



Fort Worth  
Presbyterian  
Church

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

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I wish there were some easier way, some way to learn to trust God that was paved with luxury and endless ease, but *per crucem ad lucem*: the way to the light runs smack dab through darkness—or more accurately, we discover the light speeding toward us in these very dark places.

- Tish Harrison Warren

What religion do I preach? The religion of love; the law of kindness brought to light by the Gospel. What is it good for? To make all who receive it enjoy God and themselves: to make them like God; lovers of all; content in their lives; and crying out at their death, in calm assurance “O grave, where is thy victory! Thanks be unto God, who gives me the victory, through my Lord Jesus Christ.”

- John Wesley

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# Worship

—*May 9, 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 29:1-2, 10-11

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
The LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown him Lord of all;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe

On this terrestrial ball

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all.

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown Him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown Him Lord of all.

Words by Edward Perronet and John Rippon

## † Invocation

*We seek the Lord's presence among us*

## † Doxology

*We respond in praise*  
**MESSENGER**

Praise and glory to the Father,  
Praise and glory to the Son,  
Praise and glory to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one.

## Welcome

## Confession of Sin

*We turn from our sin*

**Almighty and merciful Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*We find mercy in Christ*

PSALM 103:11-13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

## † Hymn of Response

*We trust in God's grace alone*

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise,  
shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice,  
in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise*  
*Arise, my soul, arise.*  
*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise*  
*Arise, my soul, arise.*  
*Shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

He ever lives above,  
for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love,  
His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears;  
received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers;  
they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled;  
His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child;  
I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Kevin Twit  
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## Recognition of Seniors

<i>Reagan Allen</i>	<i>Emily Lynn</i>
<i>Kate Berger</i>	<i>Henry Lynn</i>
<i>Ellie Breedlove</i>	<i>Abby Medley</i>
<i>J.T. Crow</i>	<i>Jacob Rhodes</i>
<i>Sierra Drewry</i>	<i>Eli Tilton</i>
<i>Darby Giddings</i>	<i>Jackson Vessey</i>
<i>Maddie Hornell</i>	<i>Will Whiteside</i>
<i>Hannah Jones</i>	<i>Adelaide Zink</i>

*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 8:18-27*

[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. [24] For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25] But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

[26] Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [27] And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (ESV)

**Reader: The Word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## HOPE AND PRAYER

1. Hope

2. Prayer

## 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, Cast a Look On Me

Jesus cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!

Text by John Berridge; Music by Matthew Perryman Jones

*(10:30 only)*

I Asked the Lord

I asked the Lord that I might grow  
In faith and love and every grace  
Might more of His salvation know  
And seek more earnestly His face  
  
'Twas He who taught me thus to pray  
And He I trust has answered prayer  
But it has been in such a way  
As almost drove me to despair  
  
I hoped that in some favored hour  
At once He'd answer my request  
And by His love's constraining power  
Subdue my sins and give me rest  
  
Instead of this He made me feel  
The hidden evils of my heart  
And let the angry powers of Hell  
Assault my soul in every part  
  
Yea more with His own hand He seemed  
Intent to aggravate my woe  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,  
Cast out my feelings, laid me low  
  
Lord why is this, I trembling cried  
Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?  
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied  
"I answer prayer for grace and faith"  
  
"These inward trials I employ  
From self and pride to set thee free  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy  
That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

Words by John Newton; Music by Laura Taylor  
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The Sands of Time Are Sinking

The sands of time are sinking,  
The dawn of heaven breaks;  
The summer morn I've sighed for -  
The fair, sweet morn awakes:  
Dark, dark had been the midnight  
But dayspring is at hand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth  
In Emmanuel's land.

The king there in His beauty,  
Without a veil is seen:  
It were a well-spent journey,  
Though seven deaths lay between:  
The Lamb with His fair army,  
Doth on Mount Zion stand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth  
In Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the fountain,  
The deep, sweet well of love!  
The streams on earth I've tasted  
More deep I'll drink above:  
There to an ocean fullness  
His mercy doth expand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth  
In Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment,  
But her dear Bridegroom's face;  
I will not gaze at glory  
But on my King of grace.  
Not at the crown He giveth  
But on His pierced hand;  
The Lamb is all the glory  
Of Emmanuel's land.

O I am my Beloved's  
And my Beloved is mine!  
He brings a poor vile sinner  
Into His house of wine  
I stand upon His merit -  
I know no other stand,  
Not e'en where glory dwelleth  
In Emmanuel's land.

Words by Anne Ross Cundell Cousin; Music by Phillip Palmertree

## 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

Johnny Tassin

## Save the Date

### **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Reception for Darwin & Kaye | Jacob & Kerrie  
*following 10:30am service*

### **June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Women's Social at FWPC, 5:00pm

### **June 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup>**

Women's Summer Study

### **July 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**

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, 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.

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in the congregational meeting last Sunday. The final vote was 215 to 7 in favor of releasing 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 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.

**Westminster Shorter Catechism Class Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 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

**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.

**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.



# HYMN SING

FORT WORTH PRESBYTERIAN

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 6:30 PM

## Information & Events

**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.

**Men's Breakfast:** Join us in the fellowship hall on **Saturday, May 22**, at 8:30am for breakfast, fellowship and a message from Pastor Darwin Jordan - *From Joshua, through Jesus, to You*. Questions? Contact Chris Jordan at 817-271-0150.

**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).

**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 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.

**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](mailto: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](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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