



First Presbyterian Church of Waco  
Christ the King  
November 25, 2018  
Soli Deo Gloria!

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*"Rahab and the Emissaries of Joshua" : Anonymous*

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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.

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### Greetings and Announcements

Prelude *Prelude in E-Flat Major, Op. 41, No. 1* Guilmant

#### + Call to Worship

Leader: We give thanks to God who abides with us in our hour of need.

**People: When we have encountered trouble, we have known God's presence with us.**

Leader: We give thanks to God who grants us courage and wisdom for all that we might face.

**People: We can recount the stories of God's strength pulling us through our darkest hours.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our God of strength and courage.

#### + Prayer of the Day

+ Hymn 363 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* Darwall's 148th

#### Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

**Forgive us, O God, for the ways we spy on one another. We use the distraction of judging others to help us avoid the deeper work of self-examination. Our time is taken up by analyzing the lives of others rather than looking closely at our own behaviors. Give us the courage to look into the mirror and see ourselves as we are: works in progress who need your help and wisdom to grow and mature. Walk with us as we aspire to love others and to love ourselves, in spite of our flaws. 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: Joshua 2:1-21 - Pew Bible - OT Page 194

(NLT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

David H. Williams

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!*

*Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!*

*Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows!*

*Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

+ 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 312

*Take Us As We Are, O God*

Endless Feast

+ 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

*Archangel Suite: II. Gabriel*

Phillips

+ 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 265

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

Duke Street

+ Charge

+ Benediction

+ Response Hymn

*Amen*

Hymn 601

Postlude

*Archangel Suite: IV. Uriel*

Phillips

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

Thank you to Hannah Scholz for being our guest organist.  
Thanks you to our liturgist fort his morning, Clay Parham.

**Sanctuary Flowers**

are given to the Glory of God with thanksgiving  
to our ancestors who braved the unknown to reach American's shores  
in search of religious freedom  
by Sue and Pete Patrick.

**Parlor Flowers**

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 - Foundation Parlor - Sue and Pete Patrick
Monday, November 26	
5:00pm - 9:00 pm	Fundraising dinner at Freddy's Frozen Custard in Hewitt Say you are with First Pres!!
5:30 pm	CE Committee Meeting - Freddy's Frozen Custard
6:30 pm	Youth Advisory Board Meeting - Freddy's Frozen Custard
Tuesday, November 27	
9:00 am	Christmas Decorating of the church
Wednesday, November 28	
6:00 pm	Youth Study Hall - Fellowship Hall St. Cecilia Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Thursday, November 29	
Noon	College Lunch - Baylor University
Saturday, December 1	Presbytery Meeting - Northpark
10:00 am	Sanctuary Guild Meeting
10:00 am - 8:00 pm	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Sunday, December 2	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 - Sue and Mike Jacobson
5:00 pm	Soup and Caroling - Fellowship Hall

**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. Parents, please help your children think of ways they can make an offering to the Christ child during the season.

## 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.

**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!

Dr. Helen Harris, Baylor School of Social work, will host the following session at 6pm in Room C201:

December 3 - Grief and Loss

December 4 - Youth of Middle and High School - Complex Grief and Suicide

December 11 - Parents/ Adult session - Complex Grief and Suicide

**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 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!

There are First Pres decals, \$5, and Church ornaments, \$20, for sale at the Welcome Center. These will make nice Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers. Please take a look.



### 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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## Organizational Officers

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