

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.

Pride is a relational category. We are not proud of our appearance, charm, intelligence, athletic ability, children, or any other matter, in a vacuum. Our pride in whatever it may be is in relation to others. That is to say we are proud in comparison to others. "I am more attractive then so and so, I am a better tennis player, or my children are doing better than your children." Therefore, pride makes it impossible to truly love others whom we consider a challenge to our perceived supremacy. In our hearts, we will wish them ill wherever pride reigns. While we may be able to hide our true feelings behind our outward well wishes and congratulations, something very different will be going on inside.

Adapted from Mere Christianity
 By C. S. Lewis

Worship

—July 4, 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 46:1-2, 10-11

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.

"Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, thou Almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come and thy people bless,
And give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three,
Eternal praises be,
Hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

† 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

Our Heavenly Father, you are the definition of love. Your love is perfect love, and in you there is no darkness at all.

And you have commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and oh how short we fall.

When we read that love is patient, we are shaken by the impatience we have with others.

When we hear that love is kind, we find out kindness reserved mainly to gain praise for being kind.

When you declare that genuine love does not envy or boast, your spirit reminds us how we long for the praise of others and covet the praise others receive.

When you reveal that love is not irritable or resentful, we are speechless.

And when you say that love does not take into account a wrong suffered, we are undone.

Oh Lord, there is no health in us at all that is not there by your sanctifying work of the Spirit.

We pray that you would continue the work that you have begun in us.

Make us like Jesus who manifested all of these aspects of love by taking the form of a servant even to the point of death on the cross for all of our trespasses.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Faith

We rest in the mercy of God

ROMANS 7:21-25A

[21] So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. [22] For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, [23] but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. [24] Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? [25] Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

ROMANS 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight

Thou lovely source of true delight
Whom I unseen adore
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight
That I might love Thee more,
Oh that I might love Thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines
But in Thy sacred Word
I read in fairer, brighter lines
My bleeding, dying Lord,
See my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop
And sin and sorrow rise
Thy love with cheering beams of hope
My fainting heart supplies,
My fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene
Is clouded o'er with pain
My gloomy fears rise dark between
And I again complain,
Oh and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light
Oh come with blissful ray
Break radiant through the shades of night
And chase my fears away,
Won't You chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace
The wonders of Thy love
But the full glories of Thy face
Are only known above,
They are only known above.

Words by Anne Steele; Music by Kevin Twit

Pastoral Prayer

Jack Norris

The Reading of the Word

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." (ESV)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Keith Berger

THE BETTER PORTION				

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.

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow, All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

Words: Mary Bowley Peters, Matthew S. Smith Music: Matthew S. Smith

The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

People: Thanks be to God!

The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Isaiah 30:18

Announcements

Deacon of the Day

Andy Warren

Save the Date

Women's Summer Salad Social – *Thursday, August 5* Men's Fall Kickoff Breakfast – *Saturday, August 14*

Information & Events

Offering: To make a contribution **CLICK HERE** or you may text to give to 817-934-6447.

<u>KidsHope:</u> We want to thank Barbara Rozanski for her eight years of faithful service as our KidsHope Director overseeing our mentoring of at-risk students at Oakmont Elementary. She has lived out the gospel in her service at the school and among us.

Information & Events

Proud Parents: Collin & Haddon Ryan had a baby girl, Elaine June, on Wednesday, June 30, at 6:29pm, weighing 8lbs, 2 oz., 21.5."

<u>Find Refreshment in a Zoom Prayer meeting</u>: Thursday at 1:00pm. Join the church for 30 minutes of prayer on Thursday as we pray for issues facing our church and nation. The link was emailed this past week.

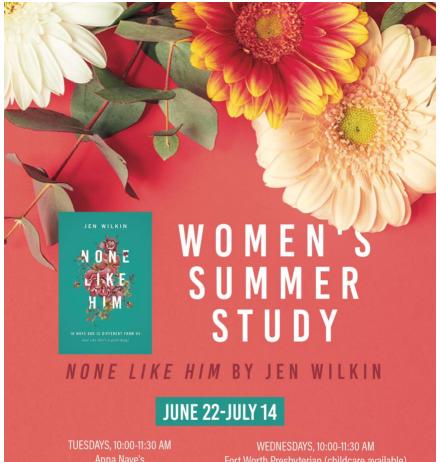
<u>Westminster Shorter Catechism Class:</u> Join us for a study on the fundamentals of our faith Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Room 201. The class will continue in the fall.

<u>Nursery Coordinator:</u> We are looking to rehire a part-time nursery coordinator. A job description is available on the foyer table. Contact Rebecca York, if interested. 214-681-2496 or rebecca@fortworthpca.org.

<u>Meet Our Senior Pastor Candidate:</u> You may choose from two opportunities to meet our candidate and his wife, both at Fort Worth Presbyterian Church, before he preaches on Sunday, July 11:

Thursday, July 8, at 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, July 10, at 10:00 a.m.

Light snacks will be provided, and childcare is available for both meetings for infants up to 2nd grade. Reservations can be made by emailing the child's name and age to rebecca@fortworthpca.org by Monday, July 5. We are compiling a list of your questions to best use the time we have together. Please email those to pulpitcommittee@fortworthpca.org by Monday, July 5. There will be some time at the end of each meeting for some spontaneous Q&A to address any questions that have not been answered. Due to space considerations, please choose only one of these times to attend.



Anna Nave's 140 Quail Ridge Drive, Aledo, TX 76008

TUESDAYS, 7:00-8:30 PM Tricia Welch's

Fort Worth Presbyterian (childcare available) 6251 Oakmont Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76132

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00-8:30 PM Lori Birbari's 6304 Tavolo Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76123 6459 Sumac Road, Fort Worth, TX 76116



Each meets four weeks - come one or all!



AGE 4-6TH GRADE 3-YEAR OLD CLASS AVAILABLE FOR FWPC MEMBERS





Thurs, July 8, 7 PM - High School Youth Ultimate Frisbee with Trinity

Sat, July 10, 10:30 AM - Cereal & Scripture at FWPC Middle School - Room 204, Miracles of Mark led by Collin Ryan High School - Room 203, 2 Peter led by Micah Jones

July 11-17 - High School RYM: Panama City Beach, Florida

Sat, July 17, 10:30 AM - Cereal & Scripture at FWPC
Middle School - Room 204, Miracles of Mark led by Collin Ryan

Thurs, July 22, 7 PM - High School Youth Ultimate Frisbee with Trinity

Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? thefort@fortworthpca.org | @ @thefort_fwpc

<u>The Fort Youth Ministry Volunteers:</u> Opportunities for parents/adults to serve our youth include hosting or coordinating events, providing transportation to and from events, chaperoning events/camps, leading small groups, etc. We would love to have you be a part of the team! Email <u>TheFort@fortworthpca.org</u> or talk to Collin Ryan.

Counseling Resources: Fort Worth Presbyterian has developed partnerships with Metroplex Counseling and Restoration Counseling and other counselors through referring members to them. We will continue to do this as a way of walking with members and want to make you aware of this resource, particularly during the transition. If you are interested in a referral to the counselors with whom we have relationships and/or assistance with the cost of counseling, please contact Steve Fults at steve@fortworthpca.org.

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Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

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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