

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.

We live too often below the level of our privileges. Like mountaineers who reach high altitude we find it difficult to breathe in such rarefied atmosphere as this. Sadly we are tempted to descend to lower ground, where the climbing is more manageable for our spiritual lungs. But if we cease to climb, we will never see the glorious realities that await our vision. No wonder, then, if we remain short-sighted Christians. May God open our eyes to see!

Sinclair Ferguson

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Worship

-February 6, 2022 -

The Fifth Sunday in Epiphany

Welcome

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Greeting

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD!

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

† The Call to Worship God calls His people to worship

Pastor: One thing I have asked of the LORD, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the

days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD

and to meditate in his temple.

People: You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to

you, "Your face LORD do I seek."

Pastor: Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take

courage; wait for the LORD. Amen!

From Psalm 27

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns the Lamb upon his throne Hark how the heav'n-ly anthem drowns all music but its own Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love behold his hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole that wars may cease
absorbed in prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end and round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

Crown him the Lord of years the Potentate of time Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime All hail Redeemer hail for thou has died for me Thy praise shall never never fail throughout eternity.

> Matthew Bridges, 1851 George J. Elvey, 1868

† 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.

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

All: O Lord, when we keep silent concerning our sins, our bones waste away as your hand is heavy upon us. Therefore, we acknowledge our sins to you. We will not hide our iniquity. We will confess our transgressions and trust that you forgive the iniquity of our sin.

From Psalm 32:5

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

† Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Psalm 32:1-2

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

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Confession of Faith

Pastor: Christian, in whom do we believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. *

The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

^{*}While Jesus didn't literally descend to hell, he did endure the torment of hell on the cross and remained under the power of death until his resurrection.

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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 1:15-23 Pew Bible –Page 976

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Eggar

A Prayer for Knowledge

Paul's Main Petition: To Know God (vv. 15-18)

Paul's Three Petitions (vv. 19-23)
- The Hope of God's Call

- The Glory of God's Inheritance

- The Greatness of God's Power

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How are Elisha's prayer (1 Kings 6) and Paul's prayer similar? How can these two prayers shape your prayer life?
- 2. Are the things Paul prays for in this prayer things you pray for in your own life? How might you begin to implement what Paul prays for into your prayer life?
- 3. Is your prayer life consumed with knowing God more and more? If not, why not?
- 4. Of the three petitions Paul prays in verses 19-23, which do you struggle with the most? How might this prayer strengthen you to 'see' and pray differently?

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!

(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.

Not What My Hands Have Done

Not what my hands have done, Can save my guilty soul
Not what my toiling flesh has borne, Can make my spirit whole
Not what I feel or do, Can give me peace with God.
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears, Can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin Thy blood alone O Lamb of God, Can give me peace within. Thy love to me O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee Can rid me of this dark unrest, And set my spirit free!

Thy grace alone O God, To me can pardon speak.

Thy power alone O Son of God, Can this sore bondage break.

No other work save Thine, No other blood will do.

No strength save that which is divine, Can bear me safely thru.

I bless the Christ of God, I rest on Love divine
And with unfaltering lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.
His cross dispels each doubt, I bury in His tomb
My unbelief, and all my fear, Each lingering shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace, I trust his truth and might He calls me His, I call Him mine, My God, my joy, my light Tis He who saveth me, And freely pardon gives I love because He loveth me, I live because he lives!

> Horatius Bonar, 1861; alt. George William Martin, 1862 Arr. By Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

Words: vv. 1-2 Ada Habershon (1861-1918) New words (v.3), and music: Matthew Merker

Closing Hymn

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Savior He will stay I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley He will lead Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven The future sure, the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Words by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

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

Randy Shannon

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

<u>Kids Hope</u> 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: <u>jill@gallidavis.com</u> 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.



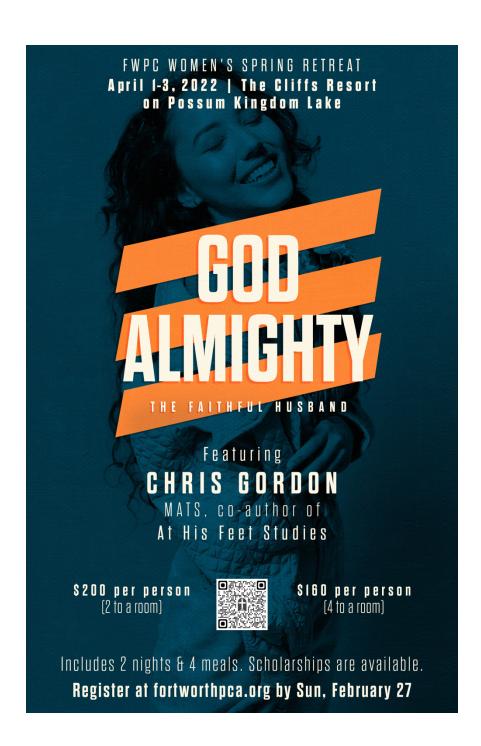
Wednesdays, 7:30 PM - High School Large Group friends, food, fellowship, short lesson on Judges

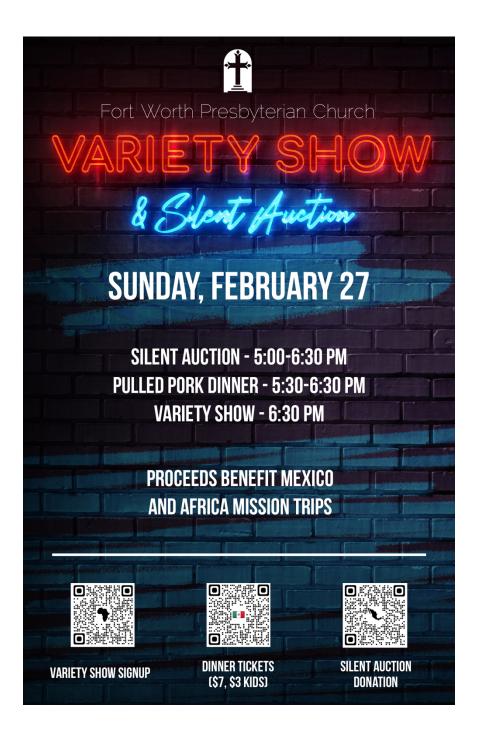
Sundays, 9:00 AM - Sunday School High School - Room 203 on Romans Middle School - Room 204 on the Westminster Shorter Catechism

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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