



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 Jess and Anne Boulware by their children, Carol Smith and Cynthia Presley.



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.

Thanksgiving

BASKET PROGRAM

Help share Thanksgiving with our neighbors! Using the shopping list below (please follow requested sizes and keep items in original packaging), fill a bag and drop it off at the red carts near the worship spaces on Sundays, November 9 & 16, or at the church office (Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.) from November 10–14. Each family will receive a turkey or ham voucher - your donations provide the rest! Prefer to give financially? Make checks to First Presbyterian Church with “Thanksgiving Baskets 2025” in the memo, or give online using the QR code here.



- ☐ 15 oz. can yams
- ☐ 15 oz. can cranberry sauce
- ☐ 15 oz. can chicken broth
- ☐ 5+ oz. box instant mashed potatoes
- ☐ 14 oz. bag stuffing mix (or 2 boxes stuffing mix)
- ☐ 14 oz. macaroni and cheese (shells)
- ☐ 18.4 oz. brownie mix
- ☐ 8 ct. hot chocolate mix
- ☐ 10 oz. bag marshmallows

Staff & Worship Participants

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
Music Associates	Rebecca Sawyer, Laura Collins
Associate Organist & Choral Assistant	Brent McCartney
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
Digital Content Producer	Felix Oyola
Audio/Video Engineer	Tristan Medina
Liturgist	Sandra Davis

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

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, October 26, 2025 | 11 a.m.



Gathering in God’s Name

PreludeTrumpet Tune in DDavid L. Crouse

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 AnnouncementsRobyn Michalove

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 WorshipSandra Davis

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
**The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the
ends of the earth.
Those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint. (from Isaiah 40.28,31)
Let us worship God.

*HymnJoyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee611

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure
to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we
have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live
into your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus
Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

KyrieLord, Prepare Me701

Musical notation for Kyrie, Lord, Prepare Me. The lyrics are: Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - a - ry, pure and ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for You.

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

*Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of 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 668, Old Testament)Isaiah 40.25-31

Children’s MomentAnn Nielsen
Jesus Loves Me!188

Second Lesson(page 196, New Testament)Philippians 1.1-11

Sermon“your partnership in the gospel”Brian Coulter

Responding to God’s Word

Service of CommitmentMichael Waschevski

Song for CommitmentGod, We Honor You709
We are each invited to place our pledge cards in privacy envelopes,
come forward, and place them in the baskets
at the front of your seating section.

Gracious God, you have made a world of bounty and beauty and
entrusted us as creation stewards.

We thank you and worship you with renewed gratitude.
Into common baskets we have placed uncommon commitments.
We have made a joyous pledge to you, to ourselves,
and to one another.
May our pledges kindle our commitments of spiritual growth,
that we will worship, pray, and study as we deepen our
relationship with you.
May our collective financial gifts connect us to your church
and to our neighbors,
that we may share and serve with passion and generosity.

May the re-ordering of our financial priorities embolden our trust in
you and in your provision,
that we may be witnesses to your kingdom of abundant grace.
For all who you are and for all that you give, we thank you,
and we ask your power and your blessings upon our promises,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we make them.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s PrayerJosh Stewart
(The Lord’s Prayer text is found in Glory to God page 35)

Offering of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

OffertoryPraise to the LordF.M. Christiansen
Chancel Choir

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, join me in
glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend
thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with His love He
befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord! O Let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before
Him! Let the Amen sound from His people again; Gladly for
aye we adore Him! Alleluia!

*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

*HymnNow Thank We All Our God643

*Benediction

*Sung Amen601

PostludePrelude and Fugue No. 7Craig A. Penfield