



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 loving memory of Harry N. Ward, Sr., Jennie Ward, Dr. Robin Ward and Harry N. Ward, Jr. from Suzanne and Marian Ward 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 the annual First Pres Habitat Build on **Saturday, November 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Please note: the build date was postponed due to permitting delays and weather. **All participants - including those previously registered - must register using the QR code here.** We're also looking for a group or individuals to provide lunch for 30 volunteers from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. If you're interested in helping with lunch, contact Robyn (robyn@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231).



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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 2, 2025 | 11 a.m.



Gathering in God’s Name

Prelude	Scena Patetica	Muzio Clementi
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	Michael Waschevski	
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	Susan Leach	
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, ** the world, and those who live in it. For God has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in God's holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, nor swear deceitfully. Come let us worship the living God.		
*Hymn	For All the Saints	326
*Call to Confession		
*Prayer of Confession		
Gracious God, you call us your own children and cover us with your love. We would seek to be merciful as you are, and to show compassion as you do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. You have made us members of the very body of Christ; yet we persist in wounding that body with our divisions, our suspicions, and our neglect. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, nurturing unity and peace for the good of all your creation. Amen.		
We continue with a moment for silent prayers and personal confession.		
Kyrie	Lord, Have Mercy	551
*Assurance of Pardon		
Listen! The one who is seated on the throne says: See, I am making all things new. Hear 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 congregation may stand. ** Words in bold are read in unison.

*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 Patri	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	581

Encountering God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination		
First Lesson	(page 502, Old Testament)	Psalms 24.1-6
Children’s Moment	Josh Stewart	
	Jesus Loves Me!	188
Second Lesson	(page 64, New Testament)	Luke 6.20-31
Sermon	“Simple Complexity”	Ashley Drake Mertz

Responding to God’s Word

Remembering the Saints	Brian Coulter and Robyn Michalove	
Martha Atcheson	Henrietta Bailey	Harry Bartel
Jody Buening	June Chavern	Eve Chochola
Gail Davis	Jack Davis	Amanda Deitz
Janelle Eklund	Ann Entz	Lee Frick
Paul Haefeli	Mildred Hogan	Gwen Kelly
Betty Landers	D’Anne Loffland	Marty McGuffin
Isabelle Newberry	Joyce Robb	June Sprott
Jay Stepp	Bill Viglas	
Anthem	<i>Let My Love Be Heard</i>	Jake Runestad
Chancel Choir		

Angels, where you soar up to God’s own light, take my own lost bird on your hearts tonight, and as grief once more turns to heaven and sings, let my love be heard.

Let my love be heard whispering in your wings. Angels where you soar up to God. Let my love be heard.

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		
Offertory	<i>Unclouded Day</i>	Shawn Kirchner
Chancel Choir		
<i>O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies, they tell me of a home far away, and they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise: O they tell me of an unclouded day.</i> <i>O the land of cloudless days, O the land of an unclouded sky, O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise: O they tell me of an unclouded day.</i> <i>O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone, they tell me of a land far away, where the tree of life in eternal bloom sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day. O the land of cloudless days...</i> <i>O they tell me of a King in His beauty there, they tell me that mine eyes shall behold where he sits on a throne that is bright as the sun in the city that is made of gold. O the land of cloudless days...</i>		
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	606
<i>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.</i>		
*Prayer of Dedication		

Going in God’s Name

*Hymn	<i>I Sing a Song of the Saints of God</i>	730
*Benediction		
*Sung Amen	601	
Postlude	<i>Festival Processional</i>	D. Scarlatti