

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.

Often the content of our Christmas celebration is shaped by what we do with the weeks following Christmas. Churches that observe Christmas as a standalone event may find it difficult to get past the sentimentality of seeing a cute, mild-natured baby in the manger. But the incarnation involves much more than the drama of Christmas itself; it brings a vision of God's glory to the nations of the world.

- The Worship Sourcebook

God's story of salvation is bigger, older and far more comprehensive than our personal part of that story. Corporate worship is a gathering of God's people to serve the God who has saved his people and brought them together to recall, rehearse and enter into the dynamic of God's salvation story.

- Robbie Castleman

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.

† Congregation standing

Worship

—January 6, 2019—
Epiphany Sunday

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

ISAIAH 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light,

And kings to the brightness of your rising.

† Hymn of Praise

We praise our glorious King

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

HYMN 226

† 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

Call to Confession

John 3:19-21

Confession of Sin

We acknowledge our sin

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

JOHN 1:9, 12

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

† Hymn of Response

We adore our King

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God, seated on His throne! Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave.
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge
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Offertory Prayer

Morning Offering

We offer our gifts

*Children are now dismissed for
KIWI (Kids in Worship Instruction)*

*KIWI Children (4 year old-kindergarten) Room 211
KIWI Jr. (first and second grade) Room 209.*

*Teachers will meet the children in the foyer
to take them to their classrooms.*

*After the sermon, their teachers will return them to worship
where they may come directly to you, or you may
meet them in the back of the auditorium.*

Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come

(Isaiah 60:1-19)

Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of God is on you.
Arise, see when the earth grows dark that the Lord will arise upon you.
The Lord will arise upon you.

*Nations will come to your light. Lift up your eyes and see.
We'll gather together and come to you
and your love will be all that we know.
Your love will be all that we know.*

Arise, come to the open gates for the Father is welcoming you.
Fear not for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe.

The sun will not shine 'cause you'll be all the light that we need;
And violence will end, all the wars that we wage will cease.

We will glorify your name,
We will glorify your name.

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The Reading of the Word

Matthew 2:1-12
(page 807 in pew Bible)

The Preaching of the Word

Darwin Jordan

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO THE KING OF THE JEWS?

1. Are you troubled by Him?
2. Are you apathetic toward Him?
3. Are you joyfully worshiping Him?

Communion

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.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(from Psalm 23)

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

Words by Isaac Watts; Tune: ST. COLUMBA, Old Irish hymn melody

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Beautiful Savior

Stuart Townend



1. All _____ my days I will sing this song of
2. I _____ will trust in the cross of my Re -
3. I long _____ to be where the praise is nev - er



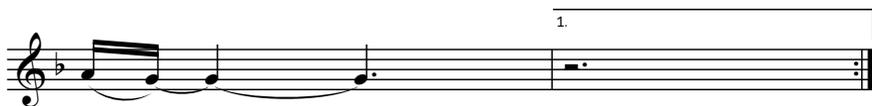
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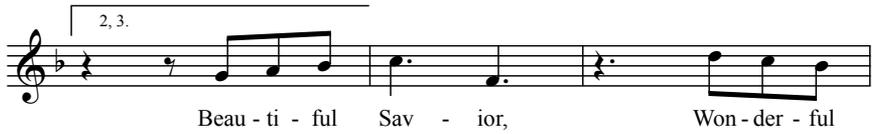


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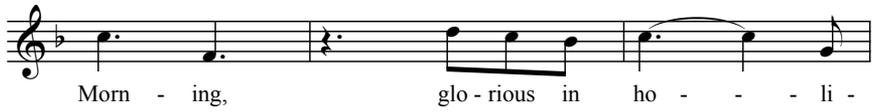
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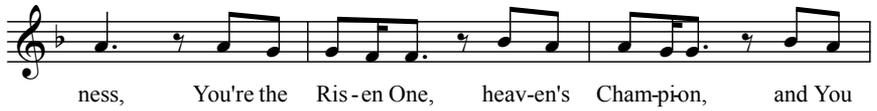
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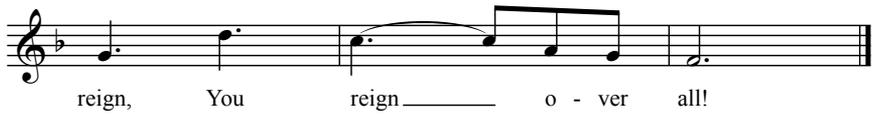
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All Glory Be to Christ
(Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive?
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn. All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above;
Who is himself our daily bread, praise Him, the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price.
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

(Refrain)

When on that day the great I Am, the faithful and the true,
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.
Behold, our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er His people be, All glory be to Christ!

(Refrain)

Words by Dustin Kensrue
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The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9

People: Thanks be to God!

The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Psalm 67:1-2

Announcements

Deacon of the Day

Johnny Tassin

Save the Date

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| Super Wednesday winter semester begins | January 23 |
| Annual Prayer Shower for new babies | January 26 |
| Annual Women's Luncheon | February 10 |
| Annual Silent Auction & Variety Show | March 3 |
| Juarez Mission Trip | July 20-27 |

Christian Education

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.

FWPC First Sunday: Pray to End Abortion: On the first Sunday of each month, friends of the unborn from our church meet to pray publicly to end abortion. We meet at two different times at Planned Parenthood, 6464 John Ryan Pkwy; 11:00am-Noon; 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Your physical presence in witness for life is really needed! Make a commitment to join us TODAY!

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

Information & Events

Ruth Video Series: Jan 9, 16 & 23 @ 9:15-11a in Lecture Hall: Starts this Wednesday. All Ladies are invited to join us. Childcare is provided. The Sermon on the Mount Bible study will resume on January 30th.

ANNUAL PRAYER SHOWER: Ladies, please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 26, 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.

Mission trip to Juarez, Mexico - July 20-27, 2019: Immediately following morning worship on *Sunday, January 13th*, there will be a meeting for the mission trip planned for 2019 in the Lecture Hall. We will discuss the trip and give you details on the cost and what to expect. Come join the team. See Steve Fults for information.

Dallas/Fort Worth Area March for Life: Join *thousands* of local Christians as we March for Life in Dallas commemorating the millions of lives lost to abortion since 1973. The march begins at Guadalupe Cathedral and proceeds to the Earle Cabell Federal Courthouse. March begins at 12:30 PM, food trucks available for lunch at 11:30 AM next to the Cathedral. You may check <http://northtexasmarchforlife.org/> for complete details. See Steve Rook for promotional materials.



Children's Ministry Conference

*Equip and Encourage Your Church's
Ministry to Children*

February 1st – 2nd, 2019
Hosted by Fort Worth PCA

Who should come?

Children's ministry volunteers and parents
50% off for church members. Coupon code: ESTFWPHALF

Interactive workshops include:

- Training Children in Worship
- Gospel-Centered Parenting
- Special Needs Ministry
- Child Abuse Prevention
- Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers
- Nursery Ministry

Go to our church website for complete schedule and to register
fortworthpca.org



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Prayer requests/praises or activity signup:

*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"

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