



First Presbyterian Church of Waco
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 11, 2018
Soli Deo Gloria!



The Garden of Eden/ Painted by Wenzel Peter

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 *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach

+ Call to Worship

Leader: We gather for worship carrying all of the burdens of the last week on our shoulders.

People: We come, hoping to lighten our load and move out into the world with peaceful hearts.

Leader: We return for the old, old, story, ready for a fresh take on what is familiar.

People: We come, hoping God might open our eyes to the ongoing story.

Leader: We gather for worship, with gratitude for God's presence among us.
Let us worship God.

+ Prayer of the Day

+ Hymn 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth* Dix

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

Ever-present God, we arrive mindful of the ways our assumptions have clouded our vision. We miss opportunities for relationship and personal growth when we fail to look past our first impressions or judgments. Forgive us, O God, and help us to look deeper into the circumstances and stories that inform the people we meet. Give us eyes that see all people as your children, rather than adversaries, enemies, or others. May our eyes be open to the beauty within all of your children, even ourselves. Hear our prayer in Christ's name, 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

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 - Pew Bible - OT Page 2 (NLT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree* Frank Sargent

*The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

+ Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 21-24 - Pew Bible - NT Page 71 (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 Dee Dee Carson, M. Div.

+ Hymn 324 *For All the Faithful Women* Nyland

+ 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 *Be Thou My Vision* Manz

+ 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 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* Open My Eyes

+ Charge

+ Benediction

+ Response Hymn *Amen* Hymn 601

Postlude *March from “Scipio”* Handel

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

Thanks to Christian Matthews, baritone, for his gift of music.
Thank you to Diane Williams for serving as liturgist.

Sanctuary Flowers

are given to the Glory of God and in grateful memory of
Samuel P. Beaty who was born on this day 108 years ago
by Dr. and Mrs. William R. Beaty.

Parlor Flowers

are in honor of the church staff and choir
by Elinor and J.P. Davis.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 11 Dee Dee Carson 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 - Rebecca and Jeremy Mercer
All Church Retreat Planning Meeting - Session Room, C201

Monday, November 12
Noon Presbyterian Women - Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Session Meeting - C201

Tuesday, November 13
6:00 pm Faith on Tap - Barnett's Pub
7:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Richfield Christian Church

Wednesday, November 14 Tower Mailed
6:00 pm Youth Study Hall - Fellowship Hall
St. Cecilia Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 15
6:00 pm Holidays after Loss Seminar - Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 16
7:15 am Men's Breakfast - World Cup Café
9:15 am Retirees on the Road - Stanton Glass Blowing

Sunday, November 18 Dee Dee Carson 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 Thanksgiving Lunch

Youth News: Study hall is back on this week in Fellowship Hall from 6-8pm! Join Jen Ferretter and Scott Wagner for fellowship, a lesson, and plenty of homework time.

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 November, we are collecting dimes! There is a container in the Narthex to help the children along...it's ready for your dimes, dollars or checks!

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.

Join us for readings and prayers from the various Interfaith Religious traditions at the **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**, Tuesday, November 13 at Richfield Christian Church at 7:00pm, 4201 Cobbs Drive, potluck dessert reception follows.

The Holidays after a loss. The season of holidays is upon us. November brings us Thanksgiving followed quickly by Christmas in December and even more quickly the celebration of the New Year on January first. These are times of great expectations around family gatherings and joyful celebration. For some of us, however, this season of holidays and celebration can be bitter sweet as we encounter them without someone special to us who has been an important part of those holidays. Come explore with Dr. Helen Harris of Baylor's School of Social Work some preparation and practices that may help honor our losses and honor each other in these times of both sorrow and joy. November 15 in Fellowship Hall 6pm.

Our **annual Thanksgiving Lunch** will be on Sunday, November 18, immediately following 10:30 worship. Thanks to the six families who are cooking turkeys. The congregation is invited to provide the sides, and desserts. You may sign up on Realm or in the Narthex. Bring a copy of your recipe so that people may snap a photo of it. Our children's choirs will sing, and we will hear a report from our Pine Ridge Indian Reservation mission team.

Join the youth for a fun fundraising dinner at Freddie's Frozen Custard on Hewitt Drive on Monday, November 26, anytime from 5-9pm. A portion of your meal cost will be donated back to our youth summer trips for 2019...just make sure to say you are with First Pres! This gets you off the hook on cooking dinner on the Monday after Thanksgiving. Join us for dinner!

We will ring the bell at the red kettle for the Salvation Army on Saturdays, December 1 and 8, from 10am-8pm. You are invited to sign up for a 1 hour slot on either Saturday and help us support the work Salvation Army does in our community to serve the homeless. Sign up in the Narthex. You get bonus points for wearing Christmas themed clothing!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - WACO, TEXAS

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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)

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