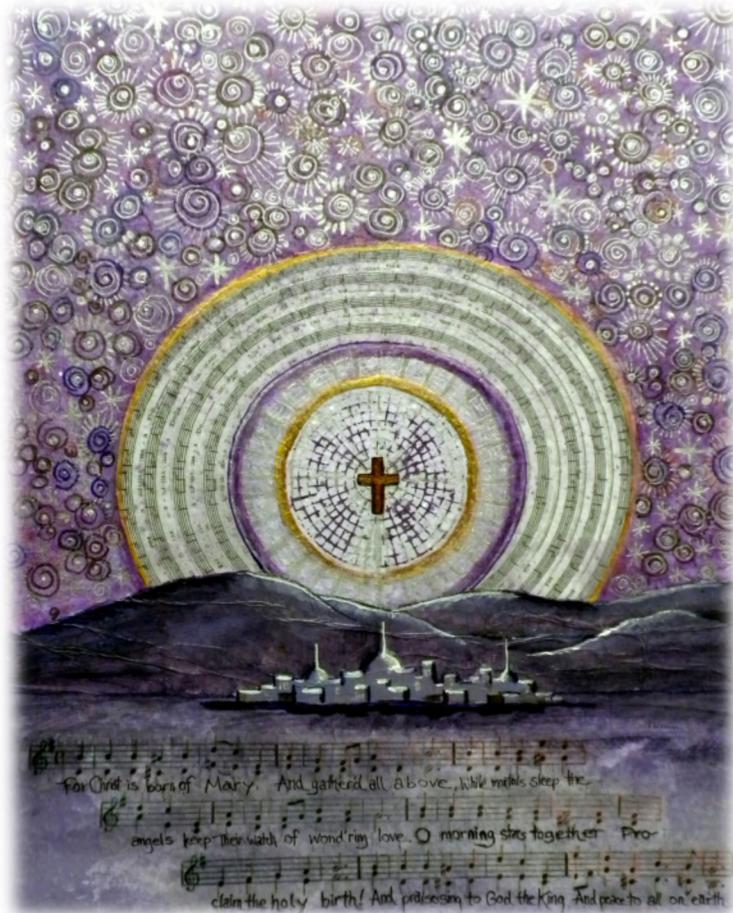


First Presbyterian Church of Waco
First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 30, 2018
Soli Deo Gloria!



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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

+ Call to Worship

Leader: Worship is a pause within the rhythm of our lives. We worship to transcend our ordinary circumstances and consider the extraordinary presence of God over all things.

People: Worship is a pause and a faithful delay. Here we rest from impulse and reaction. Here we contemplate, with the help of the Spirit, and ready ourselves to make right decisions.

Leader: Worship is a pause from outcome and purpose. Here we are privileged to “just be” alongside one another. We find a unique rest that kindles our curiosity and will.

People: Worship is a pause and a celebration. Here we celebrate God whose providence is full of choices for us. God abides fearlessly with us as we decide how to live and we learn how to grow.

+ Hymn 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

Holy Compass and Captain, we confess that we are often quick to dart this way or that way. In fear or anxiety, we might make decisions that limit the future potential you hold for us. We confess that in anger or frustration, we may decide to text, message or say things that withdraw too much from our relational bank accounts. How we long to experience peace amid fear or anxiety. How we long to experience courage to combat fear or frustration. Guide us, Holy One, that we may take time to contemplate and welcome a robust future in your providence. In Christ’s name, we pray. 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: Psalm 148 - Pew Bible - OT Page 582 (LT)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *The Cradle in Bethlehem* Roger Quilter
*There was no cradle for Jesus when He was small,
Only a rough wooden manger in a poor stall;
Yet the baby who lay there so lowly was king of us all.*
*There was no lamp in the stable that winter night,
Only a shepherd's dim lantern gave fitful light;
Yet the star that burn'd o'er the roof tree made all Heaven bright.*
*No man made music for Jesus, songs they made none;
Only Heav'n's angels were praising father and Son
In a song that will ring down the ages till ages are done.*
*We sing the glory of Jesus as they sang then,
Soon may the whole earth re-echo that song again:
Praise and glory to God in the highest, good will toward men.*

+ Gospel Reading: Matthew 2: 13-23 - Pew Bible - NT Page 2 (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 Decisions, Our Gifts to God's Season: New Year Delays Leslie King, D. Min.

Hymn 138 *Who Would Think That What Was Needed* White Rosettes

+ 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

+ 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 154

Jesus Entered Egypt

King's Weston

+ Charge

+ Benediction

+ Response Hymn

Amen

Hymn 601

Postlude

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

Thank you to Andy Hudson for being the guest pianist this morning.

Sanctuary Flowers

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
our daughter, Jane Bower
by Geneva and Charles Gamble.

Parlor Flowers

are given in memory of Beth and Edgar Jablonowski by Kay and Brent Standefer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, December 30 Leslie King preaching
 8:30 am Chapel Service - streamlined and weekly communion
 9:15 am Sunday School Holiday
 10:30 am Traditional Presbyterian Service
 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship - Foundation Parlor - Diane & Dana Williams
- Wednesday, January 2 Christmas Eve / Staff Holiday
 6:00 pm St. Cecilia Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- Saturday, January 5
 9:00 am Senior youth meet with Leslie for Sermon planning -
 Café Cappuccino in Hewitt
- Sunday, January 6 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 - Geneva & Charles Gamble

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

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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

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Associate Pastor - Dee Dee Carson

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