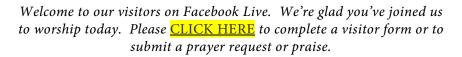


Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



May God's blessings in Christ be with you.

We Want to have our lives – in modern parlance – 'together' – under our own control. But the truth is that we are malformed. We can only 'get it together' in an artificial way by the employment of this world's various brands of superglue. By contrast what God does – yes even to a great man like Isaiah (perhaps especially to such a man) – is to take us to pieces and then reconstruct us. That is a recurring pattern in the Bible. For some it takes place through the long and slow process of God's providential working. It was thus for Jacob; it was so for Joseph. For others it happens in worship. That was so for Isaiah.

-Sinclair B. Ferguson

Worship

—September 26, 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

REVELATION 15:3; 1 TIMOTHY 1:17

Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen!

† Hymn of Praise Crown Him with Many Crowns

We praise our glorious King Hymn 295

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† Doxology

We respond in praise FORT WORTH PCA

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, amen, amen!

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Almighty Triune God, we confess that we have become cold of heart towards the many blessings you have bestowed upon us. Your blessings are such that we have no fear of gathering for public worship – we have such an abundance in biblical resources that we take them for granted – and they seldom result in meaningful change – have an abundance of the necessities of life. We far too often, depend on your grace and neglect your commandments – though we are 'your workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, that we should walk in them.' We are a people of unclean lips – we need the cleansing, sanctifying, burning coal on our lips as did Isaiah. Create in us a zeal for Your House, blessed Father. Make us once again eager to carry out your Kingdom work. We ask you to revive us, Holy Father.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

We rest in the mercy of God

GALATIANS 4:4-7

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!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Abide with Me

Abide with me; falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide. When other helpers, fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile; And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile, Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee, On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Words by Henry Lyte; Music by Justin Smith ©2007 Justin Smith Music.

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Scott Wade

The Reading of the Word

Exodus 3:1-15

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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word	Bradford Green	
GRACE IN THE BURNING BUSH		
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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 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.

In Feast or Fallow

When the fields are dry and the winter is long
Blessed are the meek, the hungry, the poor.
When my soul is downcast and my voice has no song,
For mercy, for comfort, I wait on the Lord.

In the harvest feast or the fallow ground, My certain hope is in Jesus found. My lot, my cup, my portion sure, Whatever comes we shall endure, Whatever comes we shall endure.

On a cross of wood, where His blood was outpoured, He rose from the ground, like a bird to the sky; Bringing peace to our violence, and crushing death's door, Our Maker incarnate, our God who provides.

> In the harvest feast or the fallow ground, My certain hope is in Jesus found. My lot, my cup, my portion sure, Whatever comes we shall endure, Whatever comes we shall endure.

> > Words and Music by Sandra McCracken

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

Thursday, Nov 4 - Saturday, Dec 4 -

Men's Beer & Brat Night Ladies' Christmas Brunch

Information & Events

<u>Offering:</u> To make a contribution <u>CLICK HERE</u> or you may text to give to 817-934-6447.

Small Groups TODAY at 6-7:30pm.

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.

<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>Women's Bible Study:</u> Join us on Wednesdays 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 <u>fortworthpca.org/biblestudy</u> 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.

Information & Events

<u>Kids Hope</u> 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: <u>kidshope@fortworthpca.org</u> or 817-896-7113.

<u>Volunteer for Super Saturday</u>: Our program consists of Oakmont Elementary school children coming to church for Good News Club and Bible study, crafts, recreation and prayer ending with a sit-down lunch. Super Saturdays runs six weeks beginning October 9th, 10a-12:30pm. This is an outreach for the whole family. Childcare is available for volunteers. Join us sharing Jesus with the children in our community. Volunteer training is *Saturday*, *October* 2nd at 10am. Contact Steve Fults steve@fortworthpca.org.

<u>Hearts & Hammers:</u> This mercy ministry of FWPC focuses on meeting the physical needs of our church, especially in the lives of widows, single parents, and shut-ins. Our goal is to assist with basic needs such as minor home maintenance and repairs utilizing the skills of our congregation. If you have a need or would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Rich Saadeh at 817-718-0175 or rws175@gmail.com.

<u>Book Table:</u> The FWPC book table in the Fellowship Hall now offers you a self-serve, no-contact opportunity to purchase books. Simply use your phone to scan the QR code, choose the price of your book, and complete your purchase with a credit card.

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

<u>The School of Christian Theology:</u> Beginning October 17 Pastor Brandon will begin a series on systematic theology. All are welcome to attend this foundational class. This class is required for future officers.

Taught by Pastor Brandon

Lecture Hall



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 - Roctober VI: All Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Copass

Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? 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.



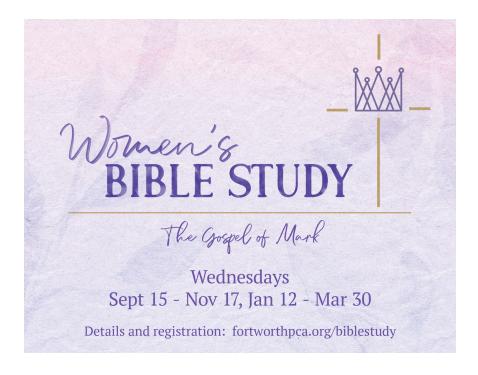




Fort Worth Presbyterian Church Nursery Volunteers



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.





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SENIOR PASTOR Brandon Eggar ARRIVES OCTOBER 17

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