



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.

We don't have to shout for [God] to hear us, and we don't have to get the "recipe" right for him to pay attention. God is here, now, wherever a believer calls on his name. Not only that, he calls and accepts us just as we are because he meets us through Jesus, whose work makes us presentable. The Maker of heaven and earth is *always pleased with us because of Jesus.*

- Mike Cospers

Worshiping God as Creator also means recognizing that I was made for him. If I compose and paint a painting, it belongs to me as a testament to my artistic ability. The same is true of us. If God made us, then we belong to him as a testament to his creative glory. The fact is that you and I were never meant to live for our own success and glory. Every day we're meant to live like our lives belonged to Another.

- Paul Tripp

Worship

—*March 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

BASED ON PSALM 27; JOHN 4:23

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

To Christ the Lord

To Christ the Lord let every tongue
 Its noblest tribute bring
When He's the subject of the song
 Who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face
 And on His glories dwell
Think of the wonder of His grace
 And all His triumphs tell.

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned
 Upon His awful brow
His head with radiant glories crowned
 His lips with grace overflow
No mortal can with Him compare
 Among the sons of men
Fairer He is than all the fair
 That fill the Heavenly train.

He saw me plunged in deep distress'
 He fled to my relief;
For me He bore the shameful cross
 And carried all my grief.
His hand a thousand blessings pours
 Upon my guilty head;
His presence gilds my darkest hours
 And guards my sleeping bed.

To Him I owe my life and breath
And all the joys I have;
He makes me triumph over death
And saves me from the grave.
To Heaven the place of His abode
He brings my weary feet;
Shows me the glories of my God
And makes my joy complete.

By Words by Samuel Stennett; Music by Laura Taylor

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

Doxology

*We respond in praise
FORT WORTH PCA*

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, amen, amen!*

Welcome

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

#30 Q. How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ by producing faith in us, and by this uniting us to Christ in our effective calling.

#31 Q. What is effective calling?

A. Effective calling is the work of God’s Spirit, by which he convinces us of our sin and misery, enlightens our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renews our wills, and so persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Confession of Sin

based on the Beatitudes

Blessed Jesus, you offered us all your benedictions when you announced...

“Blessed are the poor in spirit”—but we see our pride rise up again and again.

“Blessed are those who mourn”—but we’ve seen how we can sin for a season without remorse.

“Blessed are the meek”—but we’ve seen how our desire to serve others can dry up altogether.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness”—but our appetites are often assuaged with things other than and apart from You.

“Blessed are the merciful”—but we struggle with harshness, impatience and neglect.

“Blessed are the pure in heart”—but we know how impure our hearts can be.

“Blessed are the peacemakers”—but we’ve seen how we can disregard and wound relationships instead of pursue and repair relationships.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness”—but in how many ways have our lives not challenged the world?

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me”—but we’ve seen our failures at even making it known that we are yours.

As you speak these gracious benedictions, so you must be our righteousness in our sinful failures and our resource for living these benedictions out in our lives.

You alone are blessed!

You who were rich became poor for our sake.
You were spotless yet you carried our sorrows.

You were equal with God and yet gentle and humble in heart.

You loved righteousness. It was your food to do the will of your Father.

Your great honor is that you delight in mercy.

You, Jesus, alone are pure in heart and you yourself made peace for us with God through your blood.

You were persecuted and crucified for our sake. You delivered yourself up for us.

You alone are blessed!

We rest in you alone for forgiveness. There is no other. And we rest in you alone to give us the blessedness of your righteousness. There is no other.

It is in your name and for your sake we ask. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The promise of good news

JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

† Hymn of Response

We rest in our Father's love

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,

Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,

Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,

Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,

Out of my sin and into Thyself,

Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,

Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,

Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,

Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,

Out of distress into jubilant psalm,

Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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Ministry Moment

Nate Waddell
RUF Campus Minister, UTA

The Reading of the Word

Acts 26:13-38

[13] Now when the south wind blew gently, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to the shore. [14] But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. [15] And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. [16] Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship's boat. [17] After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. [18] Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo. [19] And on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. [20] When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

[21] Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. [22] Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. [23] For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, [24] and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' [25] So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. [26] But we must run aground on some island."

[27] When the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven across the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. [28] So they took a sounding and found twenty fathoms. A little farther on they took a sounding again and found fifteen fathoms. [29] And fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. [30] And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the ship's boat into the sea under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow, [31] Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." [32] Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it go.

[33] As day was about to dawn, Paul urged them all to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing. [34] Therefore I urge you to take some food. For it will give you strength, for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you." [35] And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. [36] Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves. [37] (We were in all 276 persons in the ship.) [38] And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea. (ESV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

OUR GOD IS GREAT

1. We must rest in God's word

2. We must obey

3. We must let God be great

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.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

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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

Johnny Tassin

Save the Date

April 1

Maundy Thursday Worship

6pm (*masked service*)

7:15pm (*mask optional*)

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 for Darwin & Kaye 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.

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.

Starting TOMORROW 7-8pm Class on 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. 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. Study materials will be provided.

Led by Bob Schwartzbeck

Lecture Hall

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.

50+ 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.

Information & Events

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.

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.

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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