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Church

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*May God's blessings in Christ be with you.*

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The only remedy for pride is to dwell much on the holiness and majesty of God. It was when Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up that he cried out,

Woe is me! For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts (*Isa. 6:5*).

If we are truly longing for God to answer prayer, if we are truly beseeching God, we will not give up easily. True praying is persistent praying.

Roger Ellsworth

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† *Congregation standing*

# Worship

— January 2, 2022 —

Welcome

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Greeting

Pastor: Christ is born!

**People: Let us glorify him!**

† The Call to Worship

*God calls His people to worship*

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

Pastor: Come and let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker, who in Christ, has revealed his saving light to the nations.

*Adapted from Luke 1:46-49*

† Invocation

*We seek the Lord's presence among us*

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
To his feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me, his praise should sing?  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him, still the same forever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

God our Father tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes;  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,  
Blows the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
You behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Lyte, Nathan Partain

† Doxology

*We respond in praise*  
MESSENGER

Praise and glory to the Father,  
Praise and glory to the Son,  
Praise and glory to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one

Confession of Sin

*We turn from our sin*

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

**All: Our God and Father, when we behold your Son Jesus, we see your great love for us, for you sent your one and only Son into the world to die for sinners like us, so that whosoever believes in him would have eternal life. Since you have given us your Son, we can say with confidence, “How will you not also with Christ graciously give us all things?” Yet, our Father, our appetite for things of secondary or even no importance fills our lives with longings that you never intended us to have. Our love and devotion to our possessions and our pleasures reveal again our true need for Jesus. Lord, in this Christmas season would you please give us Christ: fill our hearts with a desire to know him, to love him, and to serve him;**

fill our mouths with words to honor and proclaim him; give us his presence to guide us in wisdom, to give peace to our troubled souls, to guard and protect our ways; grant us his grace and favor to forgive our sins, and to bring us to glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

*We acknowledge our sin*

Assurance of Faith

*We rest in the mercy of God*

Pastor: Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD; though your sins be like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

*Isaiah 1:18*

**All: God the Father sent his Son, born of woman, born under the Law, to redeem us from the curse of the Law. Thanks be to God!**

† Hymn of Response

*We rest in our Father's love*

#### I ASKED THE LORD

I asked the Lord that I might grow  
In faith and love and every grace  
Might more of His salvation know  
And seek more earnestly His face

‘Twas He who taught me thus to pray  
And He I trust has answered prayer  
But it has been in such a way  
As almost drove me to despair

I hoped that in some favored hour  
At once He'd answer my request  
And by His love's constraining power  
Subdue my sins and give me rest

Instead of this He made me feel  
The hidden evils of my heart  
And let the angry powers of Hell  
Assault my soul in every part

Yea more with His own hand He seemed  
Intent to aggravate my woe  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,  
Cast out my feelings, laid me low

Lord why is this, I trembling cried  
Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?  
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied  
"I answer prayer for grace and faith"

"These inward trials I employ  
From self and pride to set thee free  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy  
That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

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## Confession of Faith

*We confess our common faith together*

Pastor: Let us now confess our faith in Christ:

**All: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that**

was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as from the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pastoral Prayer

Morning Offering

*We offer our gifts*

The Reading of the Word

*Luke 2:22-38*

*Pew Bible –Page 857*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Preaching of the Word

*Pastor Berger*

THE WAITING IS OVER

1. THE WITNESS

2. THE WAITING



## 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.**

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 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!

## Holy Communion

### 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.

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set they 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 ev'ry longing heart.

Come Thou long awaited Emmanuel

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.

Come Thou long awaited Emmanuel

*(repeat)*

## The Sending

*The people of God are sent into the world*

Pastor: Therefore, my dear family, whom I love and long for,  
my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord!

*Philippians 4:1*

**People: Amen!**

## The Blessing

*God blesses his people as they go*

Pastor: 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. He will keep you in his love forever and ever.  
Amen.

*Jude 24*

## Announcements

### Deacon of the Day

David Steed

### Save the Date

- Jan 29 Super Saturday Winter Series begins
- Feb 27 Variety Show
- May 7 Garage Sale
- 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 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 January 2. All kiddos are invited to participate in family worship those weeks. Nursery will be available for newborn to four years old.

**Ladies Game Night:** Tomorrow, January 3, 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.

**Find Refreshment in a Zoom Prayer Meeting:** 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.

**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](http://fortworthpca.org/biblestudy). The first lecture of the year will be given by Pastor Brandon.

# 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](http://fortworthpca.org/youth) | Questions? [thefort@fortworthpca.org](mailto:thefort@fortworthpca.org) | [@thefort\\_fwpc](https://www.instagram.com/thefort_fwpc)





# **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**SAT, JAN 15, 8:30 AM  
FWPC FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**JOIN US FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP,  
AND A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRANDON**





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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# 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](http://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  
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