

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.

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The people of God trace their history back to the scheme or purpose of God from eternity past to rescue and redeem. God set out from eternity past to pursue us in love in order to restore us to true humanity, to adopt us as God's children. This is a radically new history, and it must reshape and reconfigure all previous and alternative understandings of our identity.

- Timothy Gombis

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Worship

— January 30, 2022 —

The Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

Welcome

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Greeting

Pastor: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

† The Call to Worship God calls His people to worship

Pastor: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,

on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

People: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and

our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because

we trust in his holy name.

Pastor: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as

we hope in you.

From Psalm 33:18-22

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish - but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All praise we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Words by Walter Chalmers Smith

Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

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!

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

All: O Lord, forgive us for the corrupting talk that comes out of our mouths, for you have called us to speak words that are good for building up and not tearing down, words that fit the occasion and give grace to those who hear.

From Ephesians 4:29

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: In Christ, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us.

Ephesians 1:7-8

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Words by Robert Robinson

Reception of New Communing Members

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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 1:11-14 Pew Bible –Page 976

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Eggar

THE SPIRIT'S ASSURANCE

What Is This Inheritance?

Who Can Be Sure of This Inheritance?

How Can We Be Sure of This Inheritance?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. Does the inheritance spoken of in verse 14 refer to 1) the inheritance we have from God or 2) the inheritance God has in us? How might you distinguish between them and how are they related?
- 2. What is Paul's point in distinguishing between Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians in verses 12-13? How does this help us know who the people of God are? Why does this matter for the way we view God's promises in the Old Testament?
- 3. According to the passage, how does the Holy Spirit assure us of 'our inheritance'?
- 4. Think of some implications you can draw from this passage for your life. Are you resting and rejoicing in these implications and are you living them out?

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*
- 3. 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

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

"He has done great things," we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire,
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid.
For the promised morning, O how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed; You are the faithful one. And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together bring shalom.

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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

Chris Jordan

Save the Date

• March 12 Men's Breakfast

• April 1-3 Women's Retreat

• April 29-30 Men's Retreat

• May 7 Garage Sale

• May 15 Church Picnic

• June 13 RYM HS Colorado

• July 9-16 Summer Mission Trip to Juarez

• July 25-29 Vacation Bible School

• August 2-6 RYM MS Texas

Information & Events

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

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.

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.

Hope for the Anxious & Depressed Class – February 6th: Anxiety and depression often leaves the one suffering with them in a state of emotional despair and seeming helplessness. This class will attempt to address these crises by offering rich, theologically informed and practical truths that aim to treat the whole person—both body and soul—while centering our final hope on the finished work of Jesus Christ as understood in the Gospel. It is a 4-week class, Sundays (Feb. 6 thru Feb. 27) in the Lecture Hall at 9am led by Jeremy Lelek.

FWPC101 – February 6, 13, 20 & 27: 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.

Mission trips: Juarez, Mexico - July 9-16 and West Africa - Late October: There is still time to join one of the teams. Join us in making Christ known among the nations. See Steve Fults for information.

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<u>Communications Coordinator</u>: Please join us in extending a warm welcome and congratulations to our newest church staff member, Kelly Calvert. Her remarkable, creative skills are a great addition to our growing team!

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.

Men's Groups: This spring, we hope to help FWPC men connect in groups of 5-10 that meet regularly for book discussion or fellowship and prayer. If you are interested in being part of a group like that, please visit <u>fortworthpca.org/men</u> and complete the interest form by February 15. If you are not receiving men's ministry emails and wish to, you can sign up there, too. Questions on Men's Groups? Contact Jeff Thom at 817.602.5828.

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.



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 - Feb 6 & 20 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







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