



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, submit a prayer request or praise or to signup for any activity.

May God's blessings in Christ be with you.

During Advent, Christians go back to that time of waiting as the Bible shows it to us. They read again the prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures and the Old Testament. They read about how people were longing for an end to slavery, longing to be back home in some sense, longing to be at home with God again, longing for reconciliation. And all of that is expressed in the most powerful metaphors, especially in the prophecies of Isaiah; metaphors about the desert blossoming, metaphors about the rain falling, metaphors about day dawning after there's been a long, long night.

- Rowan Williams

Worship

—November 28, 2021—

Welcome

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Greeting

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God the Father.

People: May he fill us with joy in the Lord!

† The Call to Worship

God calls His people to worship

From Isaiah 65:17-19

Pastor: Blessed be the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the
former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

**People: Be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for
behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy and her people
to be a gladness.**

Pastor: I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no
more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the
cry of distress.

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† Hymn of Praise

We praise our glorious King

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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Words by Reginald Heber

† 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.

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Pastor: Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins; soften our proud and stubborn hearts.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, you have accomplished the forgiveness of sin; teach us to forgive as we have been forgiven.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us truth; direct us in the way of righteousness.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Faith

We rest in the mercy of God

From Titus 3:3-5

Pastor: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done in righteousness, but according to his mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is well-pleased.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come. O come, thou Lord of might,
who to they tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Keffer Family

– The Prophecy Candle

Psalm 25:1-10

Luke 21:25-36

Reader: We light the first candle of Advent to remind us that the prophets foretold that our God would bring peace and salvation to a people in trouble. May our God give us his peace in our hearts during this season and may we show his peace to one another and all.

All: Thanks be to God!

Mercy Moment

*Karen McCarty
PCA Ministerial Relief*

Pastoral Prayer

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.*

Jeremiah 33.1-18

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Eggar

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Communion

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.

Pastor: It is good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we praise and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and declaring:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Confession

Pastor: Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us!

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

Pastor: The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God.
 Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
 you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and
 with thanksgiving. Let us now partake of the
 feast!

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.

Closing Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

Pastor: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, come quickly!

All: **By God's grace may we learn to long for
and love our Lord's appearing.**

Adapted from Revelation 22:20 and 1 Timothy 6:8

The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

Hebrews 13:20-21

Pastor: And now may the God of peace, who,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you
with everything good that you may do his
will, and work in you that which is pleasing
in his sight, through Jesus Christ.

All: **To him be the glory forever and ever.
Amen!**

Announcements

Deacon of the Day

Chris Jordan

Save the Date

- ***Sunday, December 12, 6:00 p.m.***
Lessons & Carols
- ***Friday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.***
Christmas Eve Service

Information & Events

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

Adult Choir for Lessons and Carols: Join the Choir. Sunday evenings 5-6:00pm. Questions? Contact Jack Norris jwnorris8@gmail.com, 817-821-0918, or Jason Cox coxjasonw@gmail.com, 817-676-5515.

PCA Ministerial Relief Offering will be taken next Sunday. Please make checks payable to FWPC and *on the memo line please list Ministerial Relief Offering*. For online donations, go to <https://www.continuetogive.com/RBI>.

Benevolence Offering for widows & families in need in our congregation is being taken Sunday, December 20th.

Find Refreshment in a Zoom Prayer Meeting: Thursday at 1:00pm.

Oakmont Coat Drive: Oakmont Elementary is collecting new winter coats for ages Pre-K through 5th Grade. To assist us in helping the kids in our neighborhood, please bring your donation of a new winter coat to the FWPC Fellowship Hall by Sunday, December 5. We will deliver these coats to the elementary school for distribution to the kids who most need them.

Women's Christmas Brunch: Join us at 10:00 a.m. this Saturday, December 4. This beautiful event, with tables individually decorated by our ladies, is a wonderful opportunity to introduce your friends or neighbors to FWPC and celebrate the season together. There will be special music, and our speaker is our very own Lisa Bratton. Today is the deadline to purchase tickets - \$10 at fortworthpca.org, and a few ladies are still needed to help with kitchen setup and cleanup.

December at

Wednesday, December 1, 7:30 PM - High School Large Group
friends, food, fellowship, short lesson on Judges

Saturday, December 4, 7:00 PM - Youth Christmas Party at the Ryans
Wear your ugly Christmas sweater and bring a \$10 gift for the white elephant gift exchange. Dinner, desserts and warm drinks provided.

Sundays, 9:00 AM - Sunday School on Dec 5, 12, & 19
High School - Room 203 on Romans
Middle School - Room 204 on the Westminster Shorter Catechism

Sunday, December 5, 6:00 PM
High School Small Groups - Room 203 on "God Is" by Mark Jones
Middle School Large Group - Room 204 on Judges



kids *Advent* PARTY



SUNDAY,
DECEMBER

5

11:30-1:00

Pre-K to 6th Grade, stay after church for lunch, games, prizes, dessert and two hands-on experiments to ponder the beauty and glory of Jesus.



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Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2021-May 2022

June - October	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	\$497,439	\$487,166
General Fund Expenses YTD	\$495,527	\$534,864
How we're doing YTD	\$1,912	\$-47,698

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the first 5 months of our fiscal year, our giving is ahead of our expenses by \$1,912. This is a \$49,610 improvement over last year. As of October 31, we have \$185,525 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports Hannah Humphreys, an intern with Reformed University Fellowship at Belhaven University in Jackson, MS

- ❖ **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
- ❖ 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*

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"Nurturing a joy for loving God and loving people
by proclaiming, believing and living out the gospel of Jesus Christ"

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