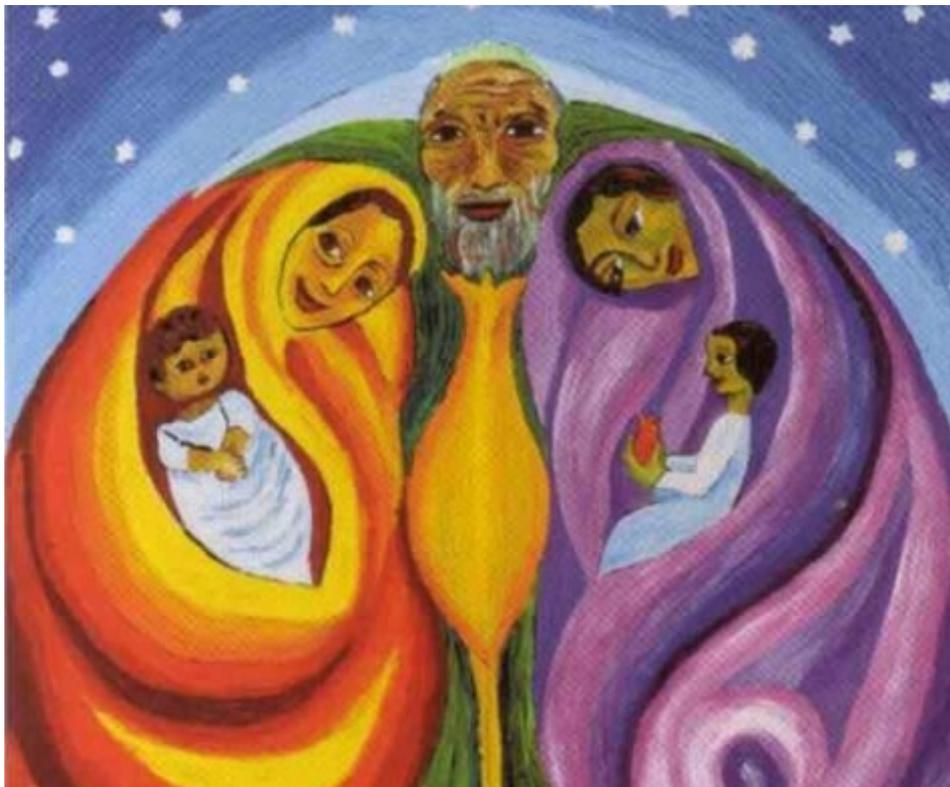


First Presbyterian Church of Waco
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 18, 2018
Soli Deo Gloria!



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.

November 18, 2018 - Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

On *Cranham*

Lasky

+ Call to Worship

Leader: God was with Sarah, as she laughed in her old age and welcomed a son against all odds.

People: And from that son, God would make a great nation.

Leader: God was with Hagar, as she navigated difficult circumstances and welcomed a son.

People: And from that son, God would make a great nation.

Leader: We give thanks, O God, for these sons of Abraham and for their mothers, in spite of their flaws.

People: We give thanks for the old, old story that beckons us to come with fresh eyes.

Leader: Let us worship the God of old and the God of new.

+ Prayer of the Day

+ Hymn 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

God of grace and forgiveness, our minds turn this morning to those we have cast out of our lives and refused to forgive. We give thanks for the ways you continue to welcome your children home, rather than depriving us of forgiveness and grace. Help us to live into your gracious energy as we think about the people in our lives who are most difficult. Give us the strength and courage to consider what forgiveness looks like under the most complicated of circumstances. Be with us as we sort our thoughts and consider those we are tempted to lock out and deny forgiveness. We ask for your wisdom as we navigate the significant relationships in our lives. 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

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Genesis 21:1-21 - Pew Bible - OT Page 16

(NLT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

God With Me Lying Down

Sven Lekberg

*God with me lying down,
God with me rising up,
God with me in each ray of light,
Nor I a ray of joy without him,
Nor one ray without him.*

*Christ with me sleeping,
Christ with me waking,
Christ with me watching,
Every day and night,
Each day and night.*

*God with me protecting,
The Lord with me directing,
The Spirit with me strengthening,
Forever and evermore,
Ever and evermore, Amen.*

+ 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 183

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

Austin

+ 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 *How Do I Keep From Singing* Arr. Arnold Sherman

+ 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 643

Now Thank We All Our God
A favorite hymn of Elaine Evans.

Nun Danket Alle Gott

+ 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 directing the choir this morning.
Thank you to Craig Clarkson for serving as our liturgist this morning.
Thank you to Kacy Baitz for being the organist this morning.

Sanctuary Flowers

are given to the Glory of God and in grateful memory of
Frances and Lyndon Olson Sr. and Kurt Kaiser
and in honor of Pat Kaiser,
our parents, from Kris and Charlie Olson.

Parlor Flowers

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 - Fellowship Hall
Monday, November 19	Office Hours 9am - 4pm
Tuesday, November 20	Office Hours 9am - 4pm
Wednesday, November 21	Office Hours 9am - Noon
Thursday, November 22	Thanksgiving - Staff Holiday
Friday, November 23	Staff Holiday
Sunday, November 25	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 - Sue and Pete Patrick

There will be two sessions at 6:00pm from Dr. Helen Harris, Baylor School of Social work, on complex grief and suicide.
December 4 - Youth
December 11 - Parents

Youth Announcements

Don't miss the youth Christmas party on Wednesday, December 12, from 6-8pm, at the Henderson's home. Bring a silly gift under \$10 for the white elephant gift exchange!

Children's Announcements

Our annual Children's Christmas Posada is coming up on Sunday, December 9, at 5pm. We will gather in Fellowship Hall for a taco dinner, then get dressed into costumes as shepherds, wise men, angels, and animals, and follow Mary and Joseph on their journey as they anticipate baby Jesus' arrival. All are invited to join us for dinner and for the journey that ends with communion in the Sanctuary.

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 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!

Warm up your voices...our annual **Soup and Caroling** event will be on Sunday, December 2, at 5pm. We will gather for soup in the Fellowship Hall and then head out in teams to carpool for caroling to many of our shut-ins. Bring a pot of soup, bread, or dessert to share. Make sure to wear your finest Christmas themed sweaters! Please sign up in the Narthex if you are planning to bring a pot of soup.

Each year, we are privileged to share gifts with the residents of the **Family Abuse Center** at Christmas time. You may have already noticed the **gift tree** in the hallway near the Atrium. Take a tag from the tree and return your gift by Sunday, December 9, to help those families celebrate Christmas in a time of transition. Thank you your generosity!

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 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

Staff

Pastor	Leslie King, D. Min. (lking@firstpreswaco.org)
Associate Pastor	Dee Dee Carson, M. Div. (dcarson@firstpreswaco.org)
Part-time Director of Christian Education	Kathryn Delk (dce@firstpreswaco.org)
Director of Music	Jan Bodine, M.M. (music@firstpreswaco.org)
Chancel Choir Director	Randy Umstead, D.M.A. (chancelchoir@firstpreswaco.org)
Organist	Becky Ward, M.M. (music@firstpreswaco.org)
Accompanist (8:30 am service)	Jessica Assink
Children Music Educator	Austin Rabon
Bookkeeper and Data Coordinator	Laura Streetman (office@firstpreswaco.org)
Administrative Assistant	Lucinda Peebles (officeassist@firstpreswaco.org)
Nursery Coordinator	Chelley Breemes (bigcatz2000@yahoo.com)
Parish Assoc. for Gerontology	Jim Ellor, D. Min. Ph. D. (james_ellor@baylor.edu)
Parish Nurse	Ginger Green, R.N. (greenthumb4u@yahoo.com)
Audio Team	Jason Dalrymple, Ryan Joyner, Jamie Karney, Amanda Lassetter
Church Historian	T. Bradford Willis, D.D.S., M.S.D.
Care to the Building	Cristina Gutierrez de Garcia

Organizational Officers

Clerk of Session	Marsha Alvarado, Eric Robinson
Church Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer	Mark Harren (treasurer@firstpreswaco.org), Donna Black
First Presbyterian Church Foundation	Chuck Weaver, President, Charles Stern Carol Miller, Mike Morrison, Beth Drew Laura Munn
Sanctuary Guild	Elinor Davis, Margaret Hawes, Cynthia Perry
Sanctuary Flowers	

Session Committee Members

Personnel Committee	Steve Driese, LaRaine DuPuy, Joe Sudderth, Doug Waddill, Lisa Weaver
Administration Committee	Patsy Norman, Steve Swenke, Melanie Millar
Christian Education Committee	Wes Field, Holly Joyner, Charlotte Henderson, Olivia Henderson
Congregational Life Committee	Doug Heitmiller, Joe Sudderth, Eric Coffman, Karl Stottlemire
Facilities Committee	Larry LeFevre, George Holmes, Doug Heitmiller
Investment Committee	Bill Beaty, Roane Lacy
Worship Committee	Chuck Weaver, Sharon Stern, James Switzer
Outreach Committee	Kellie Clarkson, Dwana Nesbitt, Chris Chance, Melanie Millar

Diaconate Committee Members

Diaconate Moderator, Vice Moderator	Beth Drew, Jamie Delk
Diaconate Secretary	Tom Fergus
Prayer Committee Co-chairs	Monica Anderson, Emily Bohn
Agape Committee Co-chairs	Lee Ann Priebe, Ginger Green
Ushering Coordinator	Monica Anderson
Power of the Pen Co-chairs	Jordan Ochel, Emily Bohn
Stork Committee Chair	Lauren Olivarez, Dana Williams
Connect 4 Us Committee Co-chairs	Jeremy Goodman, Anita Karney
Welcome Committee Chair	Paul Hoffman, Rob Bradfield