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Presbyterian  
Church

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

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We are never nearer Christ than when we find ourselves lost in a holy amazement at His unspeakable love.

- John Owen

Let us cleave to Christ more closely, love Him more heartily, live to Him more thoroughly, copy Him more exactly, confess Him more boldly, follow Him more fully.

- J.C. Ryle

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# Worship

—April 25, 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 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

**Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words by Francis of Assissi

## † Invocation

*We seek the Lord's presence among us*

## † Doxology

*We respond in praise  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

## Welcome

## Confession of Sin

*We turn from our sin*

**Heavenly Father, we come before you confessing our sins: thoughts that are not like your thoughts, selfish desires and evil passions, and their wicked fruit—cruel words and unjust acts. Keep us, Lord, from pride and arrogance, and from scornful judgment of others. Keep us from worshipping the blessings that you have given us. Keep us from trusting in anything except your grace. Lord, you know our temptations and struggles. Show mercy to us, that we may seek the righteousness of faith, that we may be forgiven, and that we may be strengthened each day by your Holy Spirit, to serve you in the joy of liberty. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

# Assurance of Forgiveness

*We find mercy in Christ*

1 PETER 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

## † Hymn of Response

*We rest in Christ alone*

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
‘Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last!

Words: vv. 1-2 Ada Habershon (1861-1918)  
New words (v.3), and music: Matthew Merker

## Pastoral Prayer

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

## The Reading of the Word

*John 2:1-11*

[1] On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. [2] Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. [3] When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” [4] And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” [5] His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

[6] Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. [7] Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. [8] And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. [9] When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom [10] and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” [11] This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. (ESV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



# The Preaching of the Word

*Pastor Ryan Moore*

## JESUS, OUR TRUE BRIDEGROOM

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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.

*(10:30 only)*

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
Within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat,  
and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus,  
mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me;  
And from my stricken heart with tears  
Two wonders I confess  
The wonders of redeeming love  
and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow  
for my abiding place:  
I ask no other sunshine than  
The sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by  
To know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame,  
my glory, all the cross.

Words by Elizabeth Cecelia Douglas Clephane; Music by Christopher Miner  
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*(10:30 only)*

## Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'Til life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, Support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here more than all I find;  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, Let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart; For all eternity.

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Greg Thompson  
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## Lift High the Cross

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,  
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. [Refrain]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw men unto thee. [Refrain]

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. [Refrain]

For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,  
creation's praises rise before thy throne. [Refrain]

Words by George William Kitchin; Music by Sydney H. Nicholson  
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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

Dowell Stackpole

### Save the Date

**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*

**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.

**GOOD NEWS Meeting TODAY!!:** GOOD NEWS CLUB will begin having Children's Church on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 **TODAY**, 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](mailto:rebeccastanner@gmail.com) 817-298-9236.

**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.

**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.

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

## Information & Events

**Congregational Meeting** May 2, after the 8:30 and 10:30 services. Purpose: Release Pastor Darwin from his call as Senior Pastor of Fort Worth Presbyterian Church, effective May 31, 2021.

Per the Book of Church Order (BOCO) 23.1 it is required that we hold a meeting to release Senior and Associate Pastors from their call. The congregation does this through written ballot. We will have another congregational meeting when it is time to release Pastor Ryan from his call.

In January of 2019 Darwin communicated his plan to step down as our Senior Pastor in May of 2021. Per BOCO 25.4 the Session appointed Steve Fults to moderate the meeting.

The meeting will begin after the 8:30 service and adjourn between the services and conclude after the 10:30 service.

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Class Monday, May 3rd @ 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.

**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.

### **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).



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JACOB

— AND —

— AND —

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# Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2020-May 2021

June – March	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	1,046,634	1,054,698
General Fund Expenses YTD	1,055,093	1,094,148
How we're doing YTD	-4,794	-33,425

We have continued to use the Covid-19 Relief funds for needs with a balance remaining of \$14,051. As of March 31, we have \$190,195 cash on hand after liabilities. Thank you for your faithful giving in these difficult times.

Part of your faithful giving supports Keith Berger, Assistant National Coordinator, Reformed University Fellowship.

- ❖ **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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