Hesse

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