



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.

Zephaniah leaves no room to doubt that there would be a new day when fear would be cast out and shame changed to praise and fame."

- Ralph L. Smith

Worship

—*December 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

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

People: Amen!

Pastor: It shall come to pass in the latter days that the
mountain of the house of the LORD shall be
established as the highest of the mountains, and shall
be lifted up above the hills and all the nations shall flow
into it.

People: And many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us
go up to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may
teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

Pastor: For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples.

People: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Pastor: O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD and worship him in truth. Amen.

Isaiah 2:2-5

† Invocation *We seek the Lord's presence among us*

† Hymn of Praise *We praise our glorious King*

O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU HYMN 156

O Lord how shall I meet you how welcome you are
Your people long to greet you my hope my heart's delight!
O kindle Lord Most Holy your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation love brought you down to me
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling that led you to embrace
In love all love excelling our lost and fallen race!

Rejoice then you sad hearted who sit in deepest gloom
Who mourn o'er joys departed and tremble at your doom.
Despair not he is near you yea standing at the door
Who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.

Sin's debt that fearful burden let not your souls distress
Your guilt the Lord will pardon and cover by his grace
He comes for men procuring the peace of sin for forgiveness
For all God's sons securing their heritage in heaven.

Paul Gerhardt, 1653

† 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

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

All: Our God, we come to you confessing that although we have begun by the Spirit and are to walk by the Spirit, we are quick to go back to the flesh and as a result we become conceited, we provoke one another, we envy one another and we fail to follow in the way of Jesus, our Lord. Gracious God, forgive us for trusting in our own strength to your dishonor, our demise, and the dehumanization of others who are different from us. We pray for your renewal asking that you would be pleased to fill us with your Breath of Life who is none other than the Spirit of the Living God.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Faith

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and

just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all
unrighteousness. 1 John 1:5,9

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

† Hymn of Response

We rest in our Father's love

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

HYMN 213

What child is this who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch
are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, who shepherds guard
and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son
of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox an ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear for sinners here the silent Word is pleading
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through the cross be borne for me
for you. Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the song of
Mary.

So bring him incense gold and myrrh come peasant king to own
him; the King of kings salvation brings let loving hearts enthrone
him. Raise, raise the song on high the virgin sings her lullaby
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Traditional English carol
Adapted by William C Dix, ca 1865

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Shepherd Candle

Cullum Family

Psalm 96

Luke 3:7-18

Reader: We light the third candle of Advent, the Shepherd's Candle, to remind us that the announcement of Christ's birth was made to humble ordinary man, for God came and called the meek of the earth.

All: Thanks be to God!

The Sacrament of Baptism

*Rudy James Diamantopoulos
Covenant Child of JD & Sarah Diamantopoulos*

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.*

Zephaniah 3:8-20

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Pastor Eggar

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are approximately 20 lines visible. The paper has a slight shadow on the right side, suggesting it's resting on a surface.

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.

The Prayer 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:

People: 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

Prepare the Way, O Zion!

Prepare the way, O Zion! Ye awful deeps, rise high;
Sink low, ye towering mountains, the Lord is drawing nigh;
The righteous King of glory, foretold in sacred time.

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

Fling wide thy portals, Zion and hail thy glorious king;
His tidings of salvation to every people bring,
Who, waiting yet in sadness, would still His praises sing.

He cometh not with warriors, and not with pomp and show,
Yet smiteth He with terror sin, death, and every foe.
The Spirit's sword He wields to give to death a fatal blow.

Frans Franzen, 1812
Trad. English Carol: GOD REST YOU MERRY

The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

Pastor: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, come quickly!

People: By God's grace may we learn to love and
long for his appearing.

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

The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Pastor: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify
you completely, and may your whole spirit
and soul and body be kept blameless at the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who
calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

All: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, come quickly!

Announcements

Deacon of the Day

Johnny Tassin

Save the Date

- *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.

Benevolence Offering for widows & families in need in our congregation is being taken Sunday, December 19th. Please note on the memo line of your check “*FWPC Benevolence Offering.*”

PCA Ministerial Relief Offering: There is still time to give towards the PCA Ministerial Relief Offering. Please make checks payable to FWPC and *on the memo line please list “Ministerial Relief Offering.”* Online donations, [CLICK HERE](#).

THANK YOU to everyone that donated toward the Oakmont Elementary Coat Drive to assist in helping the kids in our neighborhood. The coats were delivered to the school for distribution to the kids who most need them.

Find Refreshment in a Zoom Prayer meeting: Monday@ 7:30am, Thursday@ Noon. Join the church for 30 minutes of prayer Monday or Thursday as we pray for issues facing our church and nation. The link was emailed this past week.

Holidays at



Wednesdays, 7:30 PM - High School Large Group returns January 5

Sunday, Dec 19, 9:00 AM - Sunday School

High School - Room 203 on Romans

Middle School - Room 204 on the Westminster Shorter Catechism

Weekly Sunday School returns January 9

Sundays, 6:00 PM - returns January 9

High School Small Groups - Room 203 on "God Is" by Mark Jones

Middle School Large Group - Room 204 on Judges



Lessons *and* Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

STRING PRELUDE BEGINS AT 5:45 PM.

Nursery provided for infant-4 years.
Christmas Cookie fellowship follows.



Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2021-May 2022

June - November	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	576,855	598,472
General Fund Expenses YTD	587,251	642,956
How we're doing YTD	-10,396	-44,484

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the first 6 months of our fiscal year, we spent \$10,396 more than our income. This is a \$34,088 improvement over last year. As of November 30, we have \$173,216 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.

*Contributions must be received or postmarked by
12/31/21 to be credited in 2021.*

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JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE CHURCH'S NEWEST BABIES!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 9:30 AM

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TIME OF BREAKFAST, FELLOWSHIP, AND PRAYER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.
EVEN IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND, PLEASE CONTRIBUTE A PRAYER OR SCRIPTURE TO EACH BABY'S
ALBUM. NOTE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL DURING JANUARY AND MAY BE
RETURNED TO THE BASKET OR BROUGHT TO THE EVENT.

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