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GRACE AND GRATITUDE

Stewardship 2026

During this month of reflection on the spiritual discipline of generosity, church members shared their reflections on two questions:

How have you experienced God's grace at First Pres?

How do you express your gratitude for God's grace through generosity and service?

At First Pres I experience God's grace in many ways such as kind faces, care and faithful prayer for struggling friends, encouraging words, spiritual guidance, and loving acceptance.

It is gratitude for God's generous grace that makes us want to share it with others, both inside and outside the church. Serving on committees, singing in the choir, teaching Bible class, accepting leadership roles, working with children, volunteering at Community Crossroads, and financial support are all examples of responding to God's wonderful grace with our time, talents, and money. - **Susan Garrett**

All Church Lunch & Piano Concert:

"Renewing the Sound:

A Journey in Piano Restoration"

Sunday, October 26 following the 11 a.m. service

Join us for a special afternoon of music, storytelling, and fellowship as we celebrate the restoration of our beloved Mason & Hamlin piano in the Great Hall.

Pianist and Registered Piano Technician Steven J. Hopp will take us behind the scenes of this remarkable restoration project, sharing insights and stories in a captivating presentation. His passion for piano craftsmanship and music will inspire all ages.

Families are especially welcome—Steven has created a fun and educational children's program that explores how pianos are built and the joy of making music.

After the presentation, enjoy a concert featuring a delightful mix of classical favorites and family-friendly pieces, followed by a complimentary all-church lunch.

Come for the music, stay for the community!



Shalom: God's Blueprint for Life Together

Every Sunday we pray together, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth..." but have we ever really stopped to think what is it we are praying for? Have we ever considered that we are called to be cocreators with God, of God's kingdom come to earth?

Carol Toombs will guide us on a journey through scripture - from Genesis to Revelation - tracing the theme of Shalom as it unfolds through the creation stories, the covenant, the laws, the prophets, the ministry of Jesus, and the life of the early church. Together, we'll explore how Shalom reflects God's dream for humanity and how we are called to live it out in community.

This course is offered through The School of Spiritual Formation and meets on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m., October 12 through November 23, in Room 238. Visit fpcf.w.org/spiritualformation to register.

Pastor's Letter



Dear friends,

Over the last several weeks, we've been journeying together through our fall sermon series—**To What**

End?—as we explored the six large, lofty statements that Presbyterians discerned over a century ago to explain what the church is called to do and why we are here.

As we continue to work through them, we have found that these "Great Ends" are not just dusty old slogans from the past, they are actually invitations for us right now to be the church in Fort Worth and beyond! They remind us that the church doesn't exist just to keep the lights on or maintain the steeple. We exist for God's mission in the world as we strive to inspire disciples and engage the world in all six of these ways:

1. The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind
2. The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
3. The maintenance of divine worship
4. The preservation of the truth
5. The promotion of social righteousness
6. The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world

Now, as we near the end of this series, we are turning the corner

into our stewardship season. This year, our Stewardship Committee has selected the theme—**Grace & Gratitude**.

Stewardship season is not just about pledge cards and budget planning—though your session leadership greatly appreciates you helping them plan ahead for the next year in this concrete and tangible way. But, ultimately, stewardship season is about remembering that everything we have is a gift of grace from God! And when we recognize the reality of this, the only faithful response we have is that of gratitude. Gratitude that overflows into generosity!

So, as you hear stories, read reflections, and prayerfully consider your giving for the 2026 year, know this: your generosity isn't just keeping the lights on, it's fueling God's mission in and through First Pres. It's proclaiming the gospel, nurturing kids, serving neighbors, pursuing justice, and celebrating God's kingdom breaking into the world.

Friends, thank you for being on this journey with me.

Thank you for being the church with me.

Thank you for being First Pres Fort Worth!

Grace & Peace,

First Presbyterian Church's Session

2025 CLASS OF ELDERS

Brian Cunningham
Jimmy DeFoor
Mary Susan Farrar
Vic Letbetter
Linda Northern
Lynda Richey
Amy Ryan

2026 CLASS OF ELDERS

Julia Bradley
Al Comeaux
Emily Hadley
Janie Lesok
Jane Mathis
Andrew Michalove
J.B. Smithson
Jay Stepp
Brian Wharry

2027 CLASS OF ELDERS

Mark Beasley
Leah Boom
Cesar Chavez
Judith Kinser
Ashli Smick
Judy Stricklin
Burch Waldron

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Nominees for Elder Class of 2028

This issue of The Penn Street Letter includes the annual publication of biographies of members nominated for the next class of Elders, as well as at-large members of the Nominating Committee and at-large Trustees. There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 12, immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service, for the purpose of electing officers (elders and trustees) and the Nominating Committee members at large.



Elizabeth Carlock (Elder) became a member of the church in 2000 and was ordained as a Ruling Elder in 2009. She labels herself as life-long learner and teacher. Elizabeth has spent her time at First Pres in Presbyterian Women – as a member of a Circle and a Board member, and she has volunteered with the Formula and Diapers ministry at

Community Crossroads, with Vacation Church School, and as a confirmation teacher/mentor. Over the years, Elizabeth has also served on multiple church committees – i.e., Adult Christian Nurture, Evangelism, Nominating and Stewardship. She loves her church for “the peace and warmth I feel the moment I arrive, the friendships I have made, and the safe, welcoming space it offers to all.” The PW group has been a special blessing to her, especially “I remember one Tuesday, loading up my Suburban and driving friends to Jeanie Davis’ house for Bible study and fellowship. It was a wonderful day filled with laughter, encouragement, and connection.” Elizabeth identifies the intergenerational nature of PW Circles and the meaningful memories created together as things to be grateful for. Outside of church, Elizabeth loves spending time with family and friends, traveling, reading, and enjoying the outdoors.



Blair Chappell (Elder) joined First Pres in 1991 and has served on the Engagement & Outreach Committee (the Communications and Evangelism Work Groups) and the Mission Outreach Committee. In addition, she participates in Presbyterian Women, MOMS (Mothers Offering Mothers Support), and is a regular VBS volunteer. Outside of her church

involvement, Blair works days as a Marketing Specialist at Cook Children’s. Both she and her husband have deep family roots at First Pres. They both grew up here, were married here, and their children were baptized here. Collectively, over the years they have built a community of friends, family and loved ones that have shared life with them through thick and thin. For Blair, fondest memories include youth group time, Mo-Ranch retreats, family weddings, both Chappell funerals, breaking ground for the Great Hall and rebranding for the church! While much of Blair’s life includes the church, their family unit loves to go on adventures together – Six Flags, axe throwing, fishing, hiking in the mountains, traveling, and doing races. Blair has chickens she cares for, likes puzzles and gardening, and loves taking walks with her girlfriends and cleaning out drawers.



Beverly Howard (Elder) has been a member of First Pres since 2017. In her years in this church family, she has served on the Worship and Music Committee, the Adult Work Group, the History Committee, and on the Care Teams

for both the Arlington Mansfield area and at Trinity Terrace. She is also an accomplished organist. At the 11 a.m. service she sometimes serves at liturgist. She also participates in a Presbyterian Women’s Circle. Beverly feels “It is breathtaking to be part of a healthy, vibrant church which has both fabulous people and diverse programming which nurtures spiritual formation.” She can recall many fond church memories having spent thirty years as organist in a PCUSA congregation in southern California. And she continues making new memories here at First Pres. However, her service to the larger church remains her most cherished memory, as she was a member of the committee which developed our current hymnal Glory to God. Beverly is a retired university music professor and administrator. Her love of music extends beyond the church walls as she enjoys taking cello lessons, playing in the Fort Worth Civic Orchestra, writing on topics in hymnology, volunteering with The Hymn Society, and reading British detective mysteries.



Becky Jenkins (Elder) is a small business owner who creates and sells handcrafted items and unique gifts. She and Mike joined our church in 2001, and Becky has been involved ever since. She has served on the Congregational Care Committee as well as both the Children’s and Youth Work Groups within the Christian Formation Committee.

Becky has also participated as a Kids Hope volunteer and on an Usher Team as well as in the Boomers Fellowship and the Bible in Depth class. This church’s evidence of a strong sense of community and the way we care for another is what she loves most about First Pres. Becky’s fondest memory here is her daughter’s wedding along with serving through Stephen Ministry and experiencing how deeply God works when we care for one another. When she’s not doing church work, Becky loves crafting.



George Morey (Elder and Trustee) and his wife, Nesha, joined First Pres in 2022. He served on the Worship and Music Committee the last two years, and he is currently serving on the Stewardship Committee. Both George and Nesha are members of the Chancel Choir, and they headed down to Mo-Ranch for the All Church Retreat this year. George

really loves the Christian Education Program and the Chancel Choir here at the church. His fondest memory of his life in the church was attending the Mo-Ranch Men’s Conference with his two sons, Nathan and Matthew. When not involved in church activities, George loves visiting family, tutoring in the Arlington public schools, volunteering at the Arlington food bank, spending time at the dog park with their poodles Clouseau and Cosette, traveling and playing bridge.

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Thomas Parsons (Elder and Trustee)

came to First Pres in 1998. He and his wife, Ashley, have raised 3 children here. He is an ordained elder and has served two prior terms on Session. While at First Pres, Thomas has been a Youth Sponsor, a Confirmation Mentor, and served in the Room in the Inn ministry and as an usher. His committee

work over the years has included Nominating, the Youth Work Group, Worship & Music, and Wellness Together. Thomas works as a Propulsion Engineer at Bell Helicopter. What he loves about First Pres (although he said there's too many to name) is our youth group motto... "Everyone's welcome. Nobody's perfect. Anything's possible." Thomas' fondest memories include seeing how we genuinely love and care for each other through different generations. He was first aware of this as a youth at a church in Mobile, Alabama where it was evident members took to heart the promises they made at his baptism. In later years, he witnessed members at First Pres caring for and nurturing their children as they were raised in our church. In more recent years, Thomas has witnessed how his kids have been nurtured and cared for by others at churches they attend in college. Away from church, Thomas likes jogging, watching sports, and traveling to see their children (and grandchildren).



Mark Russell (Elder)

joined First Pres in 2017. He and his wife, Laura have a 6-year old daughter, Elizabeth. Their family has attended the All Church Retreat at Mo-Ranch for the past two years. And they are part of the West/Parker County Care Team. Mark currently serves on the Property Committee and serves as a teacher in the Rooted

and Growing Church School class. When asked what he loves about our church, he said, "First Pres offers love and discipleship to everyone. Whether you are a mature believer or seeking to find a relationship with God, you are valued, special, and welcome." Having grown up in churches across the metroplex, his fondest memories were attending rallies and revivals, where he formed relationships with people from churches outside of his own. Away of the church, Mark is an electrical engineer that specializes in factory automation. And in his spare time, Mark loves to play disc golf, work on home projects and learn new crafts.

AT-LARGE TRUSTEES



Bill Knight (At-Large Trustee)

became part of our First Pres family in 1987. He is already an ordained elder of this church and has served twice on Session in the Elder Classes of 1993 and 2003. He has also previously served on our Board of Trustees. Bill loves the infectious enthusiasm of the members

here. His fondest memories include social gatherings in small groups outside of the church setting. During the week, Bill is a banking and investment manager in a family office. But he likes to spend his free time implementing conservation measures on the family ranch which, according to Bill, really means that he is "the farm hand."



John Mitchell (At-Large Trustee)

has been a member of First Pres since 1990. He and Kay raised their two sons here. Over the years in the church, John has served 3 terms as a Ruling Elder, twice on the Board of Trustees, on the Salt & Light Dental Clinic Board, and on numerous committees – Finance, Stewardship, Personnel and Youth.

In addition, John regularly volunteers with Vacation Bible School, has been a confirmation mentor for the Youth, and is a teacher for our Know Your Bible Sunday Class for our 4th and 5th graders. What he loves about First Pres is our ability to still create community among a group of people who have a wide range of perspectives. Unfortunately, this isn't an environment that is common in today's world. John has a lot of fond memories involving teaching children's Sunday School – in his words, "I learn something new almost every Sunday." John is in healthcare – he works for Texas Health Resources. Outside of work and church, he enjoys reading and walking while listening to podcasts.



Leonard Wheeler (At-Large Trustee)

joined First Pres in 2016, he and his wife, Debbie. Leonard is part of the men's Monday morning Bible study group and has served on the Stewardship Committee since 2019. He warmly greets people at our 9 a.m. worship service, and he and Debbie are part of the West/Parker County Care Team. Since

retiring from the workforce, Leonard loves being involved with the people and outreach ministries of First Pres. His fondest memory of his life in the church was when he and Debbie were welcomed into the church here after the closing of John Knox Presbyterian Church. Outside of his church life, Leonard loves traveling, driving and working on his old cars, and volunteering at Community Crossroads.

AT-LARGE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Suzie Adams (At-Large Nominating Committee)

and her husband, Terry, were members at Hemphill Presbyterian church and were merged into the First Pres rolls in 2001. In her years here, Suzie has been a member of the Presbyterian Women, participated in the 76116 Care Team, served as a Greeter and one of our van drivers,

and spent endless hours serving numerous ministries at Community Crossroads. She loves the welcoming spirit

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of First Pres, offering God's love to all who come through our doors. Suzie says, "Through our ministries, worship, and mission & outreach programs we join in a community of faith and friendship." Fond church memories for Suzie began 58 years ago when she and Terry were married in our Chapel. Terry's family were members. Their son was born and baptized at First Pres, and her journey has continued from that time forward. Serving First Pres in numerous capacities over the years has "strengthened my faith, filled my heart, and has allowed me to be of service to our Lord." Suzie enjoys being retired and able to choose what encompasses her life: opportunities of service at First Pres' Community Crossroads, service organizations, family, friends, and Santa Fe.



Adam Bartek (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 2015. He and his wife Marguerite have been active ever since. Adam is a member of the Children's Christian Nurture Committee for six years running, and he is a Pre-K Sunday School teacher. Adam says he loves how service-focused First Pres and the congregation are in the community. "What a great expression of God's love for everyone." A fond memory of church for Adam is when they surprised his mom one year at the church's Christmas Eve service by playing a hymn with his dad and two brothers (on piano, violin and saxophones). They managed to keep their practice sessions a secret – what a beautiful surprise it was! Adam is the Manager of Technology Services at BNSF Railway. When not working, he likes watching the TCU Horned Frogs, reading, and playing board games with friends.



Wendi Gleason (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 2001. Wendi is a faithful middle school teacher on Sunday mornings. She also serves as one of the liturgists at 9 a.m. on Sundays. Wendi is a member of the 9 a.m. Fellowship Ensemble and rings bells with the Grace Notes Adult Bell Choir. Wendi has served on the Session of this church (Elder Class of 2005) and at her previous church. In the public sector, Wendi is a retired Kindergarten teacher but currently tutors 1st graders. What she loves about First Pres, is the wonderful friends she has made within the church. And she loves the church's leadership, music ministry and children/youth programs. Wendi's fondest church memory is the recent choir trip to Scotland – specifically singing in the Royal Chapel of Stirling Castle. "It was amazing!" She also has a strong memory of her ordination as Ruling Elder at Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC.



Kerby Haltom (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 1974. He is actively involved in the Youth Ministry of the church. Kerby serves on the Youth Christian Nurture Committee, has been a confirmation

mentor, gone on multiple youth mission trips, and is a high school sponsor. His commitment to the youth of this church is incomparable. Kerby also served on Session in the Elder Class of 1996.



Mary Alice Harry (At-Large Nominating Committee) has been a member at First Pres since 2002. She was ordained as a Ruling Elder in 2008 and served in the Elder Class of 2010. Mary Alice is active in the 76116 Care Team, as a volunteer for the Room in the Inn ministry and in the Food Pantry at Community Crossroads. She serves as an Usher on Sunday mornings and is active in Presbyterian Women. Mary Alice loves the community of friends, the many opportunities to worship, and the endless activities to grow in her faith here at First Pres. While she has many fond memories, Mary Alice treasures her experiences with Presbyterian Women. Having served as Moderator and Circle Chair of Hannah Circle, she says she's been blessed with exceptional friends, wonderful Bible lessons, and an increased knowledge of our Church. Also, as a member of the Evangelism Committee, she treasures the friendliness of our Church, our exceptional pastors, our dedicated staff, and the mission that we continue to sponsor. Two highlights in her time at First Pres were serving as a Ruling Elder and as the Moderator for Grace Presbyterian Women. Since retiring, after three careers in her life (teacher, social worker, and realtor), in her free time, Mary Alice is involved in many activities at Trinity Terrace as well as enjoying her family and friends.



Barbara Martin (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 1999 and has spent her 25 years here involved in multiple ministries and programs. Barbara currently participates in Room in the Inn, Presbyterian Women, and sings in the Chancel Choir. She is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church, has served as a Confirmation mentor, an usher, and previously been a member of the Congregational Care, Engagement & Outreach, and Nominating committees. Barbara is a retired nurse and spent many years working with her husband Charlie in their pharmacy. What Barbara loves about First Pres is the great variety of opportunities to worship and serve. She also loves the sense of camaraderie here. One of Barbara's fondest memories at the church continues to grow as she sings in the alto section of the Chancel Choir! In her earlier life, she fondly remembers church camp at Ceta Glen outside of Amarillo. When not busy with church work, Barbara enjoys reading and book clubs and dinner/lunch with friends or family.



Mary Salazar (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 1991. Mary's family is also part of the church family – her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Leti, and grandsons Alejandro and Santiago. Mary is an avid volunteer in the church, serving

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over the years in areas like Formula and Diapers and the food pantry at Community Crossroads, VBS, a Party for the Blind driver, Stephen Ministry, and communion preparation. She has served on the Evangelism, Worship & Music, and Mission Outreach Committees. She was ordained at her previous church and has served on Session at First Pres in the Elder Classes of 2006 and 2018. She is retired from education and social work. When asked what she loves about First Pres, her answer is "fellowship, outreach, music, and inclusiveness." Her fondest memories are mission trips with young adults. Away from the church, she loves hanging out with friends, but it's clear that is what she loves about the church, too.



Oleta Thrower (At-Large Nominating Committee) has been a First Pres member since 1991. In her years at this church, she has ministered and served in many capacities – as a Kids Hope volunteer, a WOW volunteer, a VBS volunteer, as a participant in Presbyterian Women, a sponsor on the Youth Civil Rights trip in 2022, and as a member of the Arlington Mansfield Care Team. Oleta has also attended the Mo-Ranch All Church Retreat for the past 3 years. She is an ordained elder and previously served here at First Pres in the Elder Class of 2001. When asked what she loves about First Pres, Oleta says, "I love the warm greetings folks give each other and our mission statement that is alive and well." A fond memory for her was working with the great Habitat Team in the late 1990's, where she and her husband learned about community outreach and made long-lasting friends. Although retired now, Oleta spends her free time in sewing groups and book clubs that give her visiting time with old and new friends. She is also into water aerobics.



Melinda Van't Slot (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 1996. As a retired teacher, she spends much time serving First Pres. She has been active in Congregational Care ministries like bereavement meals, the prayer line, prayer shawls, and Stephen Ministry. She is currently one of our Baptism Coordinators. Melinda has also worked in Missions as an ESL volunteer and with the food pantry at Community Crossroads. In addition, Melinda is an ordained elder here at First Pres. It's obvious Melinda loves the people here and the opportunities to serve, and she says "being involved in this church has enriched my life." Melinda met her husband Peter here and was married in the Chapel. She has fond memories of baptism visits with families, mentoring confirmands, teaching Sunday School and going on mission trips. In her spare time, Melinda likes walking, reading, and playing Mahjong.

September Session Highlights

First Presbyterian Church's Session met on Sunday, September 21. Highlights from that meeting included the following items:

- Approved on recommendation from the Nominating Committee the names for 2026 Committee Chairs.
- Received from the Personnel Committee the proposed Terms of Call for 2026.
- Heard an update from Michelle Goodwin on the new ERP financial system for the Business Office.
- Approved a Congregational meeting for October 12, 2025, immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service, for the purpose of a Bylaws change, election of officers, an update from Trustees, and the 2026 Terms of Call.
- Celebrated our Youth Intern Emma Henry who is rotating off that position in our youth program.

Caregiver Support Group

Caring for a loved one can be both rewarding and challenging. If you're a primary caregiver looking for a space to connect, share experiences, and find support, join us for meaningful conversation on Monday, October 6 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 102. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Ashley (adrakemertz@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231, ext. 264) for more information.

Arts Alive! A Morning of Creativity & Fun

Join us on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Arts Alive!, a vibrant celebration of the arts. This hands-on event invites participants of all ages to explore their creativity through three unique experiences: creating fall-themed art with Cheryl Mireles, making music with Laura Collins, and building a real pipe organ with Becca Sawyer. A snack will be provided to keep the energy up as we dive into the fun. Register or volunteer using the QR code here. Registration is open until October 15 at 5 p.m.



people first at First Pres

Each month we'll highlight First Pres staff team updates.

OCTOBER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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

Liz Barron, Assistant Teacher (1s), 2 years

Heath Brosi, Director of Hospitality & Food Service, 7 years

Deneice Allen, Ministry Assistant, 8 years

Pam Burkholder, Director of Communications, 28 years

Joys & Concerns

The following prayer concerns are those we have received as of September 24. 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 **Harry Bartel** following his death on September 23, 2025.

The family and friends of **June Chavern** following her death on September 18, 2025.

The family and friends of Bill Neil following his death on September 15, 2025. Surviving First Pres family members include his nieces and nephew, **Kenda, Nancy, and Ron Love.**

The family and friends of **Amanda Deitz** following her death on September 1, 2025. Surviving family includes her husband Andy, and children, Ollie and Levi.

The family and friends of Nancy Harris following her death on September 6, 2025. Surviving First Pres family member is her sister, **Susan Wertenberger.**

Our loving thoughts and prayers are with...

Jackie Taylor, Phil Grossman, Carol Sue Hammett, Heather Martin, Betsy Pepper, Gail Stewart, Wil'win Chocola, Steve Brotherton, Nancy Lynn Scott, Gaylon Peyton, Ann Biggs, Pat Graham, Martha Brooks, Ronnie Sherwood, Pat Richardson, and Irene Howard who are recovering from surgery or injury. We also pray for their caregivers.

Benjamin Adams, and parents **Will and Lauren Adams, Jay Stepp, Elizabeth McCartney, John Wright, Margo Dean, Judy Stricklin, Roxy Sherwood, Rachele**

Williams, Manning Day, Grace Camacho, Robert and Dinah Riddle, Tad Delgado and parents Emily and Bryan Delgado, John Patterson, Larry Kinard, Levi Deitz, 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...

Dan Lyne (brother-in-law of **Sam Steele**), Haley Twilligear (stepdaughter of Deneice Allen), David Gallegos (First Pres staff), 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**), 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**), 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!

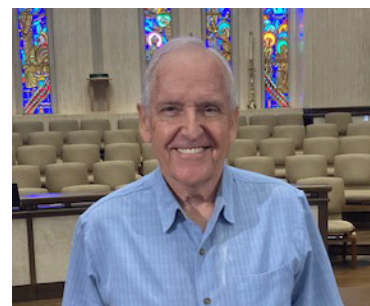
Please join the Evangelism Work Group in welcoming these new members.



Alaina Behan was baptized and became a First Pres member at the Mo-Ranch retreat on August 31. Alaina has been worshipping at First Pres for several months and is a mental health counselor with Life Chapters Counseling in Mansfield.



Taylor Maldonado and Mitchell Belew joined First Pres by reaffirmation of faith on Sunday, September 14. Taylor is a stormwater engineer. Mitchell attended First Pres as a child, and now works in aerospace. They have a three-month-old son named Crawford.



Bill Stokes joined First Pres by transfer of membership on Sunday, September 14. Bill has been visiting the church since earlier this year. He is retired from the financial sector.



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MOMS AND FRIENDS

Monthly Gatherings

First Pres Parlor
3rd Thurs of the Month
11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Lunch/Dinner + Childcare

Special Event

Aging Gracefully
Mon Nov 10 | 6:30-8 p.m.
Dinner Included