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Presbyterian  
Church

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

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The sovereignty of God is the one impregnable rock to which the suffering human heart must cling. The circumstances surrounding our lives are no accident...God is the Lord of human history and of the personal history of every member of His redeemed family.

- Margaret Clarkson

The kingdom of heaven is worth infinitely more than the cost of discipleship, and those who know where the treasure lies joyfully abandon everything else to secure it.

- D.A. Carson

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# Worship

—*March 28, 2021*—

*Palm 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 and Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we  
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, the power and  
the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## † Doxology

*We respond in praise*

*DUKE STREET*

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!

# Welcome

## Confession of Sin

*We turn from our sin*

**Our gracious God, through Jesus Christ, you are a refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Through Christ you are a river that makes us glad in Christ Jesus.**

**All the more make yourself known to us as we face upheavals in this world, in our nation and in the many transitions we are facing within our own body. We are greatly tempted to succumb to fear and sadness.**

**Enable us to know and believe that we are ever in your hands and that in Christ Jesus you will never turn away from doing us good - you will never withhold any good thing from us. Enable us to know and believe that you work all things for our good in Christ Jesus.**

**Enable us to know afresh that you are our refuge and strength, a very present help to us in trouble. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*The promise of good news*

1 PETER 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed.

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one over all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish,  
Her dear Lord to defend  
To guide, sustain and cherish,  
Is with her to the end  
Though there be those that hate her,  
And false sons in her pale  
Against a foe or traitor,  
She ever shall prevail.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
'Til, with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blessed,  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee.

Words by Samuel Stone; Music by Brian Moss

## Sacrament of Baptism and Reception of Communing Members

(10:30)

*Alexandra Estes*  
*Will Estes*



## The Reading of the Word

Acts 28:17-31

[17] After three days he called together the local leaders of the Jews, and when they had gathered, he said to them, “Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. [18] When they had examined me, they wished to set me at liberty, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. [19] But because the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar—though I had no charge to bring against my nation. [20] For this reason, therefore, I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am wearing this chain.” [21] And they said to him, “We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken any evil about you. [22] But we desire to hear from you what your views are, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against.”

[23] When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. [24] And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved. [25] And disagreeing among

themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: “The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet:

[26] “Go to this people, and say,  
“You will indeed hear but never understand,  
and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

[27] For this people’s heart has grown dull,  
and with their ears they can barely hear,  
and their eyes they have closed;  
lest they should see with their eyes  
and hear with their ears  
and understand with their heart  
and turn, and I would heal them.’

[28] Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.”

[30] He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, [31] proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance. (ESV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# The Preaching of the Word

*Pastor Ryan Moore*

## WHAT THE CHURCH MUST CENTER AROUND

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## 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.

## † Closing Hymn

*We respond in faith and song*

### Our God, Our Help In Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,    our  
shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne, your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,    from  
everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;    short  
as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:    O  
be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Words by Isaac Watts

## 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

Chris Jordan

## Save the Date

### **April 1**

Maundy Thursday Worship

6pm (*masked service*);

7:15pm (*mask optional*)

Childcare provided for ages three & under

### **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Church Picnic 4p-7p

### **May 16<sup>th</sup>**

Hymn Sing 6:30 pm

### **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Reception for Darwin & Kaye | Jacob & Kerrie  
*following 10:30am service*



## 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.

**Days for Fasting and Prayer:** Thursdays, April 15 & May 20. The upcoming transition calls us to depend on the Lord. Join the elders as we seek the Lord's favor and guidance.

**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. 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. Meets next Monday, April 5. *Led by Bob Schwartzbeck in the Lecture Hall*

**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. The cost is \$100. There are scholarships available. Text or email Steve Fults. 817-773-8772 [steve@fortworthpca.org](mailto: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](mailto:asimple1@gmail.com).



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*Grateful*

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DARWIN  
— AND —  
KAYE

JACOB  
— AND —  
KERRIE

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6:30–9:30PM

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