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Presbyterian  
Church

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

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“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say:  
hell today is vanquished; heav’n is won today.  
Lo! the Dead is living, God forevermore!  
Him, their true Creator, all his works adore.

*- Venatius H.C. Fortunatus, ca. 530-609*

Easter was when Hope in person surprised the whole world by coming forward from the future into the present.

- N.T. Wright

The worst thing that can happen is the best thing that can happen. The resurrection of Jesus Christ proves that death has been defeated, and death is a defeated enemy.

- Tim Keller

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# Worship

—April 4, 2021—  
*Easter 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*

Leader: The Lord is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed!**

Leader: He has broken the bands of death,

**People: He has set His people free.**

Leader: The Lord is lifted up,

**People: The Lord is lifted up over all.**

Leader: The Lord reigns!

**People: The Lord reigns in heaven and on earth!**

Leader: Magnify the Lord with me.

**People: And let us exalt His name together!**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids his rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

Words by Charles Wesley

## † Praises of the People

*We praise our risen Lord*

## † 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

## Prayer of Confession and Hope

**Risen Christ, we worship you. You were dead but now you live. You are King of Kings and Lord of Lords, worthy of praise and honor and glory.**

**Father, have mercy on us in this trying hour. Forgive us our sins of unbelief and willful disobedience. Empower us with the Spirit who raised Jesus from the grave. Fill us with the promise of the new heavens and the new earth that we may live in the hope of the gospel and share in your good mission of making all things new. Equip your church to bring resurrection life to the world. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of New Life

*We trust in Christ, the Hope of Glory*

JOHN 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

## † Hymn of Response

*We adore our Risen King*

### Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God, seated on His throne!*  
*Come, let us adore Him.*  
*Behold our King, nothing can compare.*  
*Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave.  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

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### The Reading of the Word

1 Corinthians 15:1-28

[1] Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, [2] and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

[3] For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, [5] and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. [6] Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. [7] Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. [8] Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. [9] For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. [10] But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. [11] Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

[12] Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? [13] But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. [14] And if Christ has not been raised,

then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. [15]  
We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified  
about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true  
that the dead are not raised. [16] For if the dead are not raised, not  
even Christ has been raised. [17] And if Christ has not been raised,  
your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. [18] Then those  
also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. [19] If in  
Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to  
be pitied.

[20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits  
of those who have fallen asleep. [21] For as by a man came death,  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in  
Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23] But  
each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming  
those who belong to Christ. [24] Then comes the end, when he  
delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule  
and every authority and power. [25] For he must reign until he has  
put all his enemies under his feet. [26] The last enemy to be  
destroyed is death. [27] For “God has put all things in subjection  
under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,”  
it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under  
him. [28] When all things are subjected to him, then the Son  
himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in  
subjection under him, that God may be all in all. (ESV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## THE RESURRECTION IS

1. the heart of the gospel (15:1-11),
2. without which there is no gospel (15:12-19).
3. The Resurrection redeems and transforms us and all creation (15:20-28).

## 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.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious  
Day Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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## The Sending

*The people of God are sent into the world*

Christ died to sin and now lives to God. You also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we have been raised to walk in newness of life.

*Based on Romans 6:4, 9-11*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Ascription of Praise

*We praise our Risen Lord as we go*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*1 Peter 1:3*

## Announcements

### Deacon of the Day

Pete Cansick

### Save the Date

**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.

## Information & Events

**Cigar and Bourbon Tasting - Thursday, April 15, 7-9 pm:** 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.

**Class on the Westminster Shorter Catechism TOMORROW:** "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 and is 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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# 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](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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