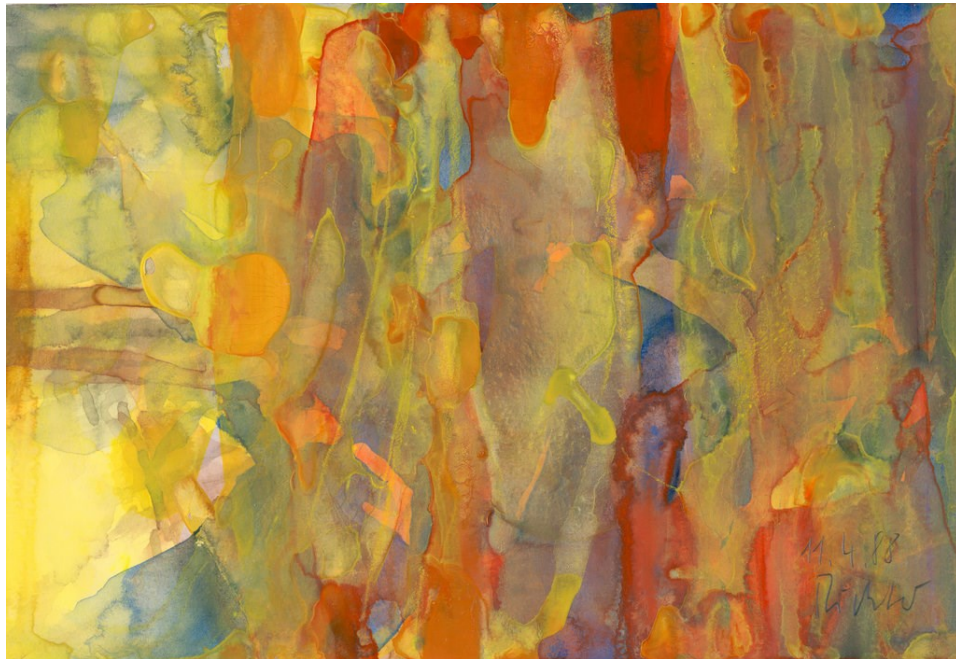


First Presbyterian Church of Waco
Baptism Sunday
November 17, 2019
Soli Deo Gloria!



A Gerhard Richter watercolor from 1988 at the Drawing Center.
Museum of Modern Art (NYT September 9, 2010)

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 at 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

Now Thank We All Our God

Bach

+ Call to Worship

Leader: We gather into worship to honor the questions of human pilgrimage and to consider God's call upon us.

People: We gather into worship to humble ourselves before God's creative power that we might be better stewards.

Leader: We gather into worship to be moved by the Spirit who arrives into community and massaging all our ills and woes.

People: We gather into worship to live with the task of discipleship from which we are never free but in which we find profound freedoms.

Leader: Let us worship the God given us in Christ Jesus. Amen.

+ Hymn 336

We Gather Together

Kremser

Prayer of Confession and Aspiration

Redeeming and Reforming God, we confess the burden of ambiguity. We confess our desire for certainty in a nuanced world. We confess our desire to know when we have done enough for your Kingdom. Thank you for understanding that these temptations lay over a deeper desire to live well and courageously. In a world distracted by scarcity, we can be afraid to give our all, but when we practice the discipline of appropriate self-giving, we feel your power rush through us. How we long for this communion with you in our daily lives. Strengthen us to the continual task of spiritual renewal putting forward your Good News to the world. These things we pray into the strength of your Spirit. Amen.

(Silent Prayers)

Response to the Confession (10:30)

Hymn 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 (10:30)

Younger children, first grade and below, are invited to the Nursery wing room S201, for Children's Church. Older children are asked to help themselves to an activity bag and a children's bulletin from the Narthex, then return to their seat for worship.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:30)

Ryan Mako Fergus
Child of Gina Hiraoka and Tom Fergus
Jesus Loves Me

Hymn 188 *Jesus Loves Me!*
Choral Response *You Belong to Christ*

Moment for First Pres

Joe Stubenrauch

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Judges 14: 10-20 - Pew Bible - OT Page 232 (NLT)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

I Waited For the Lord
(from Lobgesang)

Felix Mendelssohn

*I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he heard my complaint.
O blest are they that hope and trust in him.*

+ Gospel Lesson: Mark 10: 17-27 - Pew Bible - NT Page 46 (NLT)

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

+ Gloria Patri (10:30)

*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

The Riddle of Gratitude

Leslie King, D. Min.

Hymn 684

Faith Begins by Letting Go

Lux Prima

Offering (10:30)

Offertory

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Callahan

+ 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 450

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

+ Charge

+ Benediction

+ Response Hymn

Amen

Hymn 601

Postlude

Toccata in E Minor

Pachelbel

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

Thank you to Bronwen Forbay, Lauren Crandon, David Gilbreath, and Jane Abbott-Kirk for their gifts of music this morning.

Thank you to Charlie Olson for being the liturgist this morning.

Sanctuary Flowers

are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of and gratitude for

Charlie Olson on this day, our 40th wedding anniversary
by Kris Kaiser Olson.

Parlor Flowers

are given by Mary Henderson Senter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, November 17 Leslie King, preaching - Baptism
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
- Monday, November 18
5:30 pm All Church Retreat Planning Team - C202
This is First Pres - Chapel Parlor
7:00 pm Thanksgiving Interfaith Worship Service - 7th and James Baptist
- Tuesday, November 19
6:00 pm Grief Group with Dr. Helen Harris - C201
- Wednesday, November 20 December *Tower* Mailed
3:30 pm Graduate Disciple Bible Study - C202
6:00 pm Youth Study Hall - Fellowship Hall
St. Cecilia Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- Thursday, November 21
10:00 am Baylor Life Long Learning - C202
- Sunday, November 24 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 - Weaving Science and Faith Sunday School Class
4:00 pm Hanging of the Greens

Children's News: Continue to bring coins for the Children's Offering. This month, we are collecting dimes.

Youth News: Youth Fundraiser at Freddy's near Baylor campus on Tuesday, December 3 (Giving Tuesday) from 5-9 pm and a percentage of the revenue collected will go towards our Youth Group!

Hearing Devices

Hearing devices are available for your use in the Narthex. After use, please return to the basket next to the display where you picked the device up. The device will then be cleaned and ready for use next Sunday.

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.

A **Thanksgiving Interfaith Worship Service** will be held on Monday, November 18 at 7th and James Baptist Church, 602 James Ave. at 7:00pm. The service will include readings and prayers from members of the Baha'i Faith, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Jainism, Judaism, Unity Church, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and the Quakers. This year's event will feature the Youth Chorus of Central Texas. Please join us.

The Congregational Life Committee invites you to a new holiday event at First Pres: **Hanging of the Greens!** We will gather on Sunday, November 24, from 4-6pm to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. There will be cookie decorating and a movie in the Fellowship Hall for kids, and adults and youth will be needed to hang greenery in the Sanctuary and decorate the common spaces of the church. We will also gather in the Sanctuary before we depart for a few Christmas carols and liturgy to celebrate all that is to come in Advent. We hope you will join us for this joyful new event that readies our building for the season. Sign up in the Narthex or on Realm.

We will ring bells to support the work of **Salvation Army** on Saturdays, December 7 and 14. We will ring at our usual spot at the food court entrance of Richland Mall. Please sign up in the Narthex for a one-hour time slot and help us support all of the care Salvation Army offers to people in our community.

Each year during Advent, we offer gifts to the **Family Abuse Center** to help those who find themselves there over the holidays have gifts to open on Christmas morning. Please drop by the gift tree in the Atrium to take a tag off the tree and return your unwrapped gift by Sunday, December 8. Thank you for your generosity to the residents of Family Abuse Center!

There will be a **new member opportunity** with our Session on December 9, 2019 at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining the church, please consider attending *This is First Pres* on November 18 at 5:30pm in the Chapel Parlor. There, you can be in conversation with other interested individuals, receive a tour of the church and receive relevant information from Pastor Leslie. Text your RSVP to 254.214.5999.

Alta Vista needs 29 pen pals from First Pres this year. Writing once a month can bring joy to children and adults! Text Pastor Leslie 254.214.5999 if you are willing.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - WACO, TEXAS

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Church Office Hours: 9:00 -12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00

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Associate Pastor - Dee Dee Carson

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