

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.

Use the QR code below as a paperless option to register as a visitor, send prayer requests, mercy needs, update your contact information, request a name tag or elder visit.



When we trust in Christ the ties that bind us to Adam are broken and we are 'adopted' into a new family and culture. We now belong to Christ, the new Adam, and representative Head of God's people. Because we are 'in Christ' everything he did for us becomes ours.

– Sinclair Ferguson

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Worship

- April 24, 2022 -

Second Sunday of Easter

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: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve

the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with

singing!

People: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who

made us; and we are his; we are his people, the

sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with

praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

ALL: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures

forever; his faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

From Psalm 100

Come, People of the Risen King

Come people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.

Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him

Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev-'ry tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice, oh, Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night. Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Refrain

Come young and old from every land men and women of the faith.

Come those with full or empty hands find the riches of His grace.

Over all the world His people sing shore to shore we hear them call

The Truth that cries through ev'ry age

Our God is all in all.

Refrain

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

† Doxology

We respond in praise MESSENGER

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 now confess our sins together:

All: O Lord, we confess to you that we are ready to fall, and our pain is ever before us. We confess our iniquity; we are sorry for our sin. Make haste to help us, O Lord, our salvation.

From Psalm 38

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

Spend this time bringing your personal sins (the ways you specifically betray Christ and his call on your life) into the light of his redeeming grace.

+ Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: The Lord will not forsake those who call upon him! He will not be far from us!

Psalm 38:21

All: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ: New Creation!

The old has passed away, behold, the new has come!

† The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

At this time, please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

† Hymn of Response

We rest in our Father's love

Wonderful, Merciful Savior
Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men?

Refrain: You are the One we adore You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Refrain

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne, Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Refrain

Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

Confession of Faith

We confess our faith together
The Apostles' Creed

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 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 for Covenant Children

March/April

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 4:17-24 Pew Bible –Page 978

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Eggar

LEARNING CHRIST

Introduction		
Who We Once Were		
Who We Are Now		

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. In what ways do you see Paul's description of life outside of Christ being played out in our world today? In what ways/areas are continuing to walk as a Gentile?
- 2. What amazes you most about God redeeming you from the lifestyle Paul describes in verses 17-19? Spend time giving thanks to him?
- 3. How does learning Christ differ from learning about Christ? Why is it important to make a distinction between these two things?
- 4. Learning Christ involves knowing who we now are in Christ. In light of what Paul says in verses 22-24, how are we to continually think of ourselves? How might you do this practically?

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 into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for yours 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:

(Clear cups are wine and purple cups are grape juice)

[&]quot;The body of Christ for you."

[&]quot;The blood of Christ for you."

[&]quot;You have new life in Christ."

[&]quot;You have full forgiveness in Christ."

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

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, his love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for his name
But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And he has said he will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

By Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson

† The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

Pastor:

Therefore, my dear family, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain

that your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

People: Thanks be to God!

† The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

Pastor:

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Christ is risen!

Hebrews 13:20-21

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Go forth in the power of Christ's resurrection!

Deacon of the Day

Chris Jordan

Save the Date

• June Women's Summer Study

June 12 *thru* August 14 No Sunday School
 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

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

Congregational Meeting TODAY immediately following morning worship for the purpose of the Session presenting a newly approved Ruling Elder Rotation Policy and a Congregational vote on the maximum size of the Session.

Small Groups Meet TODAY @ 6-7:30pm

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.

Information & Events

FWPC Men's Retreat is now local at The Davis Barn and will begin this Friday at 6:00pm and run 8:00am – 4:00pm on Saturday. Men may spend the night at the barn or in their own homes. Heim Barbecue will be served Friday and Saturday, breakfast will be cooked on the griddle and burgers grilled for lunch. Scan the QR code on the following page for complete details and to register.

Find Refreshment in a Zoom Prayer Meeting: Thursday at 1:00 pm. 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.

Garage Sale Items: Items can be stored in Choir Room #207. The Garage Sale will be *Saturday, May 7th, 8a-1p.* Proceeds from the sale go toward our 2022 mission trips. *Thank you for not placing any items in the stairwells.*



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 | Questions? thefort@fortworthpca.org | @@thefort_fwpc





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