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You're invited to spend your Summer in the Psalms at First Pres!

From June 22 to August 31, join us for a special sermon series that explores the Psalms as both heartfelt prayers and powerful songs. Together, we'll reflect on themes of praise, lament, thanksgiving, and trust, embracing the full range of human experience as we seek God's presence in every season. Whether you're new to the Psalms or returning with fresh eyes, this series offers space for both personal reflection and communal worship.

Want to go deeper? Follow along with our daily reading plan below - and stay tuned for some beach-worthy summer swag coming soon!

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Pastor's Letter



Dear friends.

One of my most meaningful faith formation memories growing up happened around the dinner table. After we

were finished eating, we would read a psalm together as a family devotion. Whoever was leading for the evening would choose the psalm and would lead us in reading it responsively. (And my sister and I were not allowed to choose the shortest psalm each time!) Over the course of several years, we read through the Book of Psalms many. many times! What I loved about the practice, that I didn't realize until I was an adult, was how much the language of the Psalms became a part of my consciousness. Because the language became so familiar and deeply ingrained in my heart and memory, psalm language has long been a significant part of my own prayer language. It has been a true gift to me.

Our preaching theme this summer is Summer in the Psalms. Beginning June 22 and ending August 31, the sermon will be from a psalm text. We will also experience singing of psalms throughout the series in a variety of styles. In addition, beginning June 1, an adult church

school class led by the Rev. Dr. Ann Hoch will meet during the 10 a.m. church school hour. Finally, beginning June 1, a daily reading plan will begin that invites us to read all 150 psalms throughout the summer. The plan will be on a bookmark and will be distributed after worship services on June 1, is included in this edition of *The Penn Street Letter* (page one) and will be available on our website.

With summer schedules and travel creating differing rhythms for many, my prayer is the daily reading plan will offer us as a congregation – no matter where we may be – a meaningful immersion in the psalms as they continue to shape and form us as disciples of Jesus Christ, who himself was shaped and formed by the psalms.

God's peace to you,



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Jay Stepp
Brian Wharry

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May Session Highlights

First Presbyterian Church's Session met on Sunday, May 18. Highlights from that meeting included the following items:

- Received a report from Mindy Samples and Alyssa Martin on the Ministry of the Early Education Center (EEC) and Enrollment Statistics
- Elected 4 elders to serve as Commissioners for the Grace Presbytery meeting on May 31, 2025
- Rev. Dr. Josh Stewart shared sweet info about the Senior class of 2025
- Heard from the Property Committee on the status of building improvement updates
- Vision squad reports were given on the trifolds and approved actions for next steps



Each month we'll highlight First Pres staff team updates, including new hires, anniversaries, and more.

WELCOME, NEW HIRES!

Let's give a heartfelt welcome to the newest members of the First Pres team!

Cara Newburn, Assistant Teacher (1s)

Desiree Stanzel, Assistant Teacher (1s)

Brent McCartney, Associate Organist & Choral Assistant **Taylor Hymas**, Registered Dental Assistant (Salt & Light

Dental Clinic)

Dr. Ben Iwobho, Dentist (Salt & Light Dental Clinic) **Heidi LaFarga**, Summer Assistant Teacher (4s)

MAY SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

We celebrate the following members of our team on their years of faithful service with First Pres:

Kim Lee, Assistant Teacher (floater), 1 year

Susan Leon, Accounting & Purchasing Specialist, 1 year

Paty Martinez, Assistant Teacher (2s), 3 years

Tristan Medina, A/V Engineer, 1 year

Ann Nielsen, Director of Children & Family Ministries, 5 years

Mari Vasquez Aguilar, Assistant Teacher (3s), 3 years

THANK YOU, MINDY SAMPLES

After a decade of dedicated service as Director of the Early Education Center, **Mindy Samples** will be concluding her role with First Pres. We are grateful for the faithful and loving ministry Mindy has shared with our community. If you would like to express your appreciation or share a personal note with Mindy, please deliver cards or letters to Ann Nielsen at the church office by Wednesday, June 11.



Below are some highlights of special events happening in June. For a complete calendar, visit fpcfw.org.

SUNDAYS IN IUNE

8 a.m. Worship in the Chapel 9 a.m. Worship in the Great Hall

10 a.m. Wonder, Love & Play Children & Youth Church School

10 a.m. Faith & Film: The Chosen season 211 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary & Livestream

1:30 p.m. Grief Support Group

MONDAYS IN JUNE

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

9 a.m. Formula & Diaper Ministry at Community Crossroads

9 a.m. Hot Breakfast & Choice Pantry at Community Crossroads

10 a.m. Wellness: Tai Chi

11:30 a.m. Clothing & Sack Lunch Distribution

at Community Crossroads

12 p.m. Picnic with Prophets

7 p.m. Engaging Faith Discipleship Group

WEDNESDAYS IN JUNE

11:30 a.m. Food & Clothing Ministry at Community Crossroads11:30 a.m. Sack Lunch Distribution at Community Crossroads5:30 p.m. WOW! Worship and Dinner at Community Crossroads

7 p.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAYS IN IUNE

11:30 a.m. Food & Clothing Ministry at Community Crossroads 11:30 a.m. Sack Lunch Distribution at Community Crossroads

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

11:30 a.m. All Church Lunch & Pickleball Tournament

5:30 p.m. Guns to Gardens 6:30 p.m. Contemplative Worship

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Youth Mission Trip to Asheville, NC (through June 13)

MONDAY, JUNE 9

9 a.m. Vacation Bible School (through Friday, June 13)12 p.m. Elementary Music & Arts Camp (through June 13)

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

9 a.m. Circles of Christ Circle Up for Coffee

TUESDAY. IUNE 24

7 p.m. Young Adult Study & Discussion

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

6 p.m. Young Adult Pickleball

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

10 a.m. Children, Youth, & Families at Cidercade

Congratulations to First Pres' Graduating Seniors!



LILLIE DOZE

High School: Young Women's Leadership Academv.

Plans: In the fall of 2025, I will be attending the University of Tulsa where I will double major in environmental policy and biology. I will also be a member of the honors college.

Favorite Memory: My favorite youth group memory is the mission trip to Cuba because I was able to experience community in a new way; a way that transcended language barriers. I was able to feel like I was a part of something bigger than myself.

Thank you: I am so grateful to my church family for the love, prayers, and support you have given me. Your encouragement has strengthened my faith and inspired me to step out and grow in ways I never imagined. Thank you for being a constant source of community, joy, and hope. I am truly blessed to be part of this family.

Encouragement: "We love because He loved first." (1 John 4.19)



SAM DOZE

High School: Southwest Christian School. **Plans:** I will be studying business analytics at the University of Tennessee Knoxville.

Favorite Memory: Going to Cuba in the summer of 2024.

Thank you: I would like to thank my parents for getting me plugged into a great church, and mom especially for making me go to Youth Group where I met some life long friends.

Encouragement: "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or terrified because of them. For the Lord your God goes with you. He will never leave you; nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31.6)



NOLA GIBBS

High School: Fort Worth Country Day. **Plans:** I plan to attend University of Oklahoma

Favorite Memory: One of my favorite memories is climbing up to the church bell tower before youth group (shout out to unnamed youth sponsor for sharing this

secret)

Thank you: I would like to thank my church family for providing me some of my favorite memories and giving me great volunteer opportunities.

Encouragement: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27.1)



MADDIE HADLEY

High School: Paschal High School. **Plans:** I am attending TCU in the fall and plan to major in Nutrition.

Favorite Memory: My favorite youth memory was swimming in Cuba with old and new friends. To this day it is still the most beautiful and clear water I have ever

seen.

Thank you: First Presbyterian Church has been the most supportive and loving community I could have ever asked for. I have made lifelong friends that I will stay in contact with forever. Thank you First Pres for giving me so much!

Encouragement: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4.6)



OLIVIA HERMUS

High School: L.D. Bell High School. **Plans:** I'll be going to Texas Tech University, Rawls College of Business, to major in energy commerce and get a start on my career in sales/marketing.

Favorite Memory: I absolutely loved the Ski Trips that our youth group went on.

Every single one brought me closer to my church family and was filled with valuable experiences and laughter.

Thank you: Thank you to the church for being a safe and supportive place for me in my best and worst times. Thank you especially to Josh for all he's done for our group.

Encouragement: "Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." (James 1.12)



LOWDON HOBBS

High School: UT High School. **Plans:** I plan on taking a gap year to work, travel, and reflect on the future.

Favorite Memory: My favorite trip was the Youth Ski Trip. I love getting to know everyone on the trip and watching everyone grow.

Thank you: Thank you to all the youth sponsors for spending your Sunday evenings supporting the youth.

Encouragement: "Those who ignore instruction despise themselves, but those who heed admonition gain understanding." (Proverbs 15.32)

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ALLIE MICHALOVE

High School: Paschal High School. **Plans:** I am attending Clemson University in South Carolina and am majoring in Psychology.

Favorite Memory: My favorite youth memories are the mission trips. It is an amazing experience to be able to serve God

and people in different communities throughout different places of the world. I also love how close the mission trips bring me to other youth and how the trips give so many opportunities for connection.

Thank you: Thank you so much to my amazing church family who have supported me from the day I was born! It means so much to me to have so many people who care about me and have been meaningful sources of encouragement all of my life!

Encouragement: Favorite Bible Verse: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14.27)



HAYDEN NEWQUIST

High School: Paschal High School.
Plans: I plan to attend the University of
Tennessee at Knoxville to major in Marketing.
Favorite Memory: My favorite youth trip
was the Cuba Partner Mission Trip.

Thank you: Thank you so much for the love and guidance throughout the years!

Every member of the church has made it such a loving and welcoming place for me!

Encouragement: "If you indeed cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures—then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." (Proverbs 2.3-6)



ANNIE PARSONS

High School: Paschal High School. **Plans:** I plan to attend the University of Alabama and major in early childhood special education.

Favorite Memory: My favorite memory is getting lost in the woods with Allie and Hayden on the Civil Rights Pilgrimage (pt 2)

and somehow making it back without a map.

Thank you: I want to thank my church family for showing me guidance throughout my years growing up here at First Pres. Including my Sunday school teachers, VBS leaders, and especially Josh.

Encouragement: My favorite bible verse is Jeremiah 29.11. I find it special because I love getting to see it every single Sunday hanging on the wall outside of the Youth Room.



VIVIAN RICHEY

High School: Fort Worth Country Day. **Plans:** I am attending The University Of
Texas At Austin majoring in Early Education
and excited to also be a member of Texas
Pom

Thank you: Thank you to our church family for all of your support and encouragement!





High School: Aledo High School. **Plans:** Next year I am going to take a gap year and work. From there I will determine what I want to pursue in college.

Favorite Memory: I loved the summer camp trip to Ferncliff Eco Center in Arkansas. I also enjoyed attending KidQuake in Glen Rose

and also playing on the First Pres church playground when I was younger.

Thank you: I have met a lot of wonderful people at Community Crossroads volunteering in the Food Pantry.

Encouragement: "Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12.33-34)

NOAH VARNON

High School: Paschal High School. **Plans:** I plan to attend Austin College and major in Physics while continuing to participate in choir and potentially Theatre.

Favorite Memory: My favorite youth group memory was the first camping trip in 2022 because I got to spend time with friends and

escape my daily routines.

Thank you: Especially this year with my participation in Theatre, my church family has been such a supportive part of my life encouraging me and cheering me on through the ups and downs.

Encouragement: The story of Ruth and Naomi has always been special to me because it reminds me that through everything I will never be alone, there will always be someone that has my back. "But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God." (Ruth 1.16)

New Summer Church School Class for Children & Youth begins June 1

Starting Sunday, June 1, we're launching a brand-new Youth & Children Summer Church School Class called "Wonder, Love, and Play"- and all students in Kinder - 5th Grade, Middle School, and High School are invited! Rooted in our ongoing reflections on The Anxious Generation, this new class explores the importance of free play in human development and the value of connecting across ages. Each week will include guided free play in the Youth Center and Gym, a brief devotional tied to our Summer in the Psalms sermon series, and of course - donut holes! We hope this time will offer space for imagination, movement, connection, and spiritual grounding in Christ.

Back by Popular Demand: Enneagram Workshop Series

John Calvin famously said that you can't know God without knowing yourself, and you can't know yourself without knowing God. Learning who we are and what our potential could be is a lifetime journey that can be both pleasant and painful. The Enneagram is an ancient tool to assist us in this process of serious Self-Work which becomes Soul Work when done well

We are repeating the first two summer seminars using the same format as last year but, having learned that the third seminar requires more time and depth, we will offer it through the School of Spiritual Formation as a four-week course in September. You may take all three seminars, as they are designed to build on one another. Or, if you are already familiar with your Personality Type, you may take only those that will stretch your growing edge.

The seminars and resource notebooks are free. Lunch for the summer seminars is available at a cost of \$10 and coffee and pastries will be offered from 8:30-9 a.m. for early birds. Summer seminars will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Youth Center.

The Fall classes (also free) will be held on Sunday afternoons, September 7-28 from 2-4 p.m. in Room 100.

- July 12: Know Your Number. Learn the basics of Enneagram Theory - Centers of Intelligence, Triads, & Stances. Identify your number.
- July 26: GROWING INTO YOUR HEALTHIEST SELF Learn how to use energy from your Wings and Stress & Security Numbers, to deal with Lost Childhood Messages and Wounds so that they no longer control you.
- Sept 7-28: Growing Home: The Spirituality of the Enneagram. Learn about holy ideas and virtues as well as spiritual practices for each number as it moves toward integration and reconnects with Essence.

Register for the workshops at fpcfw.org/spiritualformation.



Mark your calendar! Scotland Trip: April 26-May 4, 2026

Explore the Outer Hebrides and the Highlands on this exciting journey, starting and ending in the historic city of Edinburgh. This is the fourth tour organized for First Pres by Scotus Tours director, Rev. Jim Wallace.

For more details, please reach out to Rev. Dr. Michae Waschevski (michaelw@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231, ext. 229).



Sunday, June 1 4:30-6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church | Rm 235 Led by: Rev. Jan Orr-Harter & Rev. Kyev Tatum



Joys & Concerns

The following prayer concerns are those we have received as of May 20. In an effort to respect the privacy of those listed below, names are only printed once permission from the individual is obtained. Are you in the hospital or dealing with an illness? Let us know by contacting Parish Associate for Pastoral Care Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz or Parish Visitors Matt McGraw or Rev. Lynda Dinsdale. Let us keep the following persons in our thoughts and prayers this month...

Our loving sympathy to...

The family and friends of **Paul Haefeli** following his death on May 10, 2025. Surviving First Pres family members include his wife, **Joanne Haefeli**.

The family and friends of **D'Anne Loffland** following her death on May 11, 2025.

The family and friends of **Joyce Robb** following her death on April 21, 2025.

The family and friends of Carnene Scott following her death on April 24, 2025. Surviving First Pres family members include her daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Mike Henry, and grandchildren, Emma and Will Henry.

The family and friends of **Jody Buening** following her death on April 24, 2025.

Our loving thoughts and prayers are with...

Janelle Eklund, Paul Allen, Heather Martin, Marion Lester, Betsy Pepper, Pam and Marty McGuffin, Gail Stewart, Wil'Lwin Chochola, Steve Brotherton, Nancy Lynn Scott, Gaylon Peyton, Ann Biggs, Pat Graham, Martha Brooks, Jo Ann Johnson, Elizabeth McCartney, Ronnie Sherwood, Pat Richardson, Gail Davis, and Irene Howard, who are recovering from surgery or injury. We also pray for their caregivers.

John Wright, Margo Dean, Judy Stricklin, Merilys Corning, Roxy Sherwood, Rachele Williams, Manning Day, Grace Comacho, Dick Coffey, Robert and Dinah Riddle, Tad Delgado and parents Emily and Bryan Delgado, John Patterson, Larry Kinard, Amanda Deitz, Levi Deitz, June Sprott, Fred Wilson, Frances Blake, Phyllis Propes, Chuck Sullivan, Susie Kuipers, and Karl Travis, who are dealing with illness or undergoing treatment. We also pray for their caregivers.

Our Caring Prayers for Extended Family include...

Alex Allen (daughter of Fred Oberkircher), Martha Meador (mother of Martha Letbetter). Ron Feagins (father-in-law of Blake Hargrave), Dave Broz (uncle of Ashley Drake Mertz), Lonnie Goolsby (father of Kelle Tillman), Lucy Redrow (daughter of Leigh Ann and Grant Redrow), Katie Loudon (sister-in-law of Jaci **Travis**), Anja Dangelimer (family friend of Lauren Black), Claudia Masser (daughter-in-law of Carol Toombs), Cameron Parmelee (granddaughter of Sally and Bob Parmelee), Jack Barber (son of Liz Barber), Andy Hedrick (brother of **Patti Bradley**). Jolie Paprskar-Mozingo (daughter of Joy Paprskar), Terry James (nephew of Rachele Williams), Tahji Hoffman (great-niece of Rachele Williams), Paula Perkins (sister of **Susie Kuipers**), Audrey Hart (great-granddaughter of Bob and Jane Trask), Nancy Hatfield (mother of **Sarah Haddock**), Bill Neil (uncle of Kenda, Nancy, and Ron Love), and John DeMore (son-in-law of June Sprott).

Prayers for the safety of Pape Russell (grandson of **Barbara Russell**), who is serving in the US Navy. Prayers for the safety of **Diego A. Saldivar** (son of **Becky and Renee Saldivar**), who is serving in the US Navy. Prayers for the safety of Nathan Gunter (nephew of **Russell and Vivian Norment**), who is stationed in Korea.

We pray for safety and peace for those affected by conflict.

We pray for our partner congregations: Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist in Fort Worth and for the congregations of Buen Pastor, Resurrección, and Cidra Presbyterian Churches in Cuba.

Welcome, New Members!

Please join the Evangelism Work Group in welcoming these new members.



Golda Leonard joined First Pres on Sunday, May 4 by transfer of membership from First Presbyterian Church Galveston.

Golda has been visiting since recently relocating to Trinity Terrace. She is a retired university professor and a PCUSA elder.



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Growing Food, Growing Community

The Community Garden located at Community Crossroads is a vibrant ministry dedicated to growing fresh, nutritious food for our neighbors in need. In memory of Mary Kay Roberto, we continue to cultivate vegetables and herbs to share with our neighbors, fostering a spirit of generosity and community connection. Led by Dr. John Crawford, who begins each season by growing seedlings in his greenhouse, the garden is a true labor of love. These young plants find their home in our garden each spring. Most recently, volunteer Eric Varnon built new raised planter boxes, and the garden team joyfully came together to install them - a beautiful reminder of the collaboration and care that define this ministry.

One of the best things about serving in the garden is its flexibility. Tasks can be done on your own schedule, making it easy to get involved, whether you're an early riser or prefer to serve on weekends or evenings. If you love to garden—or simply want to make a tangible impact in our community—there's a place for you here! There are many ways to serve:

- Planting & Harvesting. Help sow seeds and gather fresh produce for distribution.
- Garden Maintenance. Assist with weeding, watering, and plant care.
- Education & Cooking Demonstrations. Share your knowledge or help organize sessions focused on gardening skills or cooking with fresh ingredients. (This is something we aspire to grow into.)

Whether you have a green thumb or are just looking to help, we'd love for you to join us. Contact MaLinda Morehead (mmorehead@fpcfw.org) or Miguel Carlin (mcarlin@fpcfw.org) to get connected.



