



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.

Christians have always marked Pentecost Sunday as the birthday of the church. The church is, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the continuation of the presence of Jesus in and to the world. The metaphor of “the body of Christ” that became common in the early church captures this incarnational dimension of the church. While Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father, he is also completely present in a mystical way to his body, the church.

- Robert Webber

[The Spirit] is called “the guarantee and seal” of our inheritance because from heaven he so gives life to us, on pilgrimage in the world and resembling dead men, as to assure us that our salvation is safe in God's unfailing care.

- John Calvin

Worship

—*May 23, 2021*—

Pentecost 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

PSALM 67:1-4

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

Let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Words by Isaac Watts

† 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

Gracious God, who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit: we confess before you and to each other that we have often failed to recognize this most precious gift and to live out the new life that is ours in the Spirit. Through the precious blood of Christ, forgive us for our hardness of heart and unbelief when we refuse to fight for holiness in the Spirit. We confess that we often take this gift that you have given us in the Holy Spirit for granted and, therefore, struggle to recognize the ongoing work of the Spirit in our lives today.

Cleanse us, O God, with your Holy Spirit. May He burn away our presumptuous self-sufficiency, and open us in faith to submit to the renewing touch of your hand. And in so doing, may we grow in love and dependence upon the Holy Spirit in our lives in His work to apply your wonderful salvation for us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The promise of good news

1 JOHN 1:5,9

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all...If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

† Hymn of Response

We look to Christ for mercy

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would gracious be;
and with words that help and heal would thy life in mine reveal;
and with actions bold and meek
would for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would truthful be;
and with wisdom kind and clear let thy life in mine appear;
and with actions brotherly speak my Lord's sincerity.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would mighty be;
mighty so as to prevail where unaided man must fail;
ever by a mighty hope pressing on and bearing up.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would holy be;
separate from sin, I would choose and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be, give to him who gave me thee!

Words by Thomas T. Lynch; Music by Richard Redhead

The Reading of the Word

Romans 8:31-34

[31] What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? [32] He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? [33] Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. [34] Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (ESV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOD IS FOR US, SO...

1. Who can be against us? (31-32)
2. Who can bring a charge against us? (33)
3. Who can condemn us? (34)

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)

(10:30 only)

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

'Til then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath,
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

Words by John Newton; Music by Alexander Reinagie, Bill Moore

(10:30 only)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Words by Thomas Chisholm

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.

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest,
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation,
Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper,
The sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords¹ loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy,
The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King, Lead on, O King!
Lead on, O King, Lead on!

Lead on, O King eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning,
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted over us,
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

Words by Ernest Warburton Shurtleff; Music by Jeff Pardo
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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

Andy Warren



WE ARE SO VERY

Grateful

FOR

DARWIN & JACOB
—AND— & —AND—
KAYE KERRIE

RECEPTION FOLLOWING WORSHIP

SUNDAY **23** MAY
11:45AM

Information & Events

Offering: To make a contribution [CLICK HERE](#) 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.

May Missions: This week we feature a video from Nate Waddell, Reformed University Fellowship Campus Minister from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Find Refreshment in a Zoom Prayer meeting: 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.

Return to One Service Sunday, May 30th: We will return to one worship service at 10 am. We are making the wing section on the piano side and the chairs in the Fellowship Hall mask required sections. All other areas will be mask optional. We will continue to monitor the situation and determine when to make additional changes. The elders and deacons have prayerfully continued to monitor the COVID environment and believe now is the time for our return to one service.

GAP Meets June 6th: 5th & 6th grade students will meet at the Birbari's house directly after worship (12:30-2pm) for lunch and swimming and discuss questions 24-26.

Women's Summer Study: Join us to read and discuss Jen Wilkin's *None Like Him* June 22-July 14. We'll focus on the ways God is different from us - and why that's a good thing! Choose from four small groups - Tuesday mornings at Anna Nave's, Tuesday evenings at Tricia Welch's, Wednesday mornings at Fort Worth Presbyterian (childcare available), or Wednesday evenings at Lori Birbari's. You are welcome whether you can attend just one week or all four. We know summers are busy! *None Like Him* calls us to embrace our limits as a means of glorifying God's limitless power and invites us to find freedom in letting God be God. We hope you'll join us, and even bring a friend! The \$10 registration fee covers the cost of the book and a small journal for note keeping, and scholarships are available. Register at fortworthpca.org.

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 \$8,852. 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*

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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