



First Presbyterian Church of Waco
Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019
Soli Deo Gloria!



Welcome Home, Children of God

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

The cover of our bulletin declares, **Welcome Home, Children of God!** and we hope you feel this welcome at First Presbyterian Church of Waco. Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are enriched by your presence. We believe that each of us has gathered to do our part to receive God's gifts and to interpret a meaningful life. We examine the human condition, so loved by God, that God sought proximity not just once in Jesus but for always in the Spirit of Christ.

Know that you have arrived to a place that not only welcomes you but also anticipates your distinctiveness and unique experiences in the world.

We all come from different religious and familial backgrounds. We each read the Bible with a unique set of eyes. We bring our questions, doubts and joys with us each Sunday. Welcome to the mix! Step by step, we hope you will allow us to show you more of who we are. If you have questions about First Presbyterian, please reach out to one of our pastors or ushers. We look forward to knowing you better.

Leslie King
Pastor

Statement of Mission

First Presbyterian Church of Waco, Texas, welcomes all as children of God through our worship, outreach, Christian education and congregational life events. By the liberating and compelling grace of God, and in accord with our Reformed theological heritage, we follow Jesus Christ's example by reaching out to seekers and those in need, nurturing disciples, honoring diversity and seeking to reconcile the world to God through ministries of justice and mercy.

If You Are New Here

Stop by our Welcome Center in the Narthex for information and a small gift. When you are seated, please fill out the *Welcome Folder* you will find in the pew. After all in the pew have signed, pass it to the center aisle.

These May Help During the Service

If you would like a large-print bulletin, hymnal or a hearing enhancement device, please ask an usher. We also have worship bags for children on the wall of the narthex. Please return the bag after the service.

Be Our Guest!

Following worship, come to the Foundation Parlor for coffee and fellowship.

If You Are in Need of Prayer

You will find prayer cards in the back of the pew. You may place them in the offering plate or hand to an usher. Your prayers are confidential.

Childcare

Nursery director Chelley Breemes and our First Aid/CPR-certified caregivers are enthusiastic to care for children up to age 3, from 8:30 am to noon each Sunday. There is one-on-one attention given to each child in a nurturing, safe environment. The children's wing is located on the main floor of the church.

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Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

We Three Kings

Arr. Arnold Sherman

+ Call to Worship

Leader: It's good to gather into a New Year even as we carry residual concerns.

People: It's good to gather to worship God who softens our furrowed brows allowing us to focus on a new horizon.

Leader: It's good to gather into fellowship as the Spirit moves and informs our living.

People: It is good to gather and worship God, grateful for all that we have and all that we are.

Leader: Let us worship God alongside the neighbor in the presence of the Spirit. Amen.

+ Hymn 145

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

Ever-present and Eternal one, we confess that we struggle to understand the big questions of faith. Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do the innocent suffer? Why are war and famine persistent? Like a parched mouth, our soul longs to take in understanding. We find ourselves focusing on easier questions and achievable tasks. We confess that we welcome the distraction. How we long for understanding in measured sips that quench the thirst of our faith's questions. How we long for courage to attend to those big questions with relevant and specific responses. How we long to scoop up living water from the depth of such experiences and care for others. These things we confess and we pray as we remember Jesus at the wellspring between two worldviews. Amen.

(Silent Prayers)

Response to the Confession (10:30)

*O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace;
and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face.*

Declaration of Pardon

+ Sharing of the Peace of Christ

+ Invitation to Our Children

Christ Before Me

St. Patrick's Breastplate

*Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ beside me, Christ within me,
Christ in the face of those who love me.*

Spirit Box

Younger children, first grade and below, are invited to the Nursery wing room S201, for Children's church, and C309 for Children's Choir. Older children are asked to help themselves to an activity bag and a children's bulletin from the Narthex, then return to their seats for worship.

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:18-30 - Pew Bible - NT Page 158 (NLT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love.

+ Gospel Reading: John 4:7-15 - Pew Bible - NT Page 95 (NLT)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

+ Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Sermon

Old Problems, New Resolve: Loneliness

Leslie King, D. Min.

Hymn 479

Ho, All Who Thirst

Jacob's Well

+ Affirmation of Faith - Page 35 of Hymnal

Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

This creed, spoken together, allows us to feel, summarily, the major movement of the gospel. Speaking it allows us to be cradled in the elements of the gospel that give us the most comfort. Equally, it allows us to ponder and wonder about elements that are more challenging to understand. Our recitation of it is not a call to uniformity and conformity. Rather, it is a call to continue to explore our mysterious gospel for the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

- Offertory *The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away* J.S. Bach
- + Doxology
*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.*
The Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)
Great prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
Leader: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
The Prayer continues, concluding with the Lord's Prayer
- + Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession and the Lord's Prayer (10:30)
As followers of the Risen Lord, we are bold to pray:
**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.**
- + Hymn 81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Austrian Hymn
- + Charge
- + Benediction
- + Response Hymn *Amen* Hymn 601
- Postlude *Toccata in F* Buxtehude

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

Thank you to Austin Rabon for his gift of music this morning.
Thank you to Cody King for being the liturgist this morning.

<p style="text-align: center;">Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving of the ministry of First Pres by Cynthia and Ray Perry.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parlor Flowers are given in loving memory of Rick Wagner and Devon Walker by April and Scott Wagner.</p>
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, January 6 Leslie King preaching/ Final payment for All Church Retreat Due
8:30 am Chapel Service - streamlined and weekly communion
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Traditional Presbyterian Service
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship - Foundation Parlor - Geneva & Charles Gamble
- Monday, January 7
6:00 pm Moving Through Grief with Dr. Helen Harris - C203
6:30 pm Presbyterian Women PM - Laura Munn's home, 254-715-1543
321Crye Circle in Robinson (new area so not in Google, no GPS)
- Tuesday, January 8
Noon Pastor's Midweek Bible Study - C202
6:00 pm Faith on Tap - Barnett's Pub - 420 Franklin Ave.
- Wednesday, January 9
6:00 pm Youth Study Hall - Fellowship Hall
St. Cecilia Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- Thursday, January 10 Tower Deadline
- Sunday, January 13 Leslie King preaching
8:30 am Chapel Service - streamlined and weekly communion
9:15 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Traditional Presbyterian Service
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship - Foundation Parlor - Joanne and Doug Heitmiller
Youth parents lunch - Fellowship Hall

Children's Announcements - KidQuake will be from March 29-31 in Glen Rose. Pricing and details will follow soon.

Youth Announcements - Be on the lookout for camp dates and details coming this month. Wednesday night Study Hall starts up again on January 9.

The Session is pleased to announce that we will have an intern from Baylor's school of Religion for the Spring semester of 2019. **Rachel Geddes** is a Baylor senior who is anticipating graduate work in seminary. Her internship will focus on church leadership. You will see her in worship, at committee meetings and in the office on Wednesday mornings. Rachel has been very active with Mission Waco and their ministry. Be sure to welcome her and learn more about her between January and April of 2019.

FIRST PRES NEWS

Upcoming:

Give us a Text! Simply text 73256 and in the body of the message type fpc1855. You can also click on the give tab on our website at www.firstpreswaco.org. For those giving online, you may now choose to offset the cost (1%-3%) incurred by the church when using your credit card to make a pledge or donation.

Pastor's Midweek New Year Bible Study will be held on Tuesday from noon to 1:15pm beginning January 8 through April 23. We will be studying the highlights of the Old and New Testaments. Study materials are \$25 per participant. Call the church office to enroll or email Leslie at lking@firstpreswaco.org.

Youth parents, join us for a pizza lunch after 10:30 worship on January 13 to discuss the youth ministry at First Pres in 2019. We'll gather in Fellowship Hall.

Join the Outreach Committee for a **Service Saturday at Talitha Koum** on January 19 at 9am. We will help clean and organize. All ages are welcome! We are so grateful for Talitha Koum, which serves at risk children in Waco and helps them prepare for kindergarten in the midst of trauma and extreme poverty. Sign up in the Narthex.

Retirees on the Road will visit the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative on Thursday, January 24, at 9am. Meet at the church to ride the bus for this visit to Baylor's research facility that is developing science and engineering technologies. Sign up in the Narthex.

On Saturday, January 26, our youth will be doing a **rib and pork loin sale** as a fundraiser to get ready for summer of 2019! Doug Heitmiller will be smoking racks of ribs and pork loins for purchase. Order forms are available in the Narthex or on Realm. A rack of ribs is \$25 and a 3 pound pork loin is \$25. We will also offer rib plates with two sides for \$10. Orders are due by January 20, and pick up times for the food are Saturday, January 26, from 4-5pm or Sunday, January 27, from 11:30am-12:30pm. Payment is due when you pick up the food. All food will come with reheating instructions, and would make great options to freeze and pull out the next weekend for Super Bowl Sunday! Thanks for supporting our youth as they cook with Doug and anticipate an exciting summer! Order forms can be given to Kathryn Delk.

Join us for **Dinners for 8 will begin on Saturday, February 9, 2019**. This is a great opportunity to meet some new folks or renew old friendships. There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex. The Congregational Life committee will organize the groups of those who sign up into groups of eight to include a good mix of long standing and new First Presbyterian members. Childcare will be provided at the church from 5:30-9:00pm that evening for anyone who needs it. Please sign up by Sunday, January 27.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - WACO, TEXAS

1100 Austin Ave. - Waco, TX 76701 - 254.752.1665 - www.firstpreswaco.org

Church Office Hours: 9:00 -12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00

Sunday Services 8:30 AM (Weekly Communion) and 10:30 AM (Morning Worship)

Pastor - Leslie King

Associate Pastor - Dee Dee Carson

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Pastor	Leslie King, D. Min. (lking@firstpreswaco.org)
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