

# FORT WORTH PRESBYTERIAN

*for by grace you have been saved through faith*



*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 Christian life and lifestyle are said to be a calling...a calling simply to be Christians in a non-Christian environment once they heard the gospel and responded to it.**

*— Ben Witherington*

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† *Congregation standing*

# Worship

— March 27, 2022 —  
*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Welcome

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Greeting

Pastor: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son  
of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

† The Call to Worship      *God calls His people to worship*

Pastor: Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted  
among the nations, I will be exalted among the earth!

**People: The LORD of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob  
is our fortress. Therefore, we will exalt and  
worship him alone.**

*From Psalm 46*

And Can It Be?

And can it be that I should gain  
 An interest in the Savior's blood!  
 Died He for me who caused His pain!  
 For me who Him to death pursued?  
 Amazing love! How can it be,  
 That Thou, my God, should die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be  
 that thou, my God, should die for me?  
 Amazing love! How can it be  
 that thou, my God, should die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above,  
 So free, so infinite His grace!  
 Humbled himself, (so great his love!)  
 And bled for all his chosen race.  
 'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
 For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
 Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
 Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
 My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
 I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
 Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
 Alive in Him, my living Head,  
 And clothed in righteousness di-vine,  
 Bold, I approach the eternal throne,  
 And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

† Invocation

*We seek the Lord's presence among us*

† Doxology

*We respond in praise*  
**DUKE STREET**

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!

Confession of Sin

*We turn from our sin*

Pastor: Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have  
committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.

**All: We have not considered your wondrous works; we  
have forgotten the abundance of your steadfast  
love, and instead have trusted in ourselves to our  
own demise. Lord have mercy!**

*Adapted from Psalm 106*

Silent Confession

*We acknowledge our sin*

## Hymn of Confession

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself, I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God

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## † Assurance of Pardon

*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 like crimson, they shall become  
like wool.

*Psalm 66:19-20*

**All: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right  
spirit within us.**

*Psalm 51:10*

## † Hymn of Response

*We rest in our Father's love*

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me  
whole. Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself  
in him; tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he my strength,  
my vict'ry wins. Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a  
Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the  
end.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,  
even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend! Saving,  
helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,  
storms about me, night o'er takes me, he, my pilot, hears my  
cry. Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find; he  
hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend! Saving,  
helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910

## † Confession of Faith

Pastor: Let us now confess our faith together:

**All: We confess that this is a trustworthy saying  
deserving our full acceptance, that Christ Jesus  
came into the world to save sinners like me.**

*From 1 Timothy 1:15*

## 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 4:1-6*  
*Pew Bible—Page 977*

**4** I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, [2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [4] There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— [5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism, [6] one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## UNITY IN THE CHURCH

### Introduction

### The What of Paul's Appeal

### The Why of Paul's Appeal

### The How of Paul's Appeal

### Discussion Questions:

1. How would you explain the 'grammar of the gospel'? Why is a proper understanding of this crucial for living the Christian life?
2. Do you regard unity in the church as important? Why or why not? If so, how is our unity more than mere agreement (think of Paul's sevenfold foundation in verses 4-6)?
3. How does corporate worship help us to maintain and cultivate the unity we have in Christ and by the Spirit?
4. Ponder the four Christ-like characteristics Paul lists in verses 2-3. Which of these do you need to grow most? How can these characteristics grow in your life, keeping in mind that we can't simply try hard and it will happen?

## 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: And now our Holy Master, that with boldness and without condemnation, we dare to call upon you, the Heavenly God, as our Father, and say:

**All: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not in temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the Kingdom and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.**

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:

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.

## † Closing Hymn

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

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## † The Sending

*The people of God are sent into the world*

Pastor: Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of the Lord.

*2 Corinthians 7:1*

## † The Blessing

*God blesses his people as they go*

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and always!

*Galatians 6:8*

**All: Amen!**

## Announcements

### Deacon of the Day

Pete Cansick

### Save the Date

- April 1-3 Women's Retreat
- April 9 Morning of Prayer/Prayer Walk (8:30-11:30am)
- 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

**Offering:** To make a contribution [\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#) or you may text to give to 817-934-6447.

**Small Groups meet TODAY @ 6-7:30pm:** 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!

**School of Christian Formation:** These classes will focus on our understanding of the church as the place where Christians are formed into the image of Christ. We will take a brief look at the history of the church, then focus on the origin and structure of the church and then the worship and life of the church. **All are invited to attend @ 9am in the Lecture Hall.** It will be taught by senior pastor Brandon Eggar.

**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.

**Adult Easter Choir:** The adult choir will sing during the Good Friday service and on Easter Sunday. Rehearsals will be held in the sanctuary from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on March 6, March 27, and April 10. Music and instruction will be provided. Bring your black notebook, a pencil and anyone who wants to join us in joyful praise.

**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 available NOW for \$2 on the Book Table!



## Spring at

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, through May 18 - High School Large Group  
friends, food, fellowship, short lesson on Judges

Sundays, 9:00 am, through May 29 - Sunday School  
High School - Room 203 on Romans  
Middle School - Room 204 on the Westminster Shorter Catechism

Sundays, 6:00 pm - March 6 & 27, April 10 & 24  
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)

# Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2021-May 2022

June - February	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	949,750	954,126
General Fund Expenses YTD	873,625	953,712
How we're doing YTD	76,124	414

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the first 9 months of our fiscal year, we are ahead of our expenses by \$76,124. This is a \$75,711 improvement over last year. As of February 28, we have \$259,862 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports Doug & Masha Shepherd, Missionary Church Planting in L'viv, Ukraine

- ❖ 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](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.

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Fort Worth Presbyterian Church

# *morning of prayer*

**Saturday, April 9 | 8:30-11:30 AM**

Join us to pray for our church and neighborhood,  
including prayer walks inside and outside.



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# Holy Week

**Palm Sunday Service**

April 10, 10:00 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday Service**

April 14, 6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday Service**

April 15, 6:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday Service**

April 17, 10:00 a.m.

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