



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.

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.

- Martin Luther

Our resurrection is the necessary consequence of Christ's resurrection. His resurrection is not simply the guarantee of ours; it is the actual beginning of ours. Ours will follow; it must follow. There is an organic connection between his and ours. Paul views the two events, Christ's resurrection and our final resurrection, not so much as two events but as two episodes of the same event. Our resurrection is certain because it has already begun in Christ Jesus!

- Richard Gaffin

Worship

—May 2, 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

BASED ON ROMANS 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

In the shadow of God's peace,

In the powerful name of Jesus,

And with the hope of the Holy Spirit, let us worship God.

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Words by Charles Wesley

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† 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, amen!*

Welcome

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Gracious Lord, you require us to do justice but we can be so careless to the injustice in our world and in our own hearts. Moreover, we ourselves have hurt others with unjust thoughts and actions. You require us to love mercy and kindness, but sometimes we barely do mercy, much less love it. Glad sacrifice wanes in our hearts. Not only that, we still fight a tendency to repay evil with evil and to take revenge. You require us to walk humbly with our God, but at times we ignore you and find it hard to trust you, most trustworthy Savior. Oh Lord, forgive us!

Gracious Lord, we trust in your abundant mercy. We confess that in Christ alone do we have forgiveness of sins and acceptance in your presence. Renew us by the power of your Spirit so that more and more we may walk humbly with you and show forth your mercy and justice. For the sake of your name, continue your great salvation toward us. Amen.

- based on Micah 6:8

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

We find mercy in Christ

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, 21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

† Psalm of Response

We trust in God's grace alone

From Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee
the voice of lamentation;

Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy).

Therefore, my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
my comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience).

What though I wait the live-long night,
and 'til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might; It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait 'til God appeareth (Wait 'til God appeareth).

Though great our sins and sore our woes,
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow).

Words by Martin Luther; Music by Chris Miner
©1997 Christopher Miner Music.

Sacrament of Baptism *Caroline Rose Hammons (10:30)*
Parents: Chris and Brittany Hammons

Missions Moment *Rèmy and Angi Ngumbu*
Wycliffe/SIL in Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

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.

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. (ESV)

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.

GROANING IN HOPE

1. Creation groans for its release (8:22)
2. We groan awaiting our adoption (8:23)
3. We live our life in hope (8:24-25)

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)

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Jesus I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.

I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,

And Thy beauty fills my soul,

For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

Jesus I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art.

I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart.

Oh how great Thy loving kindness; vaster broader than the sea.

Oh how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me.

Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine;

Know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine.

(Chorus)

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art,

And Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;

Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need,

Compasseth me round with blessings; Thine is love indeed!

(Chorus)

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee.

Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,

Earth's dark shadows flee.

Brightness of my Father's glory, Sunshine of my Father's face,

Keep me ever trusting, resting; fill me with Thy grace.

(Chorus)

by Jean Sophia Pigott and David Hampton

©1998 New Spring (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.)

(10:30 only)

All Things New

Come, Lord, and tarry not;
Bring the long looked for day;
O why these years of waiting here,
These ages of decay?
Come, for Thy saints still wait;
Daily ascends their sigh;
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;"
Does Thou not hear our cry?

*O come and make all things new,
Come and make all things new.
O come and make all things new,
Build up this ruined earth,
Come and make all things new. All things new.*

Come, for creation groans,
Impatient of Thy stay,
Worn out with these long years of ill,
These ages of delay.
Come, for love waxes cold,
Its steps are faint and slow;
Faith now is lost in unbelief,
Hope's lamp burns dim and low.

Words by Horatius Bonar; Music by Clint Wells

Arise, O God, and Shine

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might,
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;
Let healing streams of mercy flow
that all the earth Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause,
and govern by Thy righteous laws.

Put forth Thy glorious pow'r, that everyone may see
And earth present her store, in converts born to Thee.
God, our own God, His Church will bless,
And fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs rise, from every living thing;
Let all that breathe, on every coast,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words by William Hurn;; Music by Chris Miner

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

David Steed

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.

KIWI (Kids In Worship Instruction): will begin again in the 10:30am service **TODAY**, 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.

Congregational Meeting TODAY: Following 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.

The meeting will begin after the 8:30 service and adjourn between the services and conclude after the 10:30 service. Members only need to attend one portion of the meeting.

In Honor of the Jordans & Tiltons: As a reminder of the beauty that Darwin & Kaye Jordan and Jacob & Kerrie Tilton have brought to our lives, elements from the centerpieces at Monday's celebration were planted in the gardens. Please take notice as you leave worship today.

Notecards Available: There are notecards on the round table in the Fellowship Hall to write parting notes to the Jordans and Tiltons. Place cards in the blue box, also on the table.

Information & Events

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.

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.

Bible Camp Meeting: May 6, 7–8:30 pm: ALL Bible Camp participants are meeting.

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.

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).

Information & Events

May Missions: 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 weeks 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.

Communications Coordinator: 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 communications@fortworthpca.org or reach out to Kelly directly.

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
- ❖ 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”

SESSION (ELDERS)

Ben Dyess	994-2699	Jack Norris	821-0918
Steve Fults	773-8772	Jacob Tilton	733-7399
Scott Hames	<i>ON SABBATICAL</i>	Scott Wade	<i>ON SABBATICAL</i>
Darwin Jordan	789-8008	John Weiser	228-4193
Ryan Moore	423-667-3044		

DEACONS

Pete Cansick	610-451-9965	David Steed	680-1398
Chris Jordan	271-0150	Johnny Tassin	281-684-0053
Randy Shannon	807-5660	Andy Warren	614-3243
Daniel Sneed	343-1589	David Welch	<i>ON SABBATICAL</i>
Dowell Stackpole	370-7431		

WOMEN’S MINISTRY CO-CHAIR

Jill Davis, 817-896-7113
jill@gallidavis.com

WOMEN’S MINISTRY CO-CHAIR

Haddon Ryan, 817-458-1874
haddon.ryan12@gmail.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

Jacob Tilton 731-3300 x208
jacob@fortworthpca.org

PASTOR TO YOUTH

Phillip Maxwell 720-256-1728
phillip@fortworthpca.org

MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Steve Fults 731-3300 x202
steve@fortworthpca.org

KIDS HOPE DIRECTOR

Barbara Rozanski 410-296-9453
kidshope@fortworthpca.org

SENIOR PASTOR

Darwin Jordan 731-3300 x205
darwinjordan7007@hotmail.com

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Ryan Moore 731-3300 x204
ryan@fortworthpca.org

MEN’S MINISTRY

Jedediah Bechard 996-7385
jedediahb@gmail.com

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

Rebecca York 214-681-2496
rebecca@fortworthpca.org

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Cynthia E. Scott 731-3300
cynthia@fortworthpca.org

Prayer /Notification of Requests: prayer@fortworthpca.org

To receive church event emails, sign up on our website’s homepage.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY

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

6251 Oakmont Trail, Fort Worth TX 76132 (physical address)

P.O. Box 16307, Fort Worth TX 76162 (mailing address)

Email – fwpca@fortworthpca.org

817-731-3300 (phone)

Website: fortworthpca.org

CCLI License #671696 – printed music permission