



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.

God promises us simply himself. He refuses to be an end to any other means. By his mercy we can taste eternal life, which is defined by Scripture not as making it to heaven or seeing our dreams coming true or nothing bad ever happening, but as knowing the true God and the one he has sent (John 17:3). That's the promise: we can know God. Take it or leave it. Is Jesus enough?

- Tish Harrison Warren

The cumulative testimony of the four Gospels is that when Jesus Christ sees the fallenness of the world all about him, his deepest impulse, his most natural instinct, is to move toward that sin and suffering, not away from it.

- Dane Ortlund

Worship

—*March 14, 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 33:1-5

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.

**He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.**

† Hymn of Praise

We praise our glorious King

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Words by Reginald Heber

† 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 Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

#28 Q. In what does Christ's exaltation consist?

A. Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day; in ascending into heaven; in sitting at the right hand of God the Father; and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

#29 Q. How are we made to share in the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made to share in the redemption purchased by Christ by the effective application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections often turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, so that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The promise of good news

HEBREWS 4:15

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

† Hymn of Response

We rest in our Father's love

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

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Pastoral Prayer

Jacob Tilton, Ruling Elder

[12] “In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. [13] At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. [14] And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ [15] And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. [16] But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, [17] delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you [18] to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

[19] “Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, [20] but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.”

(ESV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE COMMISSIONING OF PAUL AND WHY IT MATTERS TODAY

1. The grace of Paul's commissioning
2. The purpose of Paul's commissioning
3. The power of Paul's commissioning

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.

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest,
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation,
Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper,
The sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords¹ loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy,
The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King, Lead on, O King!

Lead on, O King, Lead on!

Lead on, O King eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning,
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted over us,
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

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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

Save the Date

March 24

Men's Group 55+ Kick-Off

April 26th

Celebration for Darwin & Kaye's Years of Service
Smokestack 1948

2836 Stanley Avenue, FWTX 76110

FWPCA Family (18 years and older)

RSVPs will be mailed later this month

May 23rd

Reception following 10:30am service

July 26 *thru* July 30

Vacation Bible School

Information & Events

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

Women's Ministry Board: Nominations for the women's ministry board are **due today**. We encourage you to nominate ladies you know personally or have observed in a small group setting to serve a two-year term in one of these ministry areas: discipleship, special events, prayer, communications, hospitality, in-reach, co-chair. Please submit your nominations on the Fellowship Hall table or [CLICK HERE](#) now!

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.

55+ Men's Group is back for a new season of fellowship, prayer, and time in the Word. Bring your lunch and join us for an hour together -- Wednesday, March 24, 11:45-1:00 in the Lecture Hall. Questions? Contact Ryan Moore or Kerry Eckstein.

Summer Mission Trip: We are planning a five-day Bible Camp June 7-11 with students from Oakmont Elementary. The camp will be afternoons and will operate like Super Wednesdays. Sign up today. Text or email Steve Fults. 817-773-8772 steve@fortworthpca.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).

Join Our Greeter Team Today: Contact Anne Santana, the Greeter Team Coordinator. Call 817-874-4001, or email 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.

NEW Evening Study of the Westminster Shorter Catechism:

“What is God like? Why did the eternal Son have to become a human? To find answers to these and other questions, FWPC will be offering a class in the fundamentals of our Christian Faith by reviewing the Westminster Shorter Catechism starting Monday, **March 22nd @ 7pm.** The **bi-weekly** classes will give a deeper understanding of what Christians believe and will bring us to worship and praise our God and Father. Bring your questions to class. More detail to follow.

Led by Bob Schwartzbeck

Lecture Hall

Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2020-May 2021

June – January	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	953,580	968,155
General Fund Expenses YTD	953,232	989,331
How we're doing YTD	348	-21,175

We have continued to use the Covid-19 Relief funds for needs with a balance remaining of \$14,051. As of February 28, we have \$195,037 cash on hand after liabilities. Thank you for your faithful giving in these difficult times.

Part of your faithful giving supports JB Wilbanks, Reformed University Fellowship, Campus Minister, Tyler, Texas.

- ❖ **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*

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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