



First Presbyterian Church of Waco  
Stewardship and Reformation Sunday  
October 28, 2018  
Soli Deo Gloria!

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*Welcome Home, Children of God*

## ***Welcome to First Presbyterian Church***

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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.

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### **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.

## October 28, 2018 - Stewardship and Reformation Sunday

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*Highland Cathedral*

Traditional Piping Tune

+ Call to Worship

Leader: When we are open to our past, present and future,

**People: it is then that God's Reforming Spirit works our individual lives as clay in a potter's hands.**

Leader: When we steward our gifts of curiosity and wonder toward God's creation,

**People: it is then that God's Reforming Spirit inspires us with insight and understanding.**

Leader: Reformed and Always Reforming!

**People: May it always be so as we worship our Living God!**

+ Hymn 263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Coronation

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

**Reforming and Gracious God, we confess our need to orchestrate and control our circumstances. We may find ourselves thinking, "If I can just have it this way, then I will be grateful." Even so, life surprises us. We realize that we do not control what we thought we did. How we long to be released from our control issues. How we long to soften our grip and allow for a responsiveness in the Spirit. How you have taught us, O God, that responsiveness is the finest use of power. When we are surprised by joy, may we respond with a humble heart. When we are surprised by grief, may we respond with honest need. Redeem and restore our spirits for right response and faithfulness. Amen.**

*(Silent Prayers)*

Response to the Confession (10:30)

Hymnal 341

*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.*

Moment for Stewardship

Eric Coffman

New Testament Reading: Acts 8:26-40 - Pew Bible - NT Page 127

(NLT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*A Mighty Fortress*

Luther, arr. Shaw-Parker

*A mighty Fortress is our God, a Bulwark never failing;  
Our Helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth His Name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.*

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.*

*That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
His Kingdom is forever.*

+ Gospel Reading: Luke 15:8-10 - Pew Bible - NT Page 78

(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

Investing in Gratitude: It Just So Happens

Leslie King, D. Min.

+ Hymn 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*  
(vs. 3 acapella, vs. 4 bagpipes only)

Amazing Grace

+ 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.*

Offering (10:30) *Stewardship 2019 Dedication of our Gifts and Offerings*

Offertory *Now Thank We All Our God* Kaufmann  
+ 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

*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 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Beach Spring

+ Charge

+ Benediction

+ Response Hymn *Amen* Hymn 601

Postlude *Toccata on A Mighty Fortress* Wold

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

Thank you to Fiona Bond and Torrin Longnecker for their gift of music with the bagpipes  
this morning.

**Sanctuary Flowers**

are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our military veterans with deep  
gratitude for their service. May we remember them while they are away and  
while they are home. Thank you, by Melanie Millar.

**Parlor Flowers**

are given by Sue and Fred Barber.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, October 28     Leslie King preaching / Stewardship and Reformation Sunday  
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 - Jamie Jackson, Ashley and Hailey Worthey  
Young Adult lunch
- Monday, October 29  
5:30 pm     Congregational Life Committee Meeting - C202
- Tuesday, October 30     Tower Deadline - early date
- Wednesday, October 31  
7:00 pm     Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- Sunday, November 4     Leslie King preaching / All Saints Day / All Church Retreat Forms Due  
8:30 am     Chapel Service - streamlined and weekly communion  
9:15 am     Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 am     Traditional Presbyterian Service with communion  
11:30 am     Coffee Fellowship - The Clarkson Family  
4:00 pm     Youth - Baylor SLC

**Children's News:** Children will be collecting nickels throughout the month of October for Presbyterian Children's Homes during their Sunday School time. Any adult is welcome to bring their nickels and place them in the Narthex to support our children's mission.

**Youth News:**

The youth are headed to the Baylor SLC on Sunday, November 4, from 4-6pm, for basketball, racquetball, swimming, and rock climbing! The cost will be \$5 per person if you are 15 and under, over 15 cost is \$10 per person (if you want to use the climbing wall, it is an extra \$10). We will meet at the church at 4pm to carpool. Parents must fill out a release form...those are available on Realm or see Dee Dee Carson for a hard copy.

## 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](http://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.

**Quarterly contribution statements** will **not** be mailed out beginning this quarter. That information can be accessed through your Realm account, or should you like to receive a hard copy please phone Laura in the church office. There will still be an end of year statement sent in January.

Don't forget...**All Church Retreat registrations** are due November 4. Copies of the registration are available in the Narthex or on Realm. The dates are February 15-17, 2019. Our speaker will be Bob Darden, Baylor Professor of Communications, who will be speaking about the power of music in culture and movements. In addition to hearing from Bob, it will be a full weekend of fun, fellowship, and rest!

**If you are interested in joining the church**, the next opportunity will be on Monday, November 12, at 5:30pm at our Session Meeting. Please contact Pastors Leslie or Dee Dee to indicate you are interested by November 2, 2018. We look forward to welcoming new members in November!

Our **annual Thanksgiving Lunch** will be on Sunday, November 18, immediately following 10:30 worship. This year, we will do things a little bit differently. If you are willing to prepare a turkey, a side, or a dessert, you can sign up for this on Realm or in the Narthex. We are hoping six families would provide a turkey each and others would provide the sides and desserts. You are also invited to bring a copy of your recipe so that if people love it, they can copy it to try out themselves. We are excited to taste your Thanksgiving favorites! Our children's choirs will treat us with a few songs, and we will see a slide show presentation from our mission team that visited the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation this summer. It will be a full morning!

Join the **Retirees on the Road** for a visit to Stanton Glass Blowing, where you will each create your own glass Christmas ornament. The group will gather at the church on Friday, November 16, at 9:30am, the cost is \$35 per person. Sign up today to secure your spot!

**Stewardship Highlights:** Children's Stewardship includes the collection of coins for Presbyterian Children's Homes throughout the Fall and Winter. Help our children feel the power and joy of giving to God and the world. In October, we are collecting nickels! There is a container in the Narthex to help the children along... it's ready for your nickels, dollars or checks!



### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - WACO, TEXAS

1100 Austin Ave. - Waco, TX 76701 - 254.752.1665 - [www.firstpreswaco.org](http://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

## Staff

Pastor	Leslie King, D. Min. (lking@firstpreswaco.org)
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## Diaconate Committee Members

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