



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.*

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God is good and necessarily so. God's essence does not conform to some external standard of goodness. God is essentially goodness itself. This essential attribute of God means that his other attributes (e.g., power, wisdom) are aspects of his goodness. His essence is good, so that he cannot do anything that is not good.

- Mark Jones

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# Worship

—September 12, 2021—

Welcome

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Greeting

**Leader:** The Lord our God is with us.

**People:** He is with us indeed.

† The Call to Worship

*God calls His people to worship*

BASED ON PSALM 27; JOHN 4:23

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.**

To Christ the Lord

To Christ the Lord let every tongue  
Its noblest tribute bring  
When He's the subject of the song  
Who can refuse to sing?  
Survey the beauties of His face  
And on His glories dwell  
Think of the wonder of His grace  
And all His triumphs tell.

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned  
Upon His awful brow  
His head with radiant glories crowned  
His lips with grace overflow  
No mortal can with Him compare  
Among the sons of men  
Fairer He is than all the fair  
That fill the Heavenly train.

He saw me plunged in deep distress'  
He fled to my relief;  
For me He bore the shameful cross  
And carried all my grief.  
His hand a thousand blessings pours  
Upon my guilty head;  
His presence gilds my darkest hours  
And guards my sleeping bed.



To Him I owe my life and breath  
And all the joys I have;  
He makes me triumph over death  
And saves me from the grave.  
To Heaven the place of His abode  
He brings my weary feet;  
Shows me the glories of my God  
And makes my joy complete.

By Words by Samuel Stennett; Music by Laura Taylor

† Invocation

*We seek the Lord's presence among us*

† Doxology

*We respond in praise*

*DUKE STREET*

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!

Welcome

## Confession of Sin

*based on the Beatitudes*

Heavenly Father, we have had other gods before you. We have loved mortal man more than you. We have loved our own righteousness more than you. We have loved sins more than you. We have loved our possessions more than you. We have loved particular feelings more than you. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we admit our sin, repent in spirit and truth, and acknowledge our need for forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*We rest in the mercy of God*

ROMANS 10:4; 8:1-2

Jesus is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the spirit of life he set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death,

## Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself, I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God

Words by Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music by Vicki Cook  
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Missions Moment

*Roy Sneed*

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

*Luke 15*

*Pew Bible – Page 874-875*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

COME AND JOIN IN THE DANCE!

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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.



We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
“He has done great things,” we will say together.  
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire,  
He is the Lord our God.  
We are not consumed by the flood;  
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn,  
My soul be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, O how long?  
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed;  
You are the faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave,  
Bind us together bring shalom.

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore  
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## 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

**David Welch**

## 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 NeeCIA, 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.

**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.



**Small Groups Resume TODAY @ 6-7:30pm:** 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. 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.

## 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.

**Men's Fall Study:** FWPC men are reading *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund this fall, and it's not too late to join us for a closer look at the heart of Christ for sinners and sufferers. Small groups meet on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 a.m. or Thursdays 7:00-8:00 p.m. through October 28. Both groups meet in the Lecture Hall, and books are provided. If neither time works for you, we hope you'll pick up a free book at the book table and read along with us during your personal devotions.

**Men's Barn Night:** Join us Saturday, September 18 from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at The Davis Barn - 6796 Silver Saddle Road. We'll have a casual evening of fellowship, live music from *The Dischords* (including Jack Norris), and games including pool, foosball, spike ball, can jam, and cornhole. Snacks will be provided, and the gas grills will be fired up. BYOB and meat to grill.

**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.

## Information & Events

**Roy & Carole Sneed:** To receive their newsletter email, go to **roy.s@borderbridge.net**.

### **Ways to be involved with Afghan refugees**

- PRAY...PRAY...PRAY for the Lord to open doors so that His love would be seen alive and working through us His servants. Pray for healing for those traumatized in their leaving Afghanistan. Pray for the Afghan believers left behind.
- Donate furniture for setting up an apartment for an incoming family. Contact Al Olsen to arrange pick up.
- Help at an ESL class for them. There will ESL classes at Southcliff Church on Thursday evenings beginning in September.
- Volunteer to be part of a Good Neighbor team to assist a refugee family. Complete an application to volunteer with World Relief North Texas at [www.worldrelief.org/north-texas](http://www.worldrelief.org/north-texas). Be patient: approval may take several weeks. This is required to participate in any World Relief North Texas volunteer opportunities.
- Being available to help set up an apartment or to pick up donated furniture. Either of these things could happen on relatively short notice.

For information contact: Al Olsen (469) 236-9190  
**alantolsen54@gmail.com**.

**Household Kits for Refugees:** Thank you to everyone who signed up to purchase the household kits last week. You may place those in the Fellowship Hall at the long table.

# Christian Education

Sundays 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 Fall at



Wednesdays, 7:30 PM - High School Large Group  
friends, food, fellowship, short lesson on Acts

Sundays, 9:00 AM - Sunday School  
High School - Room 203 on Romans  
Middle School - Room 204 on the Westminster Shorter Catechism

Sundays, 6:00 PM - Sept 12 & 26, Oct 10 & 24, Nov 7 & 21, Dec 5  
High School Small Groups - Room 203 on "God Is" by Mark Jones  
Middle School Large Group - Room 204 on Judges

October 15-16 - Roctoher VI: All Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Copass

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

## ROCTOBER VI

CAMP COPASS - DENTON, TX | OCTOBER 15-16

- What?** North Texas Presbytery's Annual All-Youth  
Fall Retreat (7-12 grades)
- Who?** Speaker Joe Deegan, RYM Worship  
Resource Coordinator
- How much?** \$85 includes one night's lodging, three  
meals on Saturday, and a t-shirt
- When?** Register by Friday, October 1. Pay by  
Friday, October 15. Scholarships available.

REGISTER



PAY

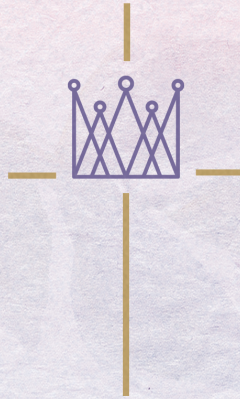


# Fort Worth Presbyterian Church Nursery Volunteers

Are you interested in volunteering to love our covenant children and serve their parents as a nursery worker on a regular basis? Opportunities are available for infant through 4-year old childcare during Sunday School and Worship, and there is a special opportunity to join a list of saints willing to fill in when there is a last-minute cancellation of a nursery worker. Use the QR code below or pick up a paper form on the fellowship hall table to let us know how you are willing to serve.







# Women's BIBLE STUDY

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*The Gospel of Mark*

Wednesdays

Sept 15 - Nov 17, Jan 12 - Mar 30

Small Groups/Lecture at FWPC - 9:30-11:15 AM

Evening Small Group at Kim Watt's Home  
6141 Whitman Avenue - 7:00-8:30 PM

Register today at [FortWorthPCA.org](http://FortWorthPCA.org).  
Cost is \$27, and scholarships are available.

# Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2021-May 2022

June - August	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	269,180	301,287
General Fund Expenses YTD	300,652	324,454
How we're doing YTD	-31,471	-23,167

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the two months of our fiscal year, we spent \$31,471 more than our income. This is a \$8,304 larger deficit than last year. As of June 30, we have \$151,582 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports Roy & Carole Sneed making disciples of the nations.

- ❖ 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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