

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.

It is only when we want to take our lives out of the Father's hands and have them under our own control that we find ourselves gripped with anxiety. The secret of freedom from anxiety is freedom from ourselves and abandonment of our own plans. But that spirit emerges in our lives only when our minds are filled with the knowledge that our Father can be trusted implicitly to supply everything we need.

- Sinclair Ferguson

The "Spirit of sonship" that Paul speaks of is, therefore, an ability that the Holy Spirit gives us to approach God as a Father instead of as a boss or slavemaster.

- Tim Keller

Worship

—April 11, 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 57:8-11

Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Come, People of the Risen King







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Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† Doxology

We respond in praise MESSENGER

Praise and glory to the Father, Praise and glory to the Son, Praise and glory to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one.

† Confession of Faith

We confess our faith together
The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. *

The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome

^{*}While Jesus didn't literally descend to hell, he did endure the torment of hell on the cross and remained under the power of death until his resurrection.

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Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we would now come near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your Word, and leaning on your arm. We joyfully expect to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

We find mercy in Christ

MICAH 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven Who else could make every king bow down Who else can whisper and darkness trembles Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire What other power can raise the dead What other name remains undefeated Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God!

By Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson

The Reading of the Word

Romans 8:12-17

[12] So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. [13] For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. [14] For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. [15] For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" [16] The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17] and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Galatians 4:4–7

[4] But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, [5] to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. [6] And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" [7] So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. (ESV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE LIFE OF THOSE ADOPTED BY GOD

1.	The	New	Confidence	of the	Adopted
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2. The New Walk of the Adopted

3. The Certain Future of the Adopted

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 Biblebelieving 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.

Behold the Lamb

Stuart Townend, Keith and Kristen Getty



O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

People: Thanks be to God!

The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.

2 Thessalonians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 3:12

Announcements

Deacon of the Day

Randy Shannon

Save the Date

May 16th

Hymn Sing 6:30 pm

May 23rd

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

July 26th-30th

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.

Days for Fasting and Prayer: Thursdays, 7am-6pm, *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. A guide for the day will be emailed this week.

<u>Women's Spring Social:</u> Join us for a casual time of fellowship on Saturday, April 17, at the Davis Barn – 6796 Silver Saddle Road, Fort Worth. Come and go from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Packaged snacks, waters and games will be provided. Questions? Contact Jill at 817.896.7113 or <u>jill@gallidavis.com</u>.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Class, April 19th @ 7pm: "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. 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 and is led by Bob Schwartzbeck in the Lecture Hall.

Information & Events

<u>Summer Mission Trip:</u> 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.

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).

<u>Cigar and Bourbon Tasting - Thursday, April 15, 7-9 pm:</u> Come enjoy a night of fellowship, fine cigars, and a wide variety of bourbon tasting at Chris Jordan's back porch. This men's event is for those that purchased a ticket at the 2020 Variety Show and any others that would like to enjoy the evening. Cost for those participating in more than fellowship is \$25. Donations are for Missions.





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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8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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