



Fort Worth
Presbyterian
Church

Welcome to our visitors on Facebook Live. We're glad you've joined us to worship today. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete a visitor form or to submit a prayer request or praise.

May God's blessings in Christ be with you.

May we learn so to magnify his grace, as it is shown to us in the Lord Jesus Christ, that we might be completely taken up with it; and may we not only do so with our lips, but place our entire trust in him. May we grow in that trust until we are gathered up into our eternal home, where we shall receive faith's reward. May he not only grant this grace to us, but to all peoples.

- John Calvin

As the church gathers, it proclaims to the surrounding world that Jesus is King, that he alone saves, and that he is their only hope.

- Mike Cospers

Worship

—October 25, 2020—

Reformation 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

PSALM 46:1-2, 10-11

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.

“Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
A Bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient Foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing;
Dost ask who that may be:
Christ Jesus it is He;
The Lord of Hosts His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed,
His truth to triumph through us
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure,
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'r,
No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever!

Words by Martin Luther

† 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.*

Welcome

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Based on 1 Corinthians 13

(quietly meditate on each question)

Love is patient.

(Am I willing to endure trying people?)

Love is kind.

(Am I thinking or acting unkindly toward anyone?)

Love is not possessive.

(Am I manipulative? Do I use people?)

Love is not boastful or proud.

(Do I love to be the center of attention?)

Love is courteous.

(Am I considerate, thoughtful, warm?)

Love is not selfish.

(Am I always insistent on my needs and rights?)

Love is not irritable or bitter.

(Am I forgiving? Do I keep a record of wrongs?)

Love delights in truth and righteousness.

(Do I make proper efforts to protect my neighbor's name and reputation?)

O Lord, you have poured out your love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit and given us the mind of Christ. Forgive us, Father, for not showing that same love toward others. Help us to comfort others with the same comfort that we have received from you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The promise of good news

ROMANS 3:21-25

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

† Hymn of Response

We look to Christ alone

Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him?

Is not thine a captured heart?

Chief among ten thousand own Him,

Joyful choose the better part.

Captivated by His beauty, worthy tribute haste to bring.

Let his peerless worth constrain thee, Crown Him now unrivaled King.

What can strip the seeming beauty,

From the idols of the earth?

Not a sense of right or duty,

But the sight of peerless worth.

‘Tis that look that melted Peter,

‘Tis that face that Stephen saw,

‘Tis that heart that wept with Mary,

Can alone from idols draw.

Words by Ora Rowan; Music by Joel Littlepage

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Pastoral Prayer

Ben Dyess, Ruling Elder (8:30)
Jacob Tilton, Ruling Elder (10:30)

The Reading of the Word

Hosea 5:8-7:2

Hosea 5

[8] Blow the horn in Gibeah, the trumpet in Ramah. Sound the alarm at Beth-aven; we follow you, O Benjamin! [9] Ephraim shall become a desolation in the day of punishment; among the tribes of Israel I make known what is sure. [10] The princes of Judah have become like those who move the landmark; upon them I will pour out my wrath like water. [11] Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment, because he was determined to go after filth. [12] But I am like a moth to Ephraim, and like dry rot to the house of Judah.

[13] When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria, and sent to the great king. But he is not able to cure you or heal your wound. [14] For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, even I, will tear and go away; I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.

[15] I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

Hosea 6

[1] “Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. [2] After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. [3] Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

[4] What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. [5] Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. [6] For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

[7] But like Adam they transgressed the covenant; there they dealt faithlessly with me. [8] Gilead is a city of evildoers, tracked with blood. [9] As robbers lie in wait for a man, so the priests band together; they murder on the way to Shechem; they commit villainy. [10] In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing; Ephraim’s whoredom is there; Israel is defiled. [11] For you also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed. When I restore the fortunes of my people,

Hosea 7

[1] when I would heal Israel, the iniquity of Ephraim is revealed, and the evil deeds of Samaria, for they deal falsely; the thief breaks in, and the bandits raid outside. [2] But they do not consider that I remember all their evil. Now their deeds surround them; they are before my face.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A LOVELESS PEOPLE:
KNOWING GOD THROUGH OUR CONFESSION

1. We must confess our desire to find security in things other than Him
2. We must confess our desire to think only of ourselves
3. We must confess the inability to love the Lord as ourselves

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.

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.

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warrior cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words by William Walsham How; Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

People: Thanks be to God!

The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.
May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.

2 Thessalonians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 3:12

Announcements

Deacon of the Day

Randy Shannon

Save the Date

December 13 Lessons & Carols

Reformation Day Celebration

“SOLUS CHRISTUS”

“... there is one mediator between God
and men, the man Christ Jesus”

(1 Timothy 2:5 ESV)

It is easy for well-meaning people to add to the work of Christ. In the early years of the Church, people added requirements given by Moses (Acts 15:1). Today, others with similarly good intentions want Christians “to do the right thing” on a variety of issues like cultural engagement, economics, politics, healthcare, the environment—the list seems to grow daily. It seems the validity of your relationship with God requires you speak a particular message or act a certain way.

In the early 1500s, a monk named Martin Luther saw the leaders of the Church trying to add to what Christ had done. Luther led a protest to bring change. Historians now refer to his efforts as the beginning of the “Protestant Reformation.”

The Reformation had five rallying cries, the “solas” of the Reformation: *Sola Scriptura* (only Scripture), *Sola Gratia* (only grace), *Sola Fide* (only faith), *Solus*

Christus (only Christ) and *Soli Deo Gloria* (to God alone be the glory). *Solus Christus* was an echo of Paul’s words to the Philippian. He put aside confidence in the deeds of the flesh as he placed his trust in Christ:

not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith (Philippians 3:9 ESV).

Luther taught the righteousness that secures God’s blessing is an “alien righteousness.” It belongs to Christ but is credited to those who trust in Jesus. Nothing can be added to increase God’s favor, nor can anything remove the blessing secured by Christ. God pours out blessing because of the work of Christ alone. That is the good news of the gospel. That is the cry of the Reformation.

God’s blessing is secured by Christ alone.

What's the result?

We have peace with God because Christ took our punishment and granted us the blessings of His righteousness. Yet, there's more: Christ, the righteous One, now lives in those who trust in Him. The life we live in the flesh we live by faith in the Son of God, who loves us and gave Himself for us (Galatians 2:20). Every day we live by "Christ alone."

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty captured the enduring hope of "solus Christus":

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.

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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Information & Events

Offering: To make a contribution [CLICK HERE](#).

New Member/Inquirers Class TODAY: Learn about FWPC's vision, purpose, ministries, service opportunities, fellowship opportunities, membership and more. This is a four-week class starting Sundays, October 25th *thru* November 15th, immediately following the 8:30am worship service. *Teacher: Steve Fults in the Lecture Hall.* Signup at the Fellowship Hall table.

Two Fall Social Events for 5th and 6th Graders: These are social events where we will give prizes to those who have memorized any of the catechisms up to that point.

OCTOBER 25th, 4-5:30 TYE-DYE t-shirt extravaganza @ the Moore house.

NOVEMBER 15th, 6-7:30 S'MORE ROAST @ the Welch house.

Any questions, contact Ryan or Ada Moore

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Zoom Prayer meetings: Mondays @ 7:30am; Thursdays @ Noon-12:30pm. Join the church in prayer each week for the issues facing our nation. The links were emailed this past Friday.

Information & Events

Women's Bible Study: Join us to study Kathleen Nielson's *Proverbs: The Ways of Wisdom* this fall (Sept. 1-Nov. 18) and *Psalms: Songs Along the Way* this spring (Jan. 13-Apr. 14). We expect to have small groups and lectures on Wednesday mornings and a small group in the evening at church. Zoom discussion groups will be available on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening. We will adapt church small groups as needed. If none of these groups work for you, we encourage you to create your own small group and join in Nielson's study of Proverbs with us. Fall registration is available now at FortWorthPCA.org.

40 Days For Life: Will you PRAY? Commit one hour a week over the next 40 days (*Sept. 23 thru Nov. 1*) to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic, 6464 John Ryan Parkway – right across from Harris Methodist Hospital. You can sign up for your 1-hour time slot at fortworthpca.org.

Meeting November 12, 7-8 pm: The Session invites you to attend an overview of the Denominations 2018 paper on Racial Reconciliation including practical advice for ministry going forward.

Unity Fund Offering Sunday, November 15:

The Status Quo Is Not Working.

We need a redemptive paradigm shift.

There are 4,882 Teaching Elders in the PCA. Of that number, only a small percentage of TE's are made up of minorities.

| 1% | 0.8% | 10% |
|------------------|--------|------------------------|
| African American | Latino | Korean/Korean American |

These facts galvanized the PCA to create the PCA Unity Fund in 2016 motivated for our denomination to resemble the Church in her glorified state, as described in Revelation 7:9.

Information & Events

Super Wednesday Volunteers Needed: Wednesdays this fall, October 28 – November 11, from 6pm-6:30pm, we are having three drive-thru Super Wednesdays for students grades 1-5, with carnival games, to go dinner, craft and Bible lesson pickup. We are putting together our super team of volunteers to make all this happen. We will need volunteers to set up and run carnival games, prepare food, prepackage crafts, Bible lessons, carnival prizes and pray with families. We would like to continue our relationship with the students so that we can continue to share the saving work of Jesus with them.

Just click on this link to sign up for this fall!

[Volunteer Super Wednesdays](#) or email Steve Fults at steve@fortworthpca.org. Thank you for serving in the kingdom!!!

Men's Ministry Text List: 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.

Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2020-May 2021

| | <u>June-September</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund Giving YTD | 381,027 |
| Other Income | 1,063 |
| General Fund Expenses YTD | 429,734 |

Our Fiscal Year began June 1, 2020. Through the first four months of the new fiscal year we have a loss of -\$47,644 compared to last year's loss of -35,411. We have continued to use some of the Covid-19 Relief funds for needs with a balance remaining of \$30,349. As of September 30, we have \$148,945 cash on hand after liabilities. Thank you for your faithful giving in these difficult times. Part of your faithful giving supports Bradford Green, Campus Minister at TCU for Reformed University Fellowship (RUF).

- ❖ **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
- ❖ 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 types of gifts.
- ❖ If you would like to include FWPC in your estate planning you can contact Steve Fults with any questions you may have.

*Trust in the Lord, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Psalm 37.3-4*

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first *last*

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Check all that apply:

- First time guest*
- Repeat guest*
- Address change
- Name Tag needed
- I have a mercy need*
- I would like a visit from an elder
- Email change

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



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“Nurturing a joy for loving God and loving people
by proclaiming, believing and living out the gospel of Jesus Christ”

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