

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church Welcome to our visitors on Facebook Live. We're glad you've joined us to worship today. Please <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a> to complete a visitor form or to submit a prayer request or praise.

May God's blessings in Christ be with you.

Jesus, the Name high over all, in hell or earth or sky; angels and mortals prostrate fall, and devils fear and fly.

Jesus, the Name to sinners dear, the Name to sinners giv'n; it scatters all their guilty fear, it turns their hell to heav'n.

- Charles Wesley

Worshiping God as Creator also means recognizing that I was made for him. If I compose and paint a painting, it belongs to me as a testament to my artistic ability. The same is true of us. If God made us, then we belong to him as a testament to his creative glory.

- Paul Tripp

# Worship

# —Мау 16, 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 28:6-9

Blessed be the Lord!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

#### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear,

Now to his temple draw near,

Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

Ponder anew

What the Almighty will do,

If with his love he befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the Amen

Sound from his people again;

Gladly fore'er we adore him.

Words by Joachim Neander, 1680 based on Psalm 103

# † Doxology

We respond in praise FORT WORTH PCA

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, amen!* 

#### Welcome

#### Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Faithful Lord, we confess that we have walked by sight and not by faith. We have served in our own strength instead of the strength which you supply; we have relied on our own resources, rather than trusting you to provide; we have been consumed by worry, guilt, and restlessness because we seek to control our own lives rather than resting and relying on you for everything that we need for life and godliness.

(silent confession)

Father, forgive us for our lack of faith, continue to heal us of our unbelief; convince us of our weakness and of your goodness and power.

Take away our suspicious hearts that we may always seek you with joy and confidence. Grant us zealous hearts, fervent devotion, and tireless hope in the Gospel. We ask this that you may be glorified in your salvation. Amen. **JEREMIAH 31:34** 

And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

# † Hymn of Response

We rest in God's faithfulness

#### We Are Not Overcome

(from Lamentations 3)

Flesh will fail and bones will break; thieves will steal, the earth will shake. Night will fall, the light will fade; The Lord will give and take away.

Put no trust in the earth, in the sod you stand upon. Flowers fade into dust; The Lord will make a place for us.

Because of His great love, we are not overcome! Because of His great love, we are not overcome!

Have no fear for your life, turn your cheek, turn your cheek. Bear the yoke of love and death; The Lord will give all life and breath.

> Words and Music by Robert Heiskell and Isaac Wardell ©2011 Bifrost Arts

8:30 service: The nursery age is now extended to Kindergarten for any parents wanting to send their children for all or part of the service.

10:30 service: Children Pre- K through 2nd grade can now be dismissed for KIWI (Kids In Worship Instruction).

Teachers will meet the children in the foyer to take them to the lecture hall for class.

After the sermon, their teachers will return them to worship where they may come directly to you, or you may meet them at the back of the auditorium.

#### Missions Moment

Ian & Heather Jones West Africa

# The Reading of the Word

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 SALVATION OF GOD

1.	The scope of God's salvation (29-30)
2.	The goal of God's salvation: conformity to his Son (29-30)
3.	The security of God's salvation (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 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.

# This Is All My Joy (from Psalm 16)

Keep me safe, O God, for in You I hide. You alone are good, the Lord and none besides. Listen to the saints, in their song rejoice. With the holy ones, I have found my voice.

You have made known to me the path of life. You have filled up my soul with all that is right and this is all my joy.

I will not bow down to other gods untrue. Sorrow will increase in worship not for you. My heart is made glad, my body rests secure. You have conquered death, Messiah, my Savior.

You have made known to me the path of life. You have filled up my soul with all that is right and this is all my joy.

The Lord is my inheritance.

You have made known to me the path of life. You have filled up my soul with all that is right and this is all my joy.

Words and music by Brian Moss

#### Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

Christ, the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm;
When the winds of doubt blow through me,
and my sails have all been torn.

In the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few;
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor,
while the tempest rages on;
When temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won.
Deeper still, then, goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief; Hopeless somehow, O, my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary. This, my ballast of assurance, See His love forever proved. I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ, the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death; When these trials give way to glory as we draw our final breath we will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure; and the calm will be the better for the storms that we endure.

Words and music by Matt Boswell

# † Closing Hymn

#### His Love Can Never Fail

I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to tread; But only that my soul may feed upon the living Bread. 'Tis better far that I should walk by faith close to His side; I may not know the way I go, but oh, I know my Guide.

His love can never fail, His love can never fail, My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail. My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.

And if my feet would go astray, they cannot, for I know
That Jesus guides my falt'ring steps, as joyfully I go.
And tho' I may not see His face, my faith is strong and clear,
That in each hour of sore distress my Savior will be near.

I will not fear, tho' darkness come abroad o'er all the land, If I may only feel the touch of His own loving hand. And tho' I tremble when I think how weak I am, and frail, My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.

Words by E.S. Hall; Music by Christopher Miner ©2004 Christopher Miner Music

# The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:9-10, 12

**People: Thanks be to God!** 

#### The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

May God make you worthy of his calling and may he fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

#### **Announcements**

#### Deacon of the Day

Pete Cansick

#### Save the Date

June 13th

Women's Social at FWPC, 5:00pm

June 22<sup>nd</sup> - July 14<sup>th</sup>

Women's Summer Study

July 26th-30th

Vacation Bible School

#### Information & Events

<u>Offering:</u> To make a contribution <u>CLICK HERE</u> or you may text to give to 817-934-6447.

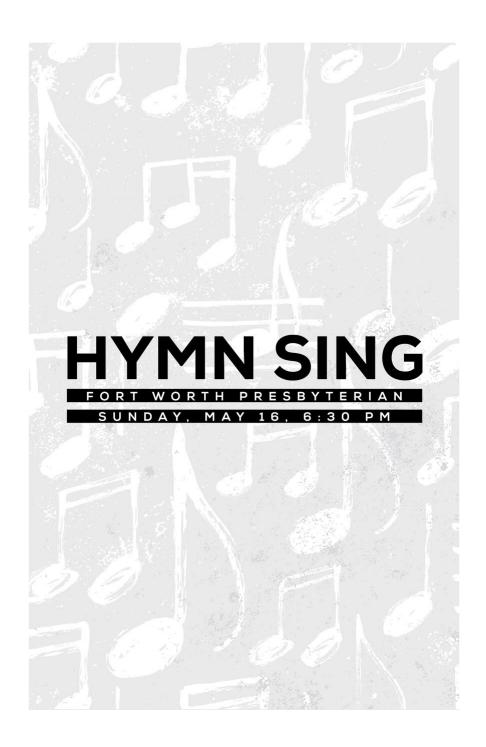
**KIWI** (**Kids In Worship Instruction**): takes place during the 10:30am service, for Pre-K through 2nd grade. For the 8:30 am service the nursery age will be extended to Kindergarten for any parents wanting to send their children for all or part of the service.

**GAP Meets TODAY:** 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.

Memories Cards due TODAY, May 16: We have blank cards for Darwin & Kaye in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to the ones we sent in March, there are additional blank cards and a collection box on the round table in the Fellowship Hall. We have blank cards for Jacob & Kerrie with the church watercolor and musical score on them. They are on the Fellowship Hall Table. This is an excellent opportunity to share memories and remind them how much they are loved.

# 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

<u>Day for Fasting and Prayer:</u> 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.

<u>Find Refreshment in a Zoom Prayer meeting</u>: Monday at 7:30am, Thursday at 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.

#### **The Fort Youth Group:**

High School Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:45pm here at FWPC! Middle School Sunday nights from 5:30-7pm here at FWPC! For more info contact Phillip Maxwell, Youth Pastor (contact info on back page of bulletin).

<u>May Missions:</u> Each week in May we will be on Mission for Missions. We will feature a video from our missionaries each Wednesday throughout May. Remy & Angi Ngumbu will be featured in our first week's video. The Ngumbus work for Wycliffe/SIL in Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Their ministry is to support Congolese churches and language communities in doing Bible translation.

<u>Communications Coordinator:</u> We are happy to announce that Kelly Calvert will be coordinating our promotional communications for programs and events. She will manage the church communications calendar and be the primary point of contact for graphics creation and website updates. For assistance in promoting an activity to the church via flyers, website, emails, text alerts, bulletin inclusion, and pulpit announcements, email <u>communications@fortworthpca.org</u> or reach out to Kelly directly.

# Financial Report

#### Fiscal year June 2020-May 2021

June – April	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	1,136,957	1,179,686
General Fund Expenses YTD	1,160,944	1,197,142
How we're doing YTD	-19,790	-11,059

We have continued to use the Covid-19 Relief funds for needs with a balance remaining of \$8852. As of April 30, we have \$175,098 cash on hand after liabilities. Thank you for your faithful giving in these difficult times.

Part of your faithful giving supports Ian & Heather Jones, West Africa Missions

- ❖ 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

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