



First Presbyterian Church
El Campo, Texas
June 7, 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

June 7, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

All Are Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind* arr. David Lasky, 2024

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Based on Isaiah 25

One: Hurricanes and floods and environmental havoc;

All: drones and IEDs and handguns;

One: cancer and heart disease and bodies shutting down;

All: poverty and injustice and oppression.

One: The ways of death in this world are many.

All: The words of death surround us.

One: The fear of death envelopes us.

All: But we come now to hear a different Word,

One: a true Word

All: a life-giving Word.

One: We are here on Isaiah's mountain

All: where tears are wiped away,

One: where a banquet table has been set,

All: where death has been swallowed up forever.

One: We do not fully understand it.

All: We may not fully believe it.

One: And yet here it is:

All: the power of Christ's life within us and among us.

So let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation!

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN # 494 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are. We are often unresponsive, because we are afraid. When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you might call us to do. When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths, embarrassed to speak your Word. When the wind of your Spirit

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind – Today's prelude sets a joyful tone for worship with a contemporary 2024 setting by renowned American composer David Lasky. His arrangement is based on MONKLAND, an 18th-century Moravian melody traditionally paired with John Milton's paraphrase of Psalm 136. Lasky utilizes bright organ registrations and playful rhythmic structures to breathe new life into this classic tune. The original hymn had 24 stanzas! (see #31 in *GtG*)

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts – The text of this hymn is drawn from a 12th-century Latin poem by Bernard of Clairvaux, translated into English in 1858. As we sing, listen for how the rising musical phrases mirror our spirits turning toward Christ.

blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives. When the fire of your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring. Forgive us, O Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.**

CONVERSATIONS WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

El Shaddai

arr. Jack Schrader, 1982

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:27-32

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. “Follow me,” Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

El Shaddai – This special piano selection features Jack Schrader’s iconic 1982 arrangement of the contemporary Christian classic. The title is an ancient Hebrew name for God meaning "God Almighty," and the song reflects on God's faithful deliverance across biblical history. Schrader’s arrangement begins with a quiet, reflective simplicity that gradually builds into a powerful, resonant climax. The rich, expressive chords are designed to evoke a profound sense of awe and comfort in God's absolute sovereignty.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*
arr. James Koerts, 2013

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you into the future. Sometimes we find your call challenging. We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH/RESPONSIVE READING OR PRAYER

One: We believe in God, who prepares a feast for all people.

All: We believe in Jesus Christ, who welcomed sinners and ate with outcasts, who fed the hungry and called disciples at the table, who gives himself to us in the breaking of bread.

One: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: who gathers the church in love, makes us one body in Christ, and sends us into the world to share grace, mercy, and hospitality.

We believe that one day

God will wipe away every tear,

and all people will rejoice together

at the feast of God's eternal kingdom. Amen.

Open My Eyes, That I May See – Composed in 1895 by Clara H. Scott, this beloved hymn was groundbreaking as she was the first woman to publish a collection of anthems. The text progressively moves from opening our eyes to opening our ears, mouths, and ultimately our hearts to God's truth.

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus – James Koerts' 2013 arrangement of this hauntingly beautiful American folk hymn provides a deeply reflective backdrop for our offering. The hymn text emphasizes the themes of repentance, humility, and the unconditional welcome of Christ. Koerts masterfully blends a traditional, plaintive feel with flowing, modern harmonies that cascade across the keyboard. The music serves as a gentle auditory reminder that we come to God not in our own strength, but resting entirely in His mercy.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Eternal God, you are the maker...

All: Lord hear our prayer.

One: God of our moments...

All: Lord hear our prayer.

One: Lord, we pray that your church...

All: Lord hear our prayer.

One: We pray for those who consider...

All: Lord hear our prayer.

One: We pray for those who, in answering your call...

All: Lord hear our prayer.

One: We pray, O Lord, for those in want...

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: Loving Father, bless us all with abundant faith...

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: We celebrate the Spirit of God, Who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness.

All: We praise You, Spirit of God.

One: We celebrate the Spirit of God, Who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through Him, made the life of God available to all.

All: We praise You, Spirit of God.

One: We celebrate the Spirit of God, Who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the Kingdom of God.

All: We praise You, Spirit of God.

One: And so, as we gather at the Lord's table...

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Lord, Dismiss Us
With Your*

Blessing – We are sent forth into the world today by the regal sounds of SICILIAN MARINERS, an 18th-century melody traditionally used as a seafaring devotional hymn. This historic tune was paired with John Fawcett's famous 1786 text, which asks for God's joy, peace, and protecting presence as we leave the sanctuary. Its triumphant, marching cadence is meant to energize and embolden the congregation to carry the gospel into the week ahead. (see #546 in *GtG*)

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks...

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty, and...

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Loving God, you send out your Holy Spirit to touch...

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Closing Hymn #509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing* John Fawcett, 1786

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Kristine Shultis

Dr. Karl Paoletti, Choir Director

Ted Lashley, Music Director

Shawn Beechwood, BJ Swenson, Donnie Clapp, Porter Beechwood, Communion Servers

Tommy & Barbara Hitzfeld, Ushers

THIS WEEK AT FPC:

Sunday, June 14

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Monday, June 15

No Session Meeting

Prayer List

Esther Bender	Colby Hauser
Scott Mollnar	Suzanne Hauser
Sue Zanne Urbis	Avely Miller
John Minkert	Gerald Grogan
Carol Halamicek	Willie Bender

MANNA MEALS SERVICE IS ON MONDAY, JUNE 15

Please join FPCEC as we serve Manna Meals on MONDAY, JUNE 15th. The other churches who support Manna Meals are serving approximately 80+ meals, and we are encouraged to plan accordingly. Thank you in advance for all you do to make this ministry opportunity successful.

Our Menu for Manna Meals (planning for 80+) is salad, lasagna, bread, pizza, dessert, and tea/water. How can you help? We need at least **10 volunteers** for MONDAY, JUNE 15th, in addition to those who help prepare the food. Look at your calendars now, let us know how you will be able to help us serve these appreciative community members.

Please plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before your volunteer time to make sure we serve on a timely basis. *We stop serving at 6:30 pm, but we can be cleaning up before that!*

Thank you for your love and dedication to serving our community.

In His Service,
Mary Ann Kainer (979) 578-1817

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