



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.

The flowers in the Chancel The flowers in the chancel are given in memory of Gary Thompson, Kathryn and Bobby Schutts and Bobby and Margaret Lowdon from Suzy Rhodes.



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.



Today we celebrate First Presbyterian Church's Early Education Center, a vibrant ministry serving children from 6 weeks through Pre-K with full-time, nurturing care and high-quality early education. In our warm, faith-centered environment, children and families are known, loved, and supported by the entire First Pres community.

Volunteer with the EEC in 2026! We'd love for you to be part of this vibrant ministry. To sign up or learn more, contact Jayne McFarland at jmcfarland@fpcf.org or 817.335.1231, ext. 224. Upcoming opportunities include:

- **March 17 Leprechaun Hunt:** Help set up a festive scavenger hunt for our 2s, 3s, and 4s.
- **March 26-27 Spring Picture Days:** Assist by walking or strolling students to and from the picture room.
- **April 2 Easter Egg Hunts:** Help hide eggs for student hunts.
- **April 27-May 1 Scholastic Book Fair:** Assist with setup and serve as cashier.
- **May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week:** Help us celebrate our amazing educators!
- **August 27-28 Teacher In-Service:** Support teachers as they prep classrooms
- **August 31 Morning Greeters:** Welcome families and help them find classrooms.

Celebrate with us today! Everyone is invited to enjoy a free **All Church Lunch** in the Great Hall after 11 a.m. worship, explore student artwork, and learn more about how the EEC is *Inspiring Learners and Engaging the Future* at First Pres.

Staff & Worship Participants

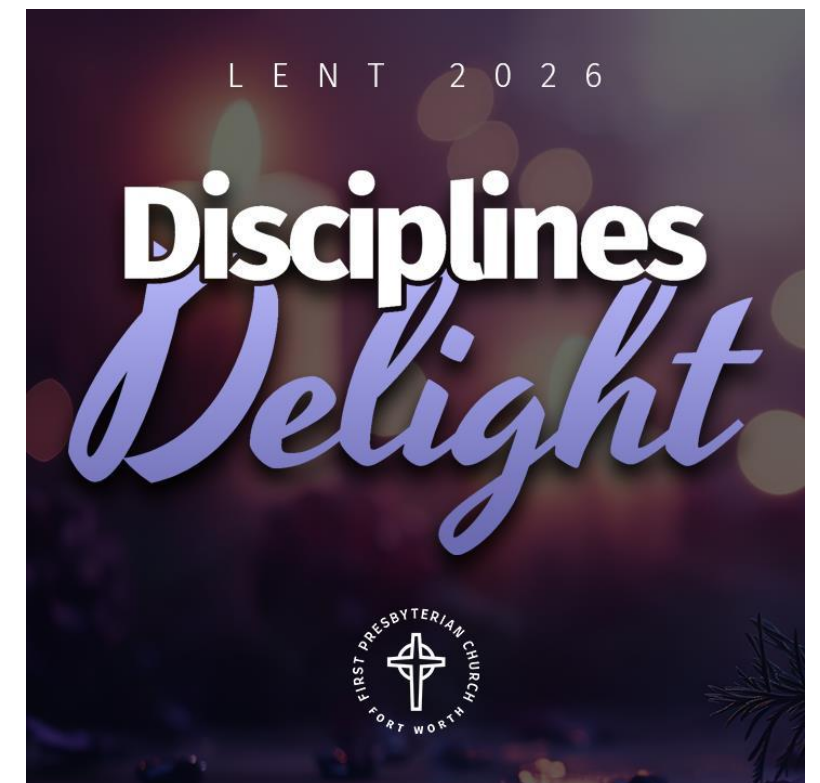
Pastor/Head of Staff
Senior Associate Pastor
Associate Pastor
Associate Pastor for Youth
Parish Associate for Pastoral Care
Director of Music/Organist
Music Associates
Associate Organist & Choral Assistant
Director of Children's Ministry
Engagement Coordinator
Senior Director of Engagement & Programs
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
Andrew Michalove

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 IN LENT

Sunday, March 1, 2026 | 11 a.m.



Gathering in God's Name

Prelude "Allegretto" from Felix Mendelssohn
Sonata No. 4 in B-flat Major, Op. 65

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 Brian Coulter

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.

Moment for Ministry: Early Education Center Alyssa Martin and
Stephanie Olvera

*Call to Worship Andrew Michalove

Our steps are made firm by the LORD,
when he delights in our way.
For the LORD loves justice;
he will not forsake his faithful ones.
Take delight in the LORD...
for the LORD holds us by the hand.

(from Psalm 37)

*Hymn *Let Us Build a House* 301

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**God of love, you call us to be a people who honor one another,
rejoice together, live in harmony, and practice hospitality. Yet we
confess how often our love is cautious instead of genuine. We
turn inward, choosing comfort over compassion, comparison over
encouragement, and distance over the hard work of community.
We grow weary in doing good and pass by one another's joys and
sorrows.**

**Forgive us for trying to follow Christ on our own and for withholding
the very gifts that bind us together as your body. Renew our hearts
by your mercy, that we may cling to what is good, outdo one another
in showing honor, and live as a people of hope and peace; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!* 437



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

*Assurance of Pardon

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a
new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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."

*Response *We Are Forgiven* 447

Encountering God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson (page 163, Old Testament) Deuteronomy 6.4-9

Anthem *Child of Grace* Wil'Lwin Chochola
Children's Choir
(EEC 3's, 4's & Pre K classes & First Pres Children's Choirs)

*I am a child of the Most High God. I am a child of Grace. I'm in the
royal family for all eternity. In Faith I will grow; with praise I will show
God's love overflowing, and peace I will know.*

*You are a child of the Most High God. You are a child of Grace.
You're in the royal family for all eternity. In faith you will grow; with
praise you will show God's love overflowing, and peace you will know.*

Children's Moment Ann Nielsen
Jesus Loves Me! 188

Second Lesson (page 162, New Testament) Romans 12.9-18

Sermon "Together-ing" Robyn Michalove

Responding to God's Word

*Song *We Are One in the Spirit* 300

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 Presentation Sarah Crowther-Dixon and Robyn Michalove
Emma Henry, elder

Kathrin Peterson

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 Response *You Have Put on Christ* 491

Offering of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Jesus Loves Me* arr. John Ferguson
Chancel Choir

*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, the Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me, he who died heaven's gate to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way.
He calls children to his side, saying, "Come with me abide."
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 606

***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

*Hymn *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* 761

*Benediction

*Sung Amen 601

Postlude "Allegro con brio" from Felix Mendelssohn
Sonata No. 4 in B-flat Major, Op. 65