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Presbyterian  
Church

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

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Christ not only makes us accepted with God, but also acceptable to God. He not only purchases love for his saints, but also makes them lovely.

- John Owen

In remembrance of what Christ has done, the church remembers the world and prays for it to be transformed into God's kingdom.

- Simon Chan

It seemed that everybody was now involved in the conspiracy and that Paul was in extreme danger. But even the most careful and cunning of human plans cannot succeed if God opposes them.

- John Stott

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# Worship

—February 21, 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*

PSALMS 145:4-9

One generation shall commend your works to another, and  
shall declare your mighty acts.

**On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your  
wondrous works, I will meditate.**

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and  
I will declare your greatness.

**They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and  
abounding in steadfast love.

**The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he  
has made.**

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,  
And to my list'ning ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heav'n be one.

Words by Maltbie D. Babcock

## † 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*

**O Lord, we have not longed for your coming and your kingdom as we ought. We have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor, the lonely and the suffering. Often we have not cried out for justice nor cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord, forgive us for our offenses and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we might live in light of your coming again. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

# Assurance of Forgiveness

*The promise of good news*

## REVELATION 5:8-10

And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God.”

## † Hymn of Response

*We rest in God's goodness*

Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.

Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.

But do you know that all the dark  
won't stop the light from getting through? We do.

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is.

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,  
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.  
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is he worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does.  
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.  
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those he loves? He does. Does  
our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,  
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.  
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,  
he has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? He is.

Words and Music by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive

## Pastoral Prayer

*Scott Hames, Ruling Elder (8:30)*

*Scott Wade, Ruling Elder (10:30)*

## The Reading of the Word

Acts 23:12-35

[12] When it was day, the Jews made a plot and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. [13] There were more than forty who made this conspiracy. [14] They went to the chief priests and elders and said, "We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food till we have killed Paul. [15] Now therefore you, along with the council, give notice to the tribune to bring him down to you, as though you were going to determine his case more exactly. And we are ready to kill him before he comes near."

[16] Now the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush, so he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. [17] Paul called one of the centurions and said, "Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to tell him." [18] So he took him and brought him to the tribune and said, "Paul the prisoner called me and asked me to bring this young man to you, as he has something to say to you." [19] The tribune took him by the hand, and going aside asked him privately, "What is it that you have to tell me?" [20] And he said, "The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire somewhat more closely about him. [21] But do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty of their men are lying in ambush for him, who have bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they have killed him. And now they are ready, waiting for your consent." [22] So the tribune dismissed the young man, charging him, "Tell no one that you have informed me of these things."

[23] Then he called two of the centurions and said, "Get ready two hundred soldiers, with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to go as far as Caesarea at the third hour of the night. [24] Also provide mounts for Paul to ride and bring him safely to Felix the governor." [25] And he wrote a letter to this effect:

[26] "Claudius Lysias, to his Excellency the governor Felix, greetings. [27] This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them when I came upon them with the soldiers and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman citizen. [28] And desiring to know the charge for which they were accusing him, I brought him down to their council. [29] I found that he was being accused about questions of their law, but charged with



nothing deserving death or imprisonment. [30] And when it was disclosed to me that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to you at once, ordering his accusers also to state before you what they have against him.”

[31] So the soldiers, according to their instructions, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris. [32] And on the next day they returned to the barracks, letting the horsemen go on with him. [33] When they had come to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, they presented Paul also before him. [34] On reading the letter, he asked what province he was from. And when he learned that he was from Cilicia, [35] he said, “I will give you a hearing when your accusers arrive.” And he commanded him to be guarded in Herod’s praetorium. (ESV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## WHAT HINDERS GOD'S PROVIDENCE?

1. The plot to kill Paul is created (vv. 12-15)
2. The plot to kill Paul is disclosed (vv. 16-22)
3. The plot to kill Paul is overrun (vv. 23-35)

## 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.

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Ancient Irish poem

## 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

Daniel Sneed

## Information & Events

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

**Condolences for Sneed Family:** January 29, Daniel Sneed's father Donald went to be with the Lord. The family was gathered around and were singing 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus' as he passed into the Lord's presence.

**Condolences for Santana Family:** February 7, Carlos Santana's mother Ana went to be with the Lord with her family around her.

**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.

**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\*\*](http://ForthWorthPCA.org).



## Information & Events

### **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).

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

**Communion Team:** Volunteer to be on a team to assist with Communion distribution 8:30 or 10:30 Sunday mornings. Members 9th Grade - Adult. Contact Rich Saadeh 817-718-0175, or [rws175@gmail.com](mailto:rws175@gmail.com).

# Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2020-May 2021

<b>June – January</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
General Fund Giving YTD	851,576	886,479
General Fund Expenses YTD	849,758	882,233
How we're doing YTD	1,818	4,244

We have continued to use the Covid-19 Relief funds for needs with a balance remaining of \$19,551. As of January 31, we have \$196,507 cash on hand after liabilities. Thank you for your faithful giving in these difficult times.

Part of your faithful giving supports Remy & Angi Ngumbu, Missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

- ❖ **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 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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**by proclaiming, believing and living out the gospel of Jesus Christ”**

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