

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GRAPEVINE

December 28, 2025

10:30 AM

## FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



Everybody is welcome here.

Whoever and wherever you are on your life's journey, we see God in you. Come! This is a place for everyone\* who desires to hear and embrace the word of God. Because God welcomes all, we, too, welcome everyone into the whole of our community. We respect each individual's identity and contributions. We affirm and nurture the worth of every person's journey.

\*"Everyone" and related pronouns = persons of every age, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic or family status, mental or physical abilities.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & GREETING

The nursery is available for infants through pre-K. All children are invited, during worship, to the Pray Ground in the sanctuary and/or to use the activity bags available in the Narthex. We ask that parents sit in the area near the Pray Ground.

VISITORS: We are delighted that you have joined us today in worship and we encourage you to register your attendance by using your phone to scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin (under the Attendance heading) or to complete a Visitor's Card located on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Thank you and we hope to see you again.

Also, prayer cards will be collected during the first hymn.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: We have welcomed the Christ child and declared the glory of God's salvation that comes to live among us. And yet, still, we wait.*

**ALL: We watch and work for God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.**

*One: We prepare to welcome a new year, thankful for how God has brought us through the past year and anxious to discover what the new year might bring.*

**ALL: We watch and work for God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.**

*One: We join generations of women and men who learned and taught us how to listen, notice and discern divine love at work in the world.*

**ALL: We watch and work for God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.**

*One: Come, let us worship God, whose love endures from generation to generation, guiding us from one year to the next.*

**ALL: Come, let us worship as we live in anticipation of God's kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

Call to Worship courtesy of Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, 2023

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of stars and angels, God of sheep and lambs,**

**God of abundance and grace:**

**You know us well, better than we know ourselves.**

**You hear us cry "Gloria!" and "Praise!"**

**And you watch us tear things apart with our words and deeds.**

**You hear us say "Thy will be done" and "Use me, O God"**

**And you watch us do nothing in response to cries for help.**

**You know us, and you love us, and you forgive.**

**Hear us now say, "Help us to change; turn us around,**

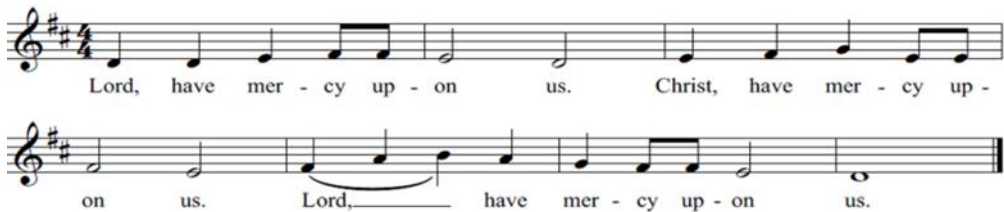
**Make us more loving and courageous and hopeful."**

**This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Call to Confession and Assurance of Pardon by Beth Merritt Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What is Good." Used with permission

(silent prayer)

KYRIE ELEISON



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*THE PEACE

\*GLORIA PATRI (from Hymn #113)

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic\* Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(\*in this context, the word "catholic" means "universal")*

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lori Bland

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Still, Still, Still"

Norman Luboff

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Still, still, still

One can here the falling snow.

For all is hushed, the world is sleeping

Holy star its vigil keeping.

Still, still, still

One can hear the falling snow.

Dream, dream, dream

Of the joyous day to come

While guardian angels without number

Watch you as you sweetly slumber.

Dream, dream, dream

Of the joyous day to come.

Sleep, sleep, sleep

'Tis the eve of our Savior's birth

The night is peaceful all around you.

Close your eyes, let sleep surround you.

Sleep, sleep, sleep.

'Tis the eve of our Savior's birth.

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

FIRST READING                      Isaiah 63:7-9

SECOND READING                  Hebrews 2:10-18

SERMON                                  “Shekhinah”                      Rev. Dr. Lucia Kremzar

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD**

\*HYMN 100                      *“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”*

STAR OF THE  
COUNTY DOWN

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\*Congregation will rise in body or in spirit.

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Lucia Kremzar.

Thank you to Leslie Miner for serving as our liturgist.

We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Dr. Lucia Kremzar to First Presbyterian today.



Dr. Kremzar loves teaching, preaching and inspiring others in faith.

Lucia's first vocation was social work—she served pregnant teenagers, abused and neglected children, and the elderly.

She heeded the call to professional ministry, attending TCU's Brite Divinity

School from 2000-2005. In 2012, Lucia earned the Doctor of Ministry degree in preaching from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. From 2005-2020, she served churches in Bridgeport, Grand Prairie, and Flower Mound. In addition to providing pulpit supply, Lucia is a Supervised Ministry facilitator at Brite and a Minister Member of Grace Presbytery.

For fun, Lucia delights in reading, gardening, music, following sports, and attending live theater. She and her husband Matt have three grown children whose residences include Denver, Plano, and Dallas. They also have two granddaughters, ages five and three, and one grandson, age one.

**The Session has called a congregational meeting to take place immediately following the worship service on Sunday, January 25, 2026, for the following purposes: (a) receiving the 2025 Annual Reports; (b) approving changes in the terms of call for the Rev. Dr. Robert S. Crilley; (c) electing members-at-large to serve on the 2026 Nominating Committee.**

## **STAYING CONNECTED**

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The Web – [fpcgv.org](https://fpcgv.org)

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Password – godslope

## **WAYS TO GIVE**

In Christ, God has showered us with grace upon grace. In gratitude, we now give back to God through our tithes and offerings.

Monetary offerings may be given electronically or in the offering plate. To make a contribution electronically, please scan the QR code below.



## **ATTENDANCE**

- (1) Check in with a push of a button on your membership app.
- (2) Sign the friendship pad in the pew.
- (3) Scan the QR code below (on your mobile device) which will take you to a simple form.



The Church office is closed through January 4, 2026.