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Presbyterian
Church

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May God's blessings in Christ be with you.

The pastoral oversight of the church belongs ultimately to God himself. Indeed, each of the three persons of the Trinity has a share in this oversight. To begin with, the church is “God’s church”.

If the three persons of the Trinity are thus committed to the welfare of the people, should we not be also?

- John Stott

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

- Francis Rous

Worship

—*January 24, 2021*—

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 96:1-4

Oh sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

he is to be feared above all gods.

† Hymn of Praise

We praise our glorious King

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Words by Robert Robinson

† 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 Faith

Heidelberg Catechism

#1 Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own,
but belong—**

**body and soul,
in life and in death—**

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious
blood,**

and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way

that not a hair can fall from my head

without the will of my Father in heaven;

**in fact, all things must work together for my
salvation.**

Because I belong to him,

Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

assures me of eternal life

**and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

Welcome

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Most merciful Father, we have sinned against and are guilty before you. Forgive us the sins of our tongues—

For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others; for resentment, coldness, impatience, and tempers out of control.

Forgive us the sins of our eyes—

For impurity in our glances and imagination; for pining after more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth than you have given us.

Forgive us the sins of our hearts—

For hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbors; for pride, self-absorption, self-pity; and above all for rebelling against your Lordship and doubting your love.

Now, Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride, melt our hearts. Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, to live for you and not for ourselves, to be transformed into your likeness, to live wholly for your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The promise of good news

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

† Song of Response

We rest in God's goodness

Ancient of Days

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson,
Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves

1. Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and fall there is
 2. Though the dread of night o - ver - whelms my soul He is
 3. Though I may not see what the fu - ture brings I will

still one King reign - ing o - ver all. So I
 here with me, I am not a - lone. O His
 watch and wait for the Sa - vior King Then my

will not fear for this truth re - mains: that my
 love is sure and He knows my name for my
 joy com - plete stand - ing face to face In the

God is _____ the An - cient of Days. None a -
 God is _____ the An - cient of Days.
 pre - sence of the An - cient of Days.

bove Him, none be - fore Him, all of time in His hands, for His

throne it shall re - main and ev - er stand. All the

pow - er, all the glo - ry, I will trust in His name for my

God is the An - cient of Days.

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*"As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat."
 Daniel 7:9*

Reception of Communing Members Sacrament of Baptism

(8:30)

Oliver Luther Zink

Reception of Communing Members

(10:30)

Noah Breedlove

Moriah Curtis

The Reading of the Word

Acts 20:17-35

[17] Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. [18] And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, [19] serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; [20] how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, [21] testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. [22] And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, [23] except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. [24] But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. [25] And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. [26] Therefore I testify to you this day that I am

innocent of the blood of all, [27] for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. [28] Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. [29] I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; [30] and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

[31] Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. [32] And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. [33] I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. [34] You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. [35] In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (ESV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

(Clear cups are wine and purple cups are grape juice)

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.

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
all to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition,
all I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
they have left my savior too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me,
Thou art not like them untrue.
Oh while thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love and might,
foes may hate and friends disown me,
show thy face and all is bright.

Soul then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine.
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
armed by faith and winged by prayer.
Heav'n's eternal day's before thee,
God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
soon shall pass thy pilgrim days.
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give
thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will
of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

People: Thanks be to God!

The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

May the God of peace himself sanctify you
wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body
be kept sound and blameless at the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is
faithful, and he will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Announcements

Deacon of the Day

Andy Warren

Information & Events

Offering To make a contribution [CLICK HERE](#) or you may text to give to 817-934-6447.

Find Refreshment in a Zoom Prayer meeting: Monday@ 7:30am, Thursday@ Noon. Join the church for 30 minutes of prayer Monday or Thursday as we pray for issues facing our church and nation. The link was emailed this past week.

Anne Santana is our new Greeter Team Coordinator: Join the Greeter Team today. Call or email Anne 817-874-4001, or asimple1@gmail.com.

Mission to the World Missions Conference **February 19–20, 2021 | FREE**

Our world is in upheaval but the work of making disciples of Christ is ever before us. Now more than ever, we witness His hand at work and celebrate the assurance that His story continues.

You'll hear stories from around the world, experience workshops that will challenge your views on missions, and catch a glimpse into the future as we anticipate how God will grow His kingdom through the work of the Presbyterian Church in America and our partners.

Individuals, groups, and churches welcome. More info at mtw.org as we anticipate how God will grow His kingdom through the work of the Presbyterian Church in America and our partners.

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Prayer Albums: Please join the Women's Ministry Board in celebrating our church family's newest members:

Casey "Chadwick" Cullum, Jr.
Benjamin Scott "Benji" James
Emma Rose Jenson
Jane Elise Williams

Prayer albums for these babies, filled with note cards of prayers and scripture from YOU, will be presented to each mama. Look for blank note cards on the Fellowship Hall table to complete and return to the basket by January 31, or you may use your own 4x6 notecards and mail to FWPC (mailing address: PO Box 16307, FWTX 76162) Attn: Prayer Shower. If you have questions or need additional details, please email AbiBechard@gmail.com.

Ladies Bible Study: Join us for a Study in Psalms: Songs Along the Way. There will be morning groups and lecture at Fort Worth Presbyterian (9:30-11:15am). The evening group meets at 7pm. For those who prefer to meet by Zoom, there are discussion groups Tuesday 1:30-3:00pm and Wednesday 7:00-9:00pm. Registration is \$10 for the book and scholarships are available. Register today at ForthWorthPCA.org.

The Fort Youth Group:

High School Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:45 pm here at FWPC!

Middle School Sunday nights from 5:30-7 pm here at FWPC!

For more info contact Phillip Maxwell, Youth Pastor (contact info on back page of bulletin).

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