



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 celebration of Mother's Day from Ellen and Mike Peck.



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.



First Pres Men's Ministry invites all men of the church to a fellowship event on Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Woodshed Smokehouse, located at 3201 Riverfront Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76107. Come connect with friends and enjoy a time of fellowship! To RSVP or for any questions, contact Miguel Carlin (mcarlin@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231, ext. 231.)

Staff & Worship Participants

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| 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 | Evelyn McGinnis |
| <i>Ministers: The Entire Congregation</i> | |
| <i>Partner Congregation in Fort Worth: Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church</i> | |
| <i>Partner Congregations in Cuba: Buen Pastor, Resurrection, and Cidra Presbyterian Churches</i> | |

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 11, 2025 | 11 a.m.



We know Mother's Day can bring a range of experiences ... from excitement to exhaustion, celebration to sadness, anticipation to anguish. Whatever today holds for you, know that we celebrate all who mother us in strength, compassion, tenderness, fierce love, forgiveness, hospitality, nurture, and courage.

Gathering in God’s Name

Prelude Prelude on *Brother James’ Air* Dale Wood

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 Ashley 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 Worship Evelyn McGinnis

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
****The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**
Blessing and honor is yours, O God.
Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

*Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* 260

*Prayer of Adoration

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us. Keep us safely in your fold, so that we may live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. 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 Response *Alleluia!* 587

Encountering God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson (*page 251, New Testament*) Revelation 7.9-17

Children’s Moment Ann 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 128, New Testament*) Acts 9.36-43

Sermon "Tabitha, get up" Brian Coulter

Sealing God’s Word

*Hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* 802
(verses 1, 2, 5, and 6)

Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Robert Hunter
Men’s Choir

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
nought be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night.
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not nor man’s empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou, and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won.
May I reach heav’n’s joys, Oh bright heaven’s sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, Oh Ruler of all.*

*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

Invitation to the Table Michael Waschevski

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

Communion Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* 525

Prayer After Communion Robyn Michalove

Going in God’s Name

*Hymn *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* 299

*Benediction

*Sung Amen 601

Postlude Postlude on *Hyfrydol* Jason D. Payne

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