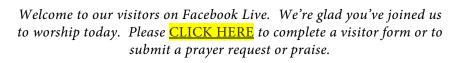


Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



May God's blessings in Christ be with you.

All truth is given by revelation, either general or special, and it must be received by reason. Reason is the God-given means for discovering the truth that God discloses, whether in his world or his Word, while God wants to reach the heart with truth, he does not bypass the mind.

- Jonathan Edwards

Worship

—October 3, 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

NEHEMIAH 9:5-6

"Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

"You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you; all on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you.

Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord."

Lo! the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow; and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name you; while in essence only One, undivided God we claim you, and adoring bend the knee, while we sing this mystery.

Based on Te Deum, ca. 4th cent.

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† 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!

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. Give us a heart of sincere repentance and sanctify our hearts, for we are unable to change ourselves.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Faith

We rest in the mercy of God

HEBREWS 10:19-23

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

It Is Well with My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so"—it is well with my soul.

Words by Horatio Gates Spafford

Prayer for Covenant Children

September & October

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

John 9:1-13; 35-38

Pew Bible - Page 895-896

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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The Preaching of the Word	Doug Shepherd	
ENCOUNTERING THE LIGHT		

Communion

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.

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, And calms the troubled breast; 'Tis manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place, My never failing treasury, filled With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, And cold my warmest thought; But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

'Til then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath,
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

Words by John Newton; Music by Alexander Reinagie, Bill Moore

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'Til life's storm is past; Safe into the haven guide; Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee; Leave, oh leave me not alone, Support and comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed, All help from Thee I bring; Cover my defenseless head In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here more than all I find; raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.

Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness; false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin; Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, Let me take of Thee; Spring Thou up within my heart; For all eternity.

> Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Greg Thompson ▼2000 Greg Thompson Music

Come to the Feast

Go to the highways and hedges.
Go to the farthest of fields.
Go and compel the sick and the well
For our Father's house will be filled.

Go to the streets of the city.

Bring in the crippled and blind.

All who would taste this banquet of grace

Must come and waste no more time.

Come to the feast, come to the table;
The great and the least, the rich and the poor.
Come to the feast, come to the table;
Come and hunger no more.

In the robe of the Lamb you'll be covered,
Dressed in His pure righteousness.
For all of your guilt His blood it was spilt.
So come by your Father be blessed.

Words and music by Jeff Lawson ©2012 Jeff Lawson Music.

The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

Your prayers to the Lord of the harvest are not in vain.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Matthew 9.37-38

People: Thanks be to God!

The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

Jude 24-25

Announcements

Deacon of the Day

Randy Shannon

Save the Date

Thursday, Nov 4 - Saturday, Dec 4 -

Men's Beer & Brat Night Ladies' Christmas Brunch

Information & Events

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

<u>Ladies Game Night:</u> Tomorrow, October 4, is the next Ladies Game Night! Join us for a night of fun in the Lecture Hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Friends and snacks to share are welcome. Decaf coffee and water are provided. Ladies Game Night occurs monthly on the first Monday of the month.

<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>Impact a child's life!</u> Get matched with an impressionable Oakmont Elementary student. Mentor one hour per week, at the school, building a relationship with a child while reading and playing games. Prayer partners are matched with a 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 through Kids Hope: <u>kidshope@fortworthpca.org</u> or 817-896-7113.

<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.









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