

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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With these two words, "But God," we come to the introduction of the Christian message, the peculiar, specific message which the Christian faith has to offer us. These two words, in and of themselves, in a sense contain the whole gospel. The gospel tells us what God has done, God's intervention; it is something that comes entirely from outside us and displays to us that wondrous and amazing and astonishing work of God in Christ.

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones

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† Congregation standing

Worship

—February 13, 2022 —

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: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship

the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the

LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

All: May the LORD give strength to his people! May

the LORD bless his people with peace. Amen.

Adapted from Psalm 29

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

Words by Maltbie D. Babcock

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† Doxology

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 confess our sins together:

All: O Lord, we confess that transgression speaks deep in our hearts, so that we do not reverence you as our good Father, and in turn we cease to act wisely and do good. Cleanse us of our foolishness and set us once again on your way that is good and right and beautiful.

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

Song of Confession

Have Mercy On Me

Have mercy on me. Have mercy on me.

O Lord, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy.

O help my unbelief. O help my unbelief.

O Lord, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy.

Sandra McCracken Thad Cockrell

† Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

Psalm 32:1-2

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

† Hymn of Response

We rest in our Father's love

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Greatest treasure of my longing soul,
My God, like You there is no other.
True delight is found in You alone.
Your grace: a well too deep to fathom.
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach.
Your truth: a fount of perfect wisdom,
My highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Strong defender of my weary heart,
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver,
And my shield against his hateful darts,
My song when enemies surround me,
My hope when tides of sorrow rise,
My joy when trials are abounding,
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Gracious Savior of my ruined life,
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders,
In my place, You suffered bled and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered,
You broke my bonds of sin and shame.
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You broke my bonds of sin and shame.
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
May all my days bring glory to Your Name.
May all my days bring glory to Your Name.

Nathan Stiff

Kingdom Moment

Unity Fund - David Welch

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 2:1-10 Pew Bible –Page 976

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

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The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Eggar

Outside Christ (vv. 1-3)

In Christ (vv. 4-10)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why is it important that we never forget what God saved us from? Can you list some specific ways the truth of Ephesians 2:1-3 is evident in our society?
- 2. In what ways are unbelievers ignorant of their true spiritual condition? Why is it important when sharing the gospel to state the "bad news" of our sinful condition clearly? How is God's wrath evident today?
- 3. Which came first, Christ's cross or God's love? Why is it important to get the order on this correct?
- 4. How would you use Ephesians 2:8-10 to describe what it means to be Christian?
- 5. Since you have been saved from death and wrath by God's grace, how is God's salvation to be evident in your life? How will it be evident in eternity?

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 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode: on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove: who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage? grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near: thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am, let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name: fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show; solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

John Newton, 1779

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

Daniel Sneed

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 13-18 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.

New Covenant Child: Congratulations to Steven and Rebekah Smith on the birth of Nikolai Liam Paxton on February 3rd at 2:23 a.m. Nikolai came into the world weighing 8 lbs., 8 oz. and 23" in length. Welcome to the newest member of the Smith and FWPC families!

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 can be found in member/regular attender emails.

Hope for the Depressed and Anxious: This Sunday School class is for anyone who has ever felt anxiety or depression, known anyone who has, or sees it in the world around them - it's for everyone! Join us during February for theologically-informed, 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. It will be held in the **Lecture Hall** at 9:00 a.m. and taught by **Jeremy Lelek**, president of the Association of Biblical Counselors and founder and president of Metroplex Counseling and Wellness.

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.

Information & Events

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.

<u>Women's 4x4 Groups</u>: This spring we are launching 4x4 groups - four women meeting once a week for four weeks to get to know a few of your FWPC sisters more intentionally. If you're interested in joining a group like this, please visit <u>fortworthpca.org/women</u> to complete a short interest form so we can help you connect with others who are available at similar times.

<u>Mission Trips</u>: There is still time to join one of the teams: Juarez, Mexico (July 9-16) and West Africa (late October). Join us in making Christ known among the nations. See Steve Fults for information.

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.

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Ephesians Printouts: 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.

<u>Unity Fund Offering</u> is being taken next week. There are 4,882 Teaching Elders in the PCA, and minorities represent only a small percentage: 10% Korean/Korean American, 1% African American, 0.8% Latino. Motivated for our denomination to resemble the Church in her glorified state, as described in Revelation 7:9, the PCA created the PCA Unity Fund in 2016 to help raise up future generations of godly, reformed, minority Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders. Please note PCA Unity Offering on the memo line of your check. You can also give online at continuetogive.com/unitypca.



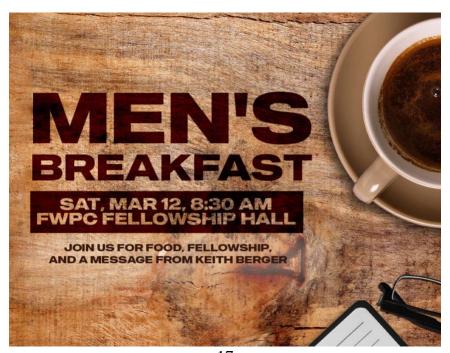
Wednesdays, 7:30 PM - High School Large Group friends, food, fellowship, short lesson on Judges

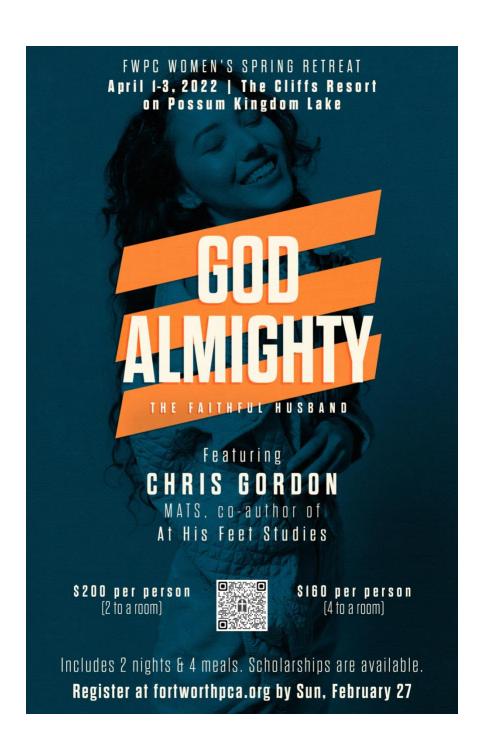
Sundays, 9:00 AM - Sunday School High School - Room 203 on Romans Middle School - Room 204 on the Westminster Shorter Catechism

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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