



Fort Worth Presbyterian Church

*Welcome to our visitors. We are glad you are here to worship with us today. Visitor forms are on the inside back page of the bulletin. Please complete, tear off and place in the offering plate, so that we may contact you. Also, use this form for prayer requests or for any activity signups.*

*The Lord's Supper will be served today.*

*Should you have any questions regarding the Lord's Supper, please see "Understanding Communion" in the bulletin.*

*May God's blessings in Christ be with you.*

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Come ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better  
You will never come at all:

Not the righteous, not the righteous –  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Joseph Hart

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*Please turn off or silence all communication devices. Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.*

*Hearing Assistive Devices (FM Receivers) are available at the back sound booth.*

*Members, please remember to wear FWPC name badges. Visitor name tags are available at the visitor reception kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.*

† *Congregation standing*

# Worship

— *December 30, 2018* —

Preparation for Worship

The Greeting

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

The Call to Worship

*God calls His people to worship*

PSALM 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity and in who spirit there is no deceit.**

† Hymn of Praise

*We behold the glory of God*

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

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Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's name.  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.  
He, has washed us with His blood; (3x)  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies.  
Called us by His grace and taught us,  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with His blood; (3x)  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down.  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown.  
He, Who washed us with His blood, (3x)  
Soon will bring us home to God.

† Invocation

*We seek the Lord's presence among us*

† Doxology

*We respond in praise  
OLD HUNDREDTH*

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*

## Confession of Sin

*We turn to God for mercy*

Gracious Father, forgive us when we have run from you and not come to you when we have sinned. Forgive us for not facing and admitting our sin in the first place.

Forgive us that at times we still make you out to be a God who is not gracious and kind, ready to forgive and receive sinners. Forgive us that we fall into performance patterns, seeking to earn your favor. Enable us to realize always that your favor and blessing come only through our being joined to the Lord Jesus Christ. He joined himself to our sin and died in our place, bearing away our judgment. And joined to him we now receive the same favor and standing that he has in your presence. O Lord, what amazing grace!

Enable us always to embrace Christ as our only hope of forgiveness and our only hope of a righteous standing in your presence. Give us peace and joy in your presence and may we love and forgive others as you have loved and forgiven us. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Words of Assurance

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

*Romans 8:1; Ephesians 3:12*

Jesus, Cast a Look on Me

Jesus, cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet.

Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might.

Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood.

In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!



Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Encouragement

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

The Confession

**Pastor:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People:** **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**Pastor:** Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

**People:** **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

**Pastor:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

Statements for Communion:

“The body of Christ for you.” “The blood of Christ for you.”

“You have new life in Christ.” “You have full forgiveness in Christ.”

*(We do serve wine in the communion trays but you can also  
find grape juice in the center of the trays.)*

## Understanding Holy Communion

“For Christ our passover has also been sacrificed for us, therefore, let us celebrate the feast.” 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Because we believe the Table belongs to the Lord, it is vital that you come this morning on His terms:

1. You must be in communion with Jesus Christ by faith and repentance, trusting Him alone for your salvation.  
– 1 Corinthians 11:27-29
2. You must be in communion with your brothers and sisters in Christ. – Matthew 5:23-24; Ephesians 4:11-12
3. You must be in communion with the church (any Bible-believing church) as a baptized member in good standing. – Matthew 18:15-18; Hebrews 13:17
4. Because we seriously heed Scripture's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29, We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of saving faith to complete the Communicants Class materials available at the book table, arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become regular “communicants” at the Lord’s Table.

*“But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”*  
– 1 Corinthians 11:28-29

## Prayers for Those Not Communing

**For those searching for truth:** Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

**For those who desire to profess faith in Christ:** Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

**A prayer for those struggling against sin:** Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

**A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith:** Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Sending of the Saints     *The people of God are sent into the world*

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrance offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5.1-2*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

The Blessing

*God blesses his people as they go*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

*Romans 15:13*

# Announcements

## Deacon of the Day

**Andy Warren**

## Save the Date

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| Ladies “Ruth” Video Series             | January 9, 16 & 23 |
| Super Wednesday winter semester begins | January 23         |
| Annual Prayer Shower for new babies    | January 26         |

# Christian Education

## Sunday School Resumes, January 6th

### **Ephesians: Living as God's People**

Ephesians tells us how God has rescued us and formed us to be his people. It tells us as God's people how we are to live with each other how we are to live in this world. Come and explore with us our new identity and our new life together!

Taught by Rev. Darwin Jordan

Lecture Hall

### **Middle School:**

Vision Checkup: How is Yours?

Life can be tough. Life as a follower of Jesus is even tougher. In Junior High Sunday School we will learn together what the world looks like for a Christian and how we can live life as followers of Jesus, together. Join us as we learn to see the world the way God sees it by putting Biblical "lenses" in our glasses.

Led by JD Diamantopoulos & Blythe Coker

Room 204

### **High School:**

What is the Gospel?

A time to eat donuts together, drink, coffee and discuss "What is the gospel?" A weekly study and conversation on going deep with the gospel basics.

Led by Collin & Haddon Ryan, Phillip Maxwell

Room 203

## Information & Events

**Visitors:** Pick up visitor information at the visitors kiosk in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship.

**Elders are Available for Prayer:** If you would like to pray with the elders following morning worship, please let one of the elders know.

**Don't ever be out of the loop again!** To get on our Men's Ministry Text List, just send @FWPCmen to (817)912-5174. You'll start getting alerts for every men's event. Of course, you can cancel at any time.

**New Year's Eve Barn Dance** for the whole church family at the Old Stackpole Barn. Hosted by the Stackpoles and Giddings to benefit the Good News Club team that is going to Romania this summer. Fliers are available in the Fellowship Hall.

**ANNUAL PRAYER SHOWER:** Ladies, please join us in the church fellowship hall on Saturday, January 26, at 9:30 a.m. for brunch and fellowship to honor the church's newest babies - Preena Forde, Titus Hoffman, and Zachariah Post. Each mom will tell us a little about their baby, and someone who knows them well will pray for them and read a card from their prayer album. These prayer albums will be filled with note cards of prayers and scripture specifically for each baby from YOU. Blank note cards will be available in the fellowship hall during January and can be returned to the basket or brought to the event. We don't want to miss anyone... if you know of any regularly-attending family with a baby born in 2018(ish) that is not included above, please email Kelly Calvert: [kellydcalvert@gmail.com](mailto:kellydcalvert@gmail.com).

**Office Closed - January 1 & 2**

# Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2018-November 2018

## June- November

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| General Fund Giving YTD   | 632,754 |
| Other Income              | 2,992   |
| General Fund Expenses YTD | 676,834 |

Our current deficit is \$41,088. Last year at this time it was \$108,185. With our current deficit we have \$71,197 cash on hand after liabilities. Our first 6 months of giving for the fiscal year has us 3% ahead our projections to reach budget for this Fiscal Year. Our giving year to date is up 4.9% compared to last year.

- ❖ **NEW! Mobile Giving:** Just Text the amount you want to give to 817-934-6447. The first time will take you through the setup after that just text the amount you would like to give.
- ❖ If you would like to give online you can sign up for ACH/Credit/Debit giving from our home page [fortworthpca.org](http://fortworthpca.org)
- ❖ If you would like to contribute stocks or securities from a brokerage account you can contact Steve Fults 817-731-3300 and he can give you the instructions for these type of gifts.
- ❖ If you would like to include FWPC in your estate planning you can contact Steve Fults with any questions you may have.

*Contributions must be received or postmarked by  
12/31/18 to be credited in 2018.*

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JOIN US FOR A 3 PART VIDEO SERIES

# RUTH

TAUGHT BY SANDRA RICHTER

JAN 9 , 16 , & 23

9 : 15 - 11 : 15

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME  
JANUARY 30

CHILDCARE PROVIDED| LOCATION: LECTURE HALL

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Prayer requests/praises or activity signup:

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*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer  
and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests  
be made known to God.  
Philippians 4:6*



Fort Worth Presbyterian Church  
"Nurturing a joy for loving God and loving people  
by proclaiming, believing and living out the gospel of Jesus Christ"

**SESSION (ELDERS)**

|               |          |              |              |
|---------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
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