

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers a welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Visitors: Please use the QR code on the back of the bulletin so that we may contact you.

According to the Bible, the forgiveness of sins was a tremendous problem for Almighty God. I do not hesitate to assert that forgiveness of sins is the only problem with which God has ever been confronted...The forgiveness of sins constituted such a problem that nothing but the shedding of blood could deal with it. God could not forgive sins merely by speaking a word. He could only forgive sins by the Word made flesh shedding his blood.

– John Stott

Worship

—January 23, 2022 —

The Third Sunday in Epiphany

Welcome

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Greeting

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the

Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

† 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: I will bless the LORD at all times, his praise shall

continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD, let the

humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: O magnify the LORD with me!

ALL: And let us praise his name together!

From Psalm 34

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Hallelujah praise Jehovah O my soul Jehovah praise I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days Put no confidence in princes nor for help on man depend He shall die to dust returning and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid

He is blessed whose hope of blessing

on the Lord his God is stayed

Heav'n and earth the Lord created

seas and all that they contain

He delivers from oppression righteousness he will maintain.

Food he daily gives the hungry sets the mourning pris'ner free
Raises those bowed down with anguish
makes the sightless eye to see
Well Jehovah loves the righteous and the stranger he befriends
Helps the fatherless and widow judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah praise Jehovah O my soul Jehovah praise I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days Over all God reigns forever through all ages he is King Unto him your God O Zion joyful hallelujahs sing.

Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

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!

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

All: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from my sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

Psalm 51:1-3

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: O Lord, in your grace create in us a clean heart and renew within us a right spirit.

From Psalm 51:10

All: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ: New Creation! The old has passed away, behold, the new has come!

Psalm 126

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter; Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy. Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

Although we are weeping, Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them!
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord, please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy!

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

By Isaac Wardell

Confession of Faith

We confess our common faith together

Pastor: Christian, who is the Lord Jesus?

The Lord Jesus is the Beloved Son of God, in whom A11: we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the Invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold And he is the head of the body, the together. church, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

From Colossians 1:14-20

Pastoral Prayer

Morning Offering & KIWI Release

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

Ephesians 1:7-10 Pew Bible –Page 976

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Eggar

THE SON'S REDEMPTION

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A PRESENT REDEMPTION (VV. 7-8)

A FUTURE COSMIC REDEMPTION (VV. 9-10)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. Read Ephesians 1:3, 7-8, 18-19; and 2:4-7. These verses declare that God has an unlimited store of riches and that he's lavished these riches on us. So, do you see yourself as rich in Christ? If so, in what way and how should this truth change you?
- 2. What is redemption? How do we receive and experience Christ's redemption?
- 3. To be forgiven is to be delivered from sin's penalty and power. How are you experiencing this deliverance in your life? Do you live as if you're unforgiven or forgiven? How does this come out in your relationships with others?
- 4. What is the mystery of God's will (1.9-10)? Does your view of the gospel include this mystery? How does this unveiled mystery shape your view of God, yourself, others, creation and the future?

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.

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:

- 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*
- 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.

Closing Hymn

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition,
all I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my savior too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me, Thou art not like them untrue.
Oh while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might, foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face and all is bright.

Soul then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine.
Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer. Heav'n's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there. Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days. Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

Pastor: Look carefully how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 4:15

The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

All: Amen!

Announcements

Deacon of the Day

Pete Cansick

Save the Date

• Jan 29 Super Saturday Winter Series begins

• Feb 27 Variety Show

• March 12 Men's Breakfast

• April 1-3 Women's Retreat

• April 29-30 Men's Retreat

May 7 Garage SaleMay 15 Church Picnic

• July 9-16 Summer Mission Trip to Juarez

• July 25-29 Vacation Bible School

Information & Events

<u>Visitors:</u> Pick up visitor information at the visitor kiosk in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship.

<u>Small Groups meet TODAY @ 6:00pm:</u> If you are not involved in a small group, see Steve Fults to get plugged in to one. It's a great way to get to know others in our church family. Contact Steve today!

<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>FWPC101 – February 6, 13, 20 & 27:</u> Learn about FWPC's vision, purpose, ministries, service opportunities, fellowship opportunities, membership, and more. This Class will be led by Pastor Brandon on Sundays, February 6, 13, 20 & 27, 9am-9:45pm in Room 201.

Women's Bible Study: Our study in the Gospel of Mark continues on Wednesdays through March 30, 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.

Mission trip: Juarez, Mexico - July 9-16 and West Africa - Late October: Immediately following morning worship on Sunday, January 23rd, there will be a meeting for the mission trips planned for 2022 in the Lecture Hall. We will discuss the trips and give you details on the cost and what to expect. Come join the team. See Steve Fults for information.

Information & Events

<u>Volunteer for Super Saturday</u>: Our program consists of Oakmont Elementary school children coming to church for Good News Club and Bible study, crafts, recreation and prayer ending with a sit-down lunch. Super Saturdays runs six weeks beginning January 29, 10a-12:30pm. This is an outreach for the whole family. Childcare is available for volunteers. Join us sharing Jesus with the children in our community. Contact Steve Fults <u>steve@fortworthpca.org</u>.

Kids Hope is a national mentoring program that has partnered our church with Oakmont Elementary since 2006. A FWPC member is matched with an impressionable Oakmont elementary student to spend one hour per week at school building a relationship while reading and playing games. Prayer partners are matched with a particular mentor and child to lift them up in prayer each week. Do you have one hour per week to impact a child's life? Contact Jill Davis to make a huge difference in the life of a child: jill@gallidavis.com or 817-896-7113.

Ephesians Printouts & Journals: If you are reading through Ephesians during this sermon series and would like a free copy of the text with wide margins and double spacing for highlighting and note taking, please visit the Fellowship Hall table. Ephesians Scripture Journals are on backorder but will soon be available for \$2 on the Book Table.

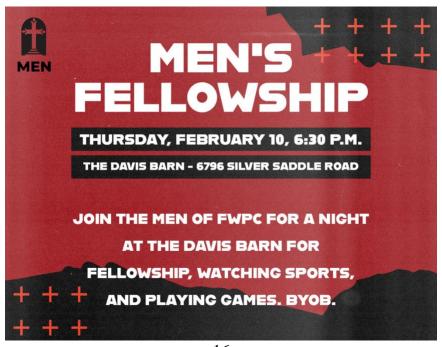
This Month at THE FORT

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

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 - Jan 9 & 23 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





Financial Report

| June - December | This Year | Last Year |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| General Fund Giving YTD | 785,389 | 741,680 |
| General Fund Expenses YTD | 693,084 | 742,212 |
| How we're doing YTD | 96,759 | 2,127 |

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the first 7 months of our fiscal year, we are ahead of our expenses by \$96,759. This is a \$94,632 improvement over last year. As of December 31, we have \$280,371 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports Laura Sharrett, an intern with Reformed University Fellowship at Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

- NEW! Mobile Giving: Text the amount you want to give to 817-934-6447. The first time will take you through the setup after that 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.

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