



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.

The Ancient of Days entered time.

The Infinite became an infant.

He who sits upon the sublime and Heavenly Throne, was laid in a manger.

He who cannot be touched, now lies subject to human hands.

He, who alone can break the bonds of sin, was laid bound in swaddling clothes, not only in a manger but in the grave that we might be forgiven and freed.

He, the Exalted One, came low that we, the debased, might be raised up.

- Gregory the Theologian

Worship

—December 19, 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: Our help is in the name of the LORD!

People: For he is the Maker of Heaven and earth!

Pastor: Let all who adore Christ Jesus say, “Rejoice in the Lord always!”

People: Rejoice in the Lord always, for he is at hand!

Pastor: The Lord is at hand; therefore do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

People: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: Our God will supply our every need according to his riches in Christ Jesus. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Adapted from Philippians 4:4-7, 19

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† Hymn of Praise

We praise our glorious King

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echo back their joyous strains.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Traditional French carol

† 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: Let us now confess our sins together:

All: O God, you have not called us into darkness. Rather, you have brought us into the light of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. By your grace we are children of light, children of the day. You have called us to be awake and sober-minded, having put on the breastplate of faith and love as well as the hope of our salvation. In light of this gracious reality, we ask that you would forgive us for living contrary to Christ and for denying him in our words and actions. Restore us, that we may seek to do good and honor you, our loving and merciful Father.

Adapted from 1 Thessalonians 5:5-10

Silent Confession

Assurance of Faith

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: What shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things.

Romans 8:31-32

**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

SING WE THE SONG OF EMMANUEL

Sing we the song of Emmanuel,
this the Christ who was long foretold.

Lo, in the shadows of Bethlehem,
promise of dawn now our eyes behold.

God Most High in a manger laid.
Lift your voices and now proclaim:
Great and glorious love has come to us!
Join now with the hosts of heaven!

Come we to welcome Emmanuel,
King who came with no crown or throne.
Helpless he lay the Invincible,
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son.

Oh, what wisdom to save us all.
Shepherds, sages, before him fall.
Grace and majesty, what humility.
Come on bended knee adore him.

Go spread the news of Emmanuel,
joy and peace for the weary heart.
Lift up your heads for your King has come.
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark.

Glory shining for all to see.
Hope alive, let the gospel ring.
God has made a way, he will have the praise,
tell the world his name is Jesus.

By Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Stuart Townend

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Angels' Candle

Helge Family

Psalm 97

Luke 1:46-55

Reader: We light the fourth candle of Advent, the Angels' Candle, to remind us that hosts of Heaven proclaimed Jesus' birth, a birth that has brought us God's peace on earth.

All: Thanks be to God!

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.*

The Reading of the Word

Micah 5:1-5a

5 Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops;
siege is laid against us;
with a rod they strike the judge of Israel
on the cheek.

2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the
strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

5 And he shall be their peace.
When the Assyrian comes into our land
and treads in our palaces,
then we will raise against him seven shepherds
and eight princes of men;

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE COMING KING

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

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!

(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.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Words by Isaac Watts; Music by George Frideric Handel

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

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!**

Hebrews 13:20-21

Announcements

Deacon of the Day

Dowell Stackpole

Save the Date

- **Jan 29** Super Saturday Winter Series begins
- **Feb 6** Women's Luncheon
- **July 9-16** **Summer** Mission Trip to Juarez

Information & Events

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

Sunday School Break: There will be no Christian Education hour on December 26 and January 2. Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School will return January 9 at 9:00 a.m.

No KIWI: Kids in Worship Instruction will not take place December 26 and January 2. All kiddos are invited to participate in family worship those weeks. Nursery will be available for newborn to four years old.

Benevolence Offering Today: 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.”*** Online: [CLICK HERE](#)

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: [CLICK HERE](#).

Find Refreshment in a Zoom Prayer meeting: Monday@ 7:30am, Thursday@ Noon.

Women's Bible Study: Our study in the Gospel of Mark resumes on Wednesday, January 12, and we hope you will join us! Both the morning session (9:30-11:15 at FWPC) and the evening group (7:00-8:30 p.m. at Kim Watt's) are using a study guide published by Redeemer Presbyterian Church and Jesus the King by Tim Keller. For complete details and registration, visit fortworthpca.org/biblestudy. The first lecture of the year will be given by Pastor Brandon.

Funeral for Jerry Cullum is Wednesday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m. here at the church.

A stylized poster for Christmas Eve Worship. The background is a light blue sky with several orange, four-pointed stars of varying sizes. A crescent moon is positioned on the left side. The text "CHRISTMAS EVE" is in a dark teal, sans-serif font, and "WORSHIP" is in a larger, orange, sans-serif font. Below the title, the time "5 PM" is displayed in white text inside a dark teal rectangular box. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a nativity scene with figures under a stable structure, set against a landscape of rolling hills in shades of blue and orange. In the bottom right corner, there is a small icon of a church with a cross and the text "Fort Worth Presbyterian Church".

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

5 PM



Fort Worth Presbyterian Church

Holidays at

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

Sundays, 9:00 AM - Sunday School returns January 9

High School - Room 203 on Romans

Middle School - Room 204 on the Westminster Shorter Catechism

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

Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? thefort@fortworthpca.org | [@thefort_fwpc](https://www.instagram.com/thefort_fwpc)





2022 Prayer Shower

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.

**BENJAMIN BRYAN FITZGERALD
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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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