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Presbyterian  
Church

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

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Prayer is fitting for us because God is God, because of all his attributes: faithfulness, grace, omnipotence, goodness, and so on. Furthermore, we also depend on him for everything; having nothing from ourselves we need to receive everything from him.

- Herman Bavinck

Faith is not an instinct. It certainly is not a feeling – feelings don't help much when you're in the lions' den or hanging on a wooden Cross. Faith is not inferred from the happy way things work. It is an act of will, a choice, based on the unbreakable Word of a God who cannot lie, and who showed us what love and obedience and sacrifice mean, in the person of Jesus Christ.

- Elisabeth Elliot

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# Worship

—*March 7, 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*

### O Worship the King

O worship the king all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy pow'r hath founded of old;  
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless might! ineffable love!  
While angels delight to hymn thee above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall lisp to thy praise.

Words by Robert Grant

## † 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*

#27 Q. In what did Christ's humiliation consist?

- A. Christ's humiliation consisted in being born, and that in a poor circumstance; in being subject to God's law; in undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God and the curse of death on the cross; in being buried; and in continuing under the power of death for a time.**

## 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*

PSALM 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## Pastoral Prayer

*Scott Hames, Ruling Elder (8:30)*  
*John Weiser, Ruling Elder (10:30)*

## The Reading of the Word

Acts 25:1-22

[1] Now three days after Festus had arrived in the province, he went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. [2] And the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews laid out their case against Paul, and they urged him, [3] asking as a favor against Paul that he summon him to Jerusalem—because they were planning an ambush to kill him on the way. [4] Festus replied that Paul was being kept at Caesarea and that he himself intended to go there shortly. [5] “So,” said he, “let the men of authority among you go down with me, and if there is anything wrong about the man, let them bring charges against him.”

[6] After he stayed among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day he took his seat on the tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought. [7] When he had arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many and serious charges against him that they could not prove. [8] Paul argued in his defense, “Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I committed any offense.” [9] But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, “Do you wish to go up to Jerusalem and there be tried on these charges before me?” [10] But Paul said, “I am standing before Caesar’s tribunal, where I ought to be tried. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you yourself know very well. [11] If then I am a wrongdoer and have committed anything for which I deserve to die, I do not seek to



escape death. But if there is nothing to their charges against me, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar.” [12] Then Festus, when he had conferred with his council, answered, “To Caesar you have appealed; to Caesar you shall go.”

[13] Now when some days had passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesarea and greeted Festus. [14] And as they stayed there many days, Festus laid Paul’s case before the king, saying, “There is a man left prisoner by Felix, [15] and when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews laid out their case against him, asking for a sentence of condemnation against him. [16] I answered them that it was not the custom of the Romans to give up anyone before the accused met the accusers face to face and had opportunity to make his defense concerning the charge laid against him. [17] So when they came together here, I made no delay, but on the next day took my seat on the tribunal and ordered the man to be brought. [18] When the accusers stood up, they brought no charge in his case of such evils as I supposed. [19] Rather they had certain points of dispute with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who was dead, but whom Paul asserted to be alive. [20] Being at a loss how to investigate these questions, I asked whether he wanted to go to Jerusalem and be tried there regarding them. [21] But when Paul had appealed to be kept in custody for the decision of the emperor, I ordered him to be held until I could send him to Caesar.” [22] Then Agrippa said to Festus, “I would like to hear the man myself.” “Tomorrow,” said he, “you will hear him.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## BE PASSIVE AGGRESSIVE IN YOUR FAITH

1. In Providence and Promise

2. In Justification

3. In Sanctification

## 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.

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

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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

David Steed

### Save the Date

**July 26 thru July 30**

Vacation Bible School

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Celebration for Darwin & Kaye's Years of Service

Smoke Stack 1948

2836 Stanley Avenue, FWTX 76110

*FWPCA Family (18 years and older)*

RSVPs will be mailed later this month

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

Reception 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.

**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).

**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](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).

**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*

**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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