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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.*

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We are called to obey God even when it won't work out well for us. We are to obey even when it seems better not to. Pragmatism is the enemy of obedience. When we base our decision-making on what looks more sensible or beneficial or understandable, then, when it comes down to it, we're going to worship our culture's idols instead of obeying God.

- Alistair Begg

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# Worship

—*August 15, 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 147:1-5

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of  
Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their  
wounds.**

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them  
their names.

**Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his  
understanding is beyond measure.**

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when he comes

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By Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker, Matt Papa

## † Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we  
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, the power and  
the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## † Doxology

*We respond in praise*  
*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

Welcome

## Confession of Sin

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior.

## Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

*We rest in the mercy of God*

GALATIANS 4:4-6

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

Words by Edward Mote, 1834; Music by William Bradbury, 1863

## Mission Moment

*Good News Club Leadership Team*

Leadership Team  
Jackson Giddings  
Kristina Keffer  
Emma Saadeh  
Will Saadeh  
Josiah Sommerlad  
Elliot Welch  
Anna Grace Wilks  
Elijah York

### Senior Leaders & Instructors

Johnny Giddings  
Micah Jones  
Laura Keffer  
Rebecca Tanner

KIWI Kids

John 3:16-17

## Morning Offering

*We offer our gifts*

*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 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

Mark 4:35-41  
*Pew Bible*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# The Preaching of the Word

*Dr. Mike Higgins*

## THIS PRESENT STORM

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## 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.

### Statements for Communion:

“The body of Christ for you.”

“The blood of Christ for you.”

“You have new life in Christ.”

“You have full forgiveness in Christ.

*”(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.

Yet Not I But through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Words by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

## 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

**Chris Jordan**

### Save the Date

**Small Groups resume**

**September 12**

## Information & Events

**Offering:** To make a contribution [\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#) or you may text to give to 817-934-6447.

**Welcome Eggars:** FWPC is excited to welcome Rev. Brandon Eggar as our next senior pastor. Brandon, wife Neechia, and sons Will, Owen, and Corbitt will arrive in Fort Worth this October. (Daughter Addisyn attends The King's College in New York.) Brandon will preach on Sunday mornings beginning October 17 and be installed on November 7. Mark your calendar for a welcome celebration on Monday, October 25.

**Proud Parents:** Brandon & Lily James had a new son, Charles Daniel James, "Charlie," on Friday, July 31 at 12:58 p.m., 7 lbs., 12 oz.

**Find Refreshment in a Zoom Prayer meeting:** 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.

**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](mailto:steve@fortworthpca.org).

## Information & Events

**Women's Bible Study:** Join us on Wednesdays beginning September 15 to study The Gospel of Mark. Morning and evening groups will utilize a study guide published by Redeemer Presbyterian Church and *Jesus the King* by Tim Keller. Fall semester runs thru November 17, and spring meets January 12 thru March 30. Visit [fortworthpca.org/biblestudy](http://fortworthpca.org/biblestudy) for complete details and registration.

**New Nursery Coordinator:** We are thankful to have Elizabeth Saadeh as our new Nursery Coordinator and Mary Bryan staying on as our Assistant Nursery Coordinator. We look forward to opening the nursery up more widely to volunteers again soon and together serving the sweet little ones of our church.

**Kids Hope USA** is a national mentoring program that has partnered our church with Oakmont Elementary since 2006. A FWPC member is matched with an impressionable Oakmont elementary student. Mentors spend one hour per week at school building a relationship with a child while reading and playing games. Prayer partners are matched with a particular mentor and child to lift them up in prayer each week. Contact Jill Davis to make a huge difference in the life of a child: [kidshope@fortworthpca.org](mailto:kidshope@fortworthpca.org) or 817.896.7113.

**Called to Counsel Conference:** The *Association of Biblical Counselors* is offering FWPC members a preferred rate to attend the 2021 national conference at Doxology Bible Church from September 16-18. *Called to Counsel* is designed for anyone committed to sound counsel from the Word in their own lives and as they minister to others. Specialized track sessions include topics covering marriage, depression, addictions, anxiety, PTSD, domestic abuse and holistic Biblical care. Visit [calledtocounsel.com](http://calledtocounsel.com) for conference details and use promo code PARTNER2021 to receive 20% off your registration.

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**Small Groups:** Vital for relationships in the church, Small Groups spend time in fellowship, God's Word, service, and prayer balanced between our needs and expectant kingdom prayer. Beginning September 12, Small Groups will meet twice monthly during the school year - many meet bi-monthly at church on Sunday evenings and some in homes. On Sunday evenings at FWPC, there is something for every age including children's choir instruction for 1st - 4th grade. Youth Group and GAP (5th and 6th grade) will have their own meetings as well. Visit [fortworthpca.org/smallgroups](http://fortworthpca.org/smallgroups) to indicate interest in joining a group.

# Christian Education

All classes resume on Sunday, August 15, at 9:00 a.m.

## **Sunday School:**

Room 203 - High School Youth, Romans

Room 204 - Middle School Youth

Room 209 - 5th-6th Graders

Room 208 - 3rd-4th Graders

Room 210 - 1st-2nd Graders

Room 211 - Pre-K & Kindergarten

Room 111- 3's & 4's

## **Adult Christian Education:**

Westminster Shorter Catechism Class will continue. "What is God like? Why did the eternal Son have to become a human? To find answers to these and other questions, FWPC is offering a class in the fundamentals of our Christian faith. This class 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 are provided.

*Taught by Bob Schwartzbeck*

*Lecture Hall*

## **Sharing Your Faith:**

What is the gospel? How do I share my faith? How do I share the gospel? For those who desire encouragement in sharing the good news with others come join this class. This will be a hands-on discussion and application-oriented class.

*Led by Steve Fults*

*Room 205*

# This Month at



Sun, Aug 22, 9 AM - Sunday School  
High School - Room 203 | Middle School - Room 204

Wed, Aug 25, 7:30 PM - First High School Large Group

Sun, Aug 29, 9 AM - Sunday School  
High School - Room 203 | Middle School - Room 204

Wed, Sept 1, 7:30 PM - High School Large Group

Sun, Sept 5, 9 AM - Sunday School  
High School - Room 203 | Middle School - Room 204

Details: [fortworthpca.org/youth](http://fortworthpca.org/youth) | Questions? [thefort@fortworthpca.org](mailto:thefort@fortworthpca.org) | @ @thefort\_fwpc



A new year for Women's Covenant Groups begins in September, and all women who are members of FWPC are invited to participate.

Moms Groups meet monthly during the school year for fellowship, prayer, and book discussion focusing on how to biblically live out the calling of motherhood. Moms are grouped by the age of their oldest child.

Women to Women Groups of mixed ages and stages meet monthly year-round for prayer, study, and mutual encouragement designed to deepen their knowledge of and relationship with God.

Complete a registration form in the fellowship hall or online (use the QR code) by **Sunday, August 29**, to be placed in a group.





# Women's BIBLE STUDY

*The Gospel of Mark*

Wednesdays  
Sept 15 - Nov 17, Jan 12 - Mar 30

Details and registration: [fortworthpca.org/biblestudy](http://fortworthpca.org/biblestudy)

## MEN'S FALL STUDY

Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortlund

**August 18-October 28**

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 AM

Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 PM

FWPC Lecture Hall

Register at [fortworthpca.org/men](http://fortworthpca.org/men)

# Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2021-May 2022

June - July	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	167,493	178,123
General Fund Expenses YTD	200,051	209,197
How we're doing YTD	-32,558	-31,074

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the two months of our fiscal year, we spent \$32,558 more than our income. This is \$1,484 larger deficit last year. As of June 30, we have \$153,754 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports Gary & Alice Fredricks, Bridges International, TCU

- ❖ 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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