



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.

Though my natural instinct is to wish for a life free from pain, trouble, and adversity, I am learning to welcome anything that makes me conscious of my need for Him. If prayer is birthed out of desperation, then anything that makes me desperate for God is a blessing.

- Nancy Leigh DeMoss

The felt love of Christ really is what brings rest, wholeness, flourishing, shalom—that existential calm that for brief, gospel-sane moments settles over you and lets you step in out of the storm of of-works-ness. You see for a moment that in Christ you truly are invincible. The verdict really is in; nothing can touch you. He has made you his own and will never cast you out.

- Dane Ortlund

Worship

—April 18, 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

REVELATION 15:3; 1 TIMOTHY 1:17

Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

**To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen!**

Crown Him with Many Crowns #295

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace;
whose pow'r a scepter sways,
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise;
his reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Words by Matthew Bridges, 1851

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 Sin

We turn from our sin

We praise you Father for raising Christ from the dead and seating him at your right hand of power and glory. We praise you Lord Jesus that as the One who rules over all and the One who has the Spirit without measure, that you have richly poured out your Spirit on your people. We thank you, Lord, that you dwell in each one of us and your church as a whole through the Holy Spirit so that now we are the very temple of God.

Forgive us for losing sight of who and what we are in Christ through the Spirit. Forgive us for the many ways we have defiled our bodies, the holy place where you dwell. Forgive us for not believing in the great power of the Spirit to transform us individually and as a church. Forgive us for not believing that the Spirit will use us in the lives of unbelievers. Forgive us for not believing in the compassion and power of the Spirit to change their lives as well.

Father, by your Holy Spirit, constantly renew us after the image of your precious Son. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

We find mercy in Christ

1 PETER 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

† Hymn of Response

We rest in Christ alone

Abide with Me

Abide with me; falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Words by Henry Lyte; Music by Justin Smith
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Prayer for Covenant Children *January - April birthdays*

The Reading of the Word

Romans 8:18–23

[18] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. [19] For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. [20] For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope [21] that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. [22] For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. [23] And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:28–30

[28] And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. [29] For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. [30] And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. (ESV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Darwin Jordan

THE GREAT GLORY COMING TO GOD’S CHILDREN

1. Great by Comparison (8:18)

2. Great by Proportions (8:19-21)

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.

(10:30 only)

Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry, Poor

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace,
The heights and depths unknown,
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace,
In thy beloved Son.

*Come, all ye pining, hungry, poor,
The Savior's bounty taste;
Behold a never failing store
For every willing guest.*

O wondrous gifts of love divine,
Dear Source of ev'ry good;
Jesus, in thee what glories shine!
How rich thy flowing blood!

Here shall your numerous wants receive
a free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give,
And joys that never die.

Words by Anne Steele; Music by Brian T. Murphy

(10:30 only)

Until He Comes

By Christ redeemed, in Christ restored,
We keep the memory adored,
And show the death of our dear Lord,
Until He comes, Until He comes.

His Body, broken in our stead,
Is here in this Memorial Bread;
And so our feeble love is fed,
Until He comes, Until He comes.

His fearful drops of agony,
His lifeblood shed for us we see:
The wine shall tell the mystery,
Until He comes, Un-til He comes.

And thus that dark betrayal night
With the last Advent we unite
The shame, the glory by this rite,
Until he comes, Until He comes.

Until the trump of God be heard,
Until the ancient graves be stirred,
And with the great commanding word,
The Lord shall come, The Lord shall come.

Words by George Rawson Music by Jacob Tilton

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire,
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid.
For the promised morning, O how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed;
You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together bring shalom.

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore
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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

Daniel Sneed

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.

GAP: 5th & 6th grade students meeting today at the Wilks' house (6324 Juneau Road) from 5:30-7pm for swimming, pizza and prize basket. Come join the fun.

GAP Sunday, May 16th 5th & 6th grade students will meet at the Birbari's house directly after worship (12:30-2pm) for lunch and swimming.

KIWI (Kids In Worship Instruction): will begin again in the 10:30am service on Sunday, May 2nd for Pre-K through 2nd grade. For the 8:30am service the nursery age will be extended to Kindergarten for any parents wanting to send their children for all or part of the service.

Day for Fasting and Prayer: Thursday, 7am-6pm, *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.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Class TOMORROW @ 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

50+ Men's Group is back for fellowship, prayer and time in the Word. Bring your lunch and join us for an hour together -- Wednesday, April 21, 11:45am-1:00pm in the Lecture Hall. Questions? Contact Kerry Eckstein at kw_eckstein@yahoo.com

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GOOD NEWS!!: GOOD NEWS CLUB will begin having Children's Church on May 2nd. We will also be on mission during the five-day Bible Camp June 7-11 with Oakmont Elementary!! We can't wait to get started again and we are inviting every interested student going into 7th grade or older to come to an information meeting Sunday, April 25, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Parents, please come with your student. Contact Rebecca Tanner if you have any questions.
rebeccastanner@gmail.com 817-298-9236.

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).



Women's Spring Social

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
— 1:00-3:30 PM —

DAVIS BARN
6796 SILVER SADDLE RD
FORT WORTH TX

Come and go for a casual time of fellowship.
Packaged snacks and water provided. Pool table and
foosball in the open-air barn, and outdoor yard games
available. **Questions? Contact jill@gallidavis.com**



WE ARE SO VERY

Grateful

FOR

DARWIN

JACOB

—AND—

—AND—

KAYE

KERRIE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
**FORT WORTH PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH CELEBRATION**
(18 YEARS AND OLDER)

MONDAY

26 APRIL
6:30–9:30PM

Smokestack 1948

2836 STANLEY AVENUE
FORT WORTH, TX 76110

RSVP REQUIRED BY APRIL 15

<https://fwpca.breezechms.com/form/RSVPDK>

MEAL PROVIDED - CASH BAR

MUSIC BY **SHINE**

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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