FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GRAPEVINE

24th Sunday after Pentecost
Armed Forces Sabbath

November 8, 2026 **10:30 AM**



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 from *"Te Deum"* Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Fred Mills, Soprano Sax; Gia Choi, Piano

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 chosen to worship with us today! So that we might begin to be in a Christian relationship with you, we encourage you to register your attendance (1) by using your phone to scan the QR code below and provide your email, phone number, and/or home address, or (2) by completing a Visitor's Card located on the back of the pew in front of you and placing it in the offering plate. Thank you - we look forward to seeing you again soon!



QR Code for visitors

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

ASSISTED HEARING: Assisted hearing devices are available in the Sanctuary so that you can receive a live feed from the sound board right from your smartphone. Simply download the "ListenWifi" app from the App Store or the Google Play Store (for iPhones and Android phones, respectively). For assistance, Evan Hinton will be at the sound board at the rear of the Sanctuary.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship our God:

ALL: not only with those whose hearts overflow with joy, but with those who long to offer their deepest sorrows.

One: We gather to follow Jesus:

ALL not only with songs and prayers, but with lives of service and peace.

One: We gather to be filled with the Spirit's presence:

ALL: not only for the Bridegroom to come, but so we can be with those who are impatient for justice and hope in their lives.

One: We gather hungering for justice, thirsting for righteousness, longing for peace.

*HYMN 8 *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* MELITA

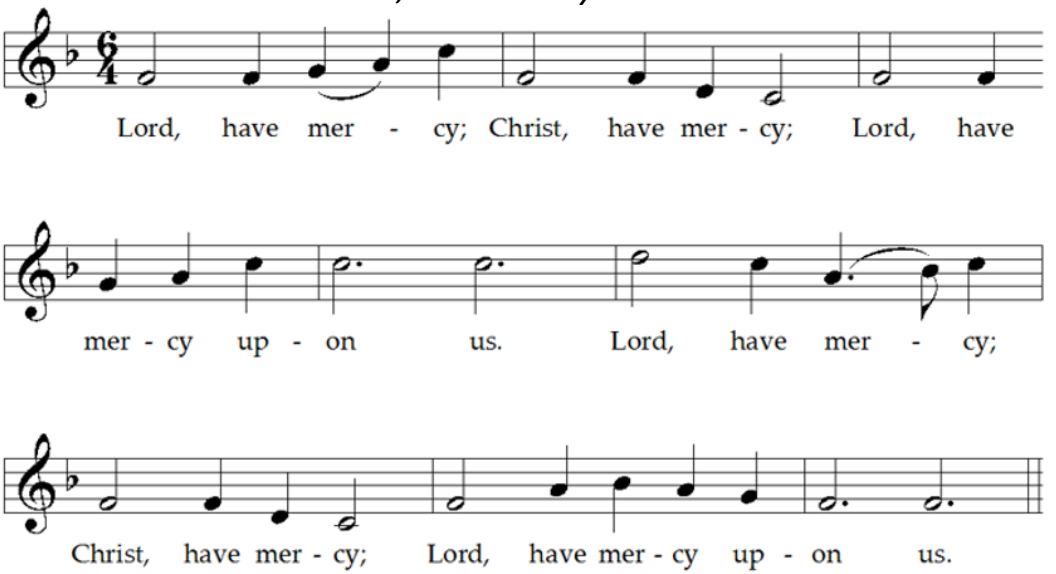
CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are an impatient people, moving so quickly we forget to ask You, God, for your help. We are so focused on our world whirling by that we do not notice the changing You in our midst. We don't see the victims of injustice right beside us. We are so determined to get right the date of your return, that we forget You are waiting for us to focus on what you would have us do with our days. Forgive us, God our rescuer, and teach us the patience and faith to seek to do your will. Open our eyes to those around us. And, in those we see, may we see Jesus Christ, our Lord the Bridegroom, coming toward us with justice and righteousness as his companions.

(Silent Prayer)

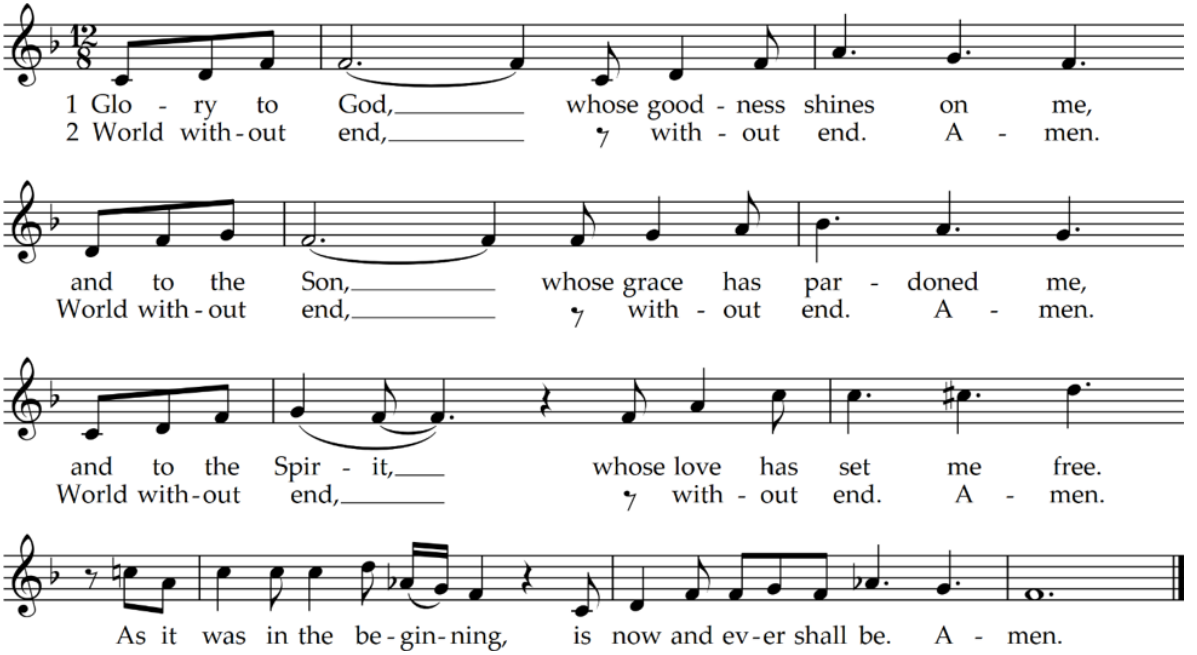
HYMN 551 *“Lord, Have Mercy”*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE PEACE

*HYMN 582“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”



*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Confession of 1967 (selected paragraphs)

God ’s love never changes. Against all who oppose the divine will, God expresses love in wrath. In the same love, God bore judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring all people to repentance and new life.

God ’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Billy Szendrey

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 *"The Lord is My Shepherd"* Allen Pote

Sanctuary Choir

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*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 Matthew 5:1-12

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

SERMON "Blessed" Dr. Leslie Miner

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN 354 *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"* BATTLE HYMN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Congregation rises in body or in spirit.
Thanks to Ken Rigouot for serving as liturgist.
The flowers today are given by Barbara Levand in celebration of her 46th. anniversary as a member of First Presbyterian.

Liturgy has been adapted from Lectionary Liturgies by Thom Shuman resources viewed at https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2026/11/alternate-texts-liturgy-wcommunion-for.html?m=

STAYING CONNECTED

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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 in the offering plate or electronically by scanning 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.

Upcoming Worship and Events Calendar

- Tuesday, November 10, 10:00 am Tuesday Study Group
- Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 pm Worship & Music Ministry (Zoom)
- Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 pm Visitor & Welcome Ministry (Zoom)
- Wednesday, November 11, 7:45 am Men's Fellowship Group
- Wednesday, November 11, 11:30 am All Ladies Lunch (Olive Garden)
- Wednesday, November 11, 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, November 12, 1:00 pm Pastor Bob's Bible Class
- Thursday, November 12, 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Thursday, November 12, 7:00 pm Prayer Group (Zoom)

Link to these and more by scanning the QR code using the camera on your mobile device or by checking your "Narthex News."

Why Poppies on Veteran's Day?

In Flanders field the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae

Please wear your poppy pin proudly.
Thanks to Suzanne Rowntree for making these poppy pins.



Veteran's Day is Wednesday, November 11. First Presbyterian Church is observing Military and First Responders Sabbath today, **November 8.** We recognize the men and women who stand on the front lines of defense of our great nation and who represent our ability to defend freedom. We salute them as well as the first responders who work so diligently to keep us safe, and offer prayers of thanksgiving for those now serving, here at home and far away.



Ladies, it's lunch time – Wednesday, November 11, 11:30 am at Olive Garden.
RSVP:
DebbyWilhelm (dcw54@gmail.com) or
Marlyn Sparks (marspar@hotmail.com)



NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 IS PIE SOCIAL TIME

Immediately following the worship service, gather in Fellowship Hall for all kinds of pie.

No one will count how many pieces you have!

Bake or buy a pie and bring it next Sunday.



GRACE



Holiday Season Food Drive Needs

Thanks to your generous support, GRACE Food Pantry was able to provide more than 1,100 meals to families in need last year. The estimated value of each basket is $100.

Shopping List

- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Corn
- Instant Potatoes
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Chicken Broth
- Canned Mushroom Soup (10.5oz)
- Sugar (2 or 5lb)
- Flour (2 or 4lb)
- Evaporated Milk
- Instant or Canned Gravy (Please no glass jars)
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- French Fried Onions (6oz)
- Jello (1 box)
- Canned Green Beans
- Rice (1lb, bagged)
- Cooking Oil (160z to 24oz)

Please drop off your donated items at the GRACE Food Pantry before 11/23/2026 for Thanksgiving and 12/16/2026 for Christmas.

Drop Off Location:
837 East Walnut Street
Grapevine, Texas 76051

Operating Hours:
Monday - Friday
9am - 5pm

Contact:
Kyle Buchanan, Pantry Manager
kbuchanan@GRACEGrapevine.org | 817.305.4677

The GRACE Client Choice Food Pantry provides perishable and non-perishable food to individuals and families in need. The Food Pantry utilizes a voucher system for GRACE clients to select the food items that meet the cultural and dietary needs of their households.

GRACE

You may bring your donations to the church and place them in them in the GRACE cabinet in the downstairs lobby.

PLEDGES AS OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

It's not too late to pledge





57 PLEDGES GOAL $580,000 **44 PLEDGES**

FPCGV STEWARDSHIP 2027

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. **1 Peter 4:10**

In response to God's admonition, ***I/We make this pledge*** *in faith*
to further the ministry of FPC Grapevine in our community and throughout the world:

AS GOD ENABLES: _____THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

OPERATING FUND: _____PER YEAR

FACILITY MAINTENANCE FUND: _____PER YEAR

Please indicate the amount for each fund each time you write a check.

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