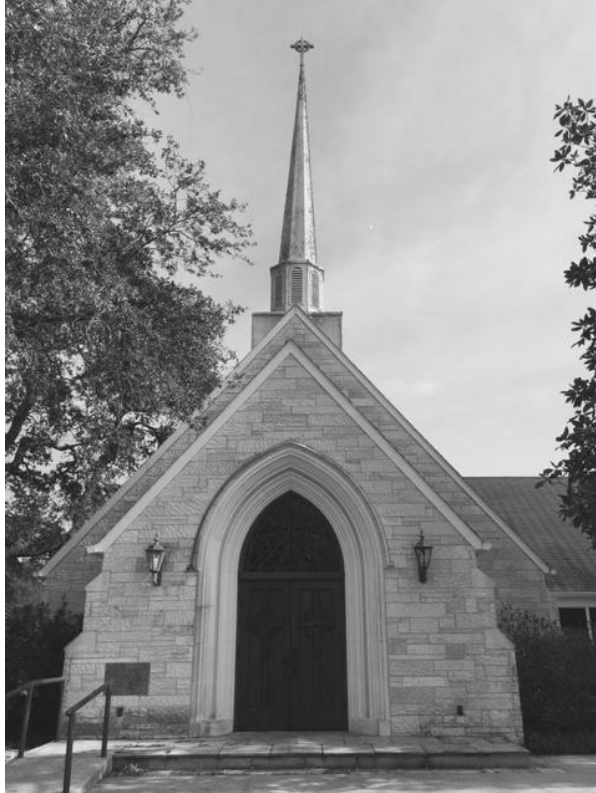




First Presbyterian Church
El Campo, Texas
July 26, 2026

First Presbyterian Church seeks to provide a spiritual home that proclaims God's presence and love to all people by creating a welcoming environment for Christian spiritual growth through worship, fellowship, and education, joyfully celebrating God's love as disciples serving the community and the world.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 26, 2026 11:00 am 9th Week after Pentecost Dining with Jesus week 8

All Are Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Variations on DEO GRACIAS* David Lasky, 2020

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: Gracious God, we thank you for the grain of the field and the fruit of the vine.

All: You enrich the earth with sunshine and rain.

One: We taste the goodness of your rich supply continually.

All: You give strength for labor

One: and skill for the ordering of our daily lives,

All: that we may live and celebrate your care for us.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #506 *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

Gracious God, you have prepared a feast for us, but we have often come to your table distracted, divided, and unprepared. We have hungered for lesser things and ignored the hunger you placed in us for you. We have failed to love as we have been loved, and we have kept others from the welcome you intend for all. Forgive us, Lord. Cleanse our hearts and renew our hope, that we might wait for your kingdom with joy rather than indifference, and live even now as people invited to your table.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Variations on DEO GRACIAS – David Lasky’s variations on this medieval tune (its Latin name means “Thanks be to God”) weave bright, rhythmic energy with moments of quiet reflection. The music’s ancient roots and modern color prepare the congregation for worship with gratitude and expectancy. It’s a lively doorway into a service centered on Christ’s welcome and joy. (see #618 & #258 in GtG)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON/DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*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. Amen.**

HEARING OF THE WORD OF GOD

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 19:9-10

Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.”

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Tom Fettke, 2021

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:14-18

New International Version

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

One: God always blesses the reading
and hearing of Holy Scripture.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Let Us Break Bread Together – Tom Fettke’s arrangement moves through a beautiful emotional progression: a reverent opening, a slower and freely expressive middle, and a bold final statement that rises with confidence. Each section brings out a different facet of the beloved communion spiritual. The quiet return of the opening motif offers a gentle conclusion, inviting worshipers into the humility and unity of Christ’s table. (see #525 in *GtG*)

SERMON

“The Table Never Ends”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #313 *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*
arr. Tracey McKibben, 2017

*THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Lord of the feast, take these gifts and use them as you used five loaves and two fish —multiplied beyond what we could ask, for the sake of others. May what we give here become bread for the hungry, welcome for the stranger, and a foretaste of the table where all your children will be fed. We offer these gifts, and ourselves, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*A READING FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967

The Lord’s Supper 9.52 (in unison)

The Lord’s Supper is a celebration of the reconciliation of people with God and with one another, in which they joyfully eat and drink together at the table of their Savior. Jesus Christ gave his church this remembrance of his dying for sinners so that by participation in it they have communion with him and with all who shall be gathered to him. Partaking in him as they eat the bread and drink the wine in accord a n c e with Christ’s appointment, they receive from the risen and living Lord the benefits of his death and resurrection. They rejoice in the foretaste of the kingdom which he will bring to consummation at his promised coming, and go out from the Lord’s Table with courage and hope for the service to which he has called them.

Lord, Make Us More Holy – Rooted in the longing of the spiritual tradition, this prayerful hymn asks for holiness that grows through community, perseverance, and love. Its simple refrain becomes a quiet petition that shapes the congregation’s posture for worship.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need – This Shaker-inspired tune, RESIGNATION, carries Psalm 23’s promise with pastoral calm. Tracey McKibben’s arrangement highlights the hymn’s spaciousness, letting each phrase breathe with trust and gratitude. It offers a moment of rest as gifts are given and received. (see #803 in *GtG*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #384 *Soon and Very Soon

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *The Road to Glory* Edward Broughton, 2014

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Kristine Shultis
Dr. Karl Paoletti, Choir Director
Ted Lashley, Music Director
Doug Vackar and Bill Bender, Ushers

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Flowers are placed today by Jeff and Mindi Snyder in honor of Colby's 30th birthday.+

Soon and Very Soon – Andraé Crouch's gospel classic lifts the congregation into joyful anticipation of God's promised future. Its refrain, full of hope and certainty, resonates with Revelation's vision of the Lamb's wedding feast and the triumph of God's kingdom.

The Road to Glory – Edward Broughton's postlude bursts with confident, forward-moving energy. Its bright harmonies and bold lines echo the hope of Revelation's feast and the joy of walking with Christ on the road of discipleship. A fitting musical send-off into the week's journey!

THIS WEEK AT FPC:

Monday, July 27th
Sunday, August 2nd

FPC+EC serving Manna Meals
11:00 a.m. – Worship with
Communion

Prayer List

Esther Bender	Colby Hauser
Scott Mollner	Avely Miller
Suzanne Hauser	John Minkert
Gerald Grogan	Willie Bender
Carole Halamicek	Betty Harfst

Clay & Taylor Fuechec Kresta and their newborn son Colter. Colter was born at 37 weeks and is in TEXAS children's.

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table – This hymn paints the Lord's Table as a place where unexpected guests find welcome — a theme that echoes Luke's story of Jesus walking beside unrecognized travelers. Its gentle tune, COPELAND, supports the text's reminder that Christ gathers a diverse people into one feast of grace.



First Presbyterian Church
GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, August 6, 2026
at 5:20 pm

9 - Hole Scramble Format

ENTRY FEE - \$60

Includes Pizza, Salad, & Wings Buffet,
and 1 entry ticket for the Yeti Cooler Raffle
(cooler filled with goodies from Praseks!)

★ **Best Deal – Player Package \$100 ★**
(includes entry fee + 12 raffle tickets)

Prizes Paid to 1st, 2nd & 3rd!

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Donnie Clapp

Mindi Snyder

Class of 2027

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Arlette Pustejovsky

Ester Latapie

Elizabeth Rasmussen

Class of 2028

Shawn Beechwood

Melba Clapp

Debra Hamman

B.J. Swenson

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Dear FPCEC Family,

One of the greatest blessings of worship at First Presbyterian Church is our music ministry. Week after week, our choir and musicians help lead us into God's presence, enrich our worship, and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through music. Their gifts inspire us, comfort us, and help us lift our voices together in praise.

As many of you know, for the past three years the Session has budgeted \$10,000 toward the choir director's salary. In addition, several generous members have quietly contributed the remaining \$10,000 needed each year beyond their regular pledges. We are deeply grateful for their faithful support.

This year, rather than relying on just a few individuals, we would like to invite our entire church family to share in supporting this important ministry.

If the music ministry has touched your life, strengthened your worship, or helped make First Presbyterian Church feel like home, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a special gift toward our goal of raising the remaining \$10,000. We ask that these gifts be made in addition to your regular pledge so they will provide additional support for this ministry.

Gifts may be mailed, delivered to the church office, or dropped into the offering plate on Sunday marked **"FPC Music Program."** Every contribution will make a meaningful difference, and together we can ensure that our ministry continues to enrich our worship for years to come.

Our hope is that as our congregation continues to grow and our financial position becomes stronger; this annual special appeal will no longer be necessary. Until then, we are grateful for the generosity, faithfulness, and shared commitment of this congregation.

We are encouraged by the new life and renewed participation we are seeing at FPC, and we believe investing in vibrant worship is an important part of that future."

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your partnership in the ministry of First Presbyterian Church.

Grace and peace,

The Session
First Presbyterian Church