



Fort Worth Presbyterian

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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Christ has destroyed death by undergoing death.
He that was held prisoner of death has annihilated death.
For he has desecrated the grave by descending into Hades, the realm of the dead. He vexed and embittered it even as it tasted of His flesh.

- John Chrysostom

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† *Congregation standing*

Worship

— April 17, 2022 —
Easter Sunday

Welcome

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Greeting

Pastor: Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;

People: To him be the glory and power through every age and forever!

Pastor: This is the day when our Lord Jesus passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his Word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we will share in his victory over death and live with him forever in New Creation!

People: Thanks be to God!

Song of Entrance
“This Joyful Eastertide”

Adult Choir

† The Call to Worship

God calls His people to worship

Pastor: Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first
fruits of them that slept. O death, where is your sting?
O grave, where is your victory?

**People: Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; his
mercy endures forever.**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

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**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! (*louder*)
Alleluia! (*louder*) Alleluia! (*louder still!*)**

Pastor: This is the Day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us be glad and rejoice in it!

† Resurrection Hymn

We praise our glorious King

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Hymn #277

Prayer of Adoration

We seek the Lord's presence among us

Pastor: Let us pray that we may walk in the risen life of Christ
in Glory:

**All: Lord of life and power, who through the mighty
resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of
sin and death to make all things new in him: Grant
that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus
Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom you
and the Holy Spirit be praise and honor, glory and
might, now and for all eternity. Amen.**

† Hymn of Adoration

We respond in praise

“See What a Morning”

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem.
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce "Christ is risen!"

See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ the Man,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

See, Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till He appears,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit Who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with pow'r and authority.
And we are raised with Him;
Death is dead, life has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with Him,
for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

Kristyn Getty, Margaret Becker, Joanne Hogg

Proclamations of the Resurrection *We declare our hope*

Pastor: Let us now proclaim the reality of the resurrection:

People: He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us into his presence,

Music Team: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Pastor: How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do we not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

People: We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in the newness of life.

Music Team: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Pastor: If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised from the dead. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

People: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive!

Music Team: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Pastor: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

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

All: *(singing) Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (3X)*

Extending God's Welcome of Peace

Pastor: Christ has been raised from the dead! Therefore, let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

*Greet one another with the gospel saying,
“Christ is risen” to which the response is “He is risen indeed!”*

† Song of Praise

We rest in our Father's love

“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;
till on that cross of 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!

Words: Stuart Townsend Music: Keith Getty

Confession of Faith

Pastor: Christian, what do we confess concerning the gospel?

All: Concerning the gospel, we confess, as a matter of first importance, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures and because this is true we can and do proclaim loudly: "Death is swallowed up in victory! O death, where is your victory? O grave where is your sting?" Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen!

Scripture Reading

JD & Sarah Diamantopoulos

Isaiah 25:6-9

Pew Bible –Page 586

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Romans 8:1-11

Pew Bible –Page 944

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise

Christ's Church Shall Glory in His Power (All Singing)

To the tune of A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Christ's Church shall glory in His power
and grow to His perfection;
He is our Rock, our mighty Tower,
our Life, our Resurrection:
So by His skillful hand
the Church of Christ shall stand;
the Master Builder's plan
He works, as He began,
and soon will crown with splendor.

Christ's people serve His wayward world
to whom He seems a stranger;
He knows its evils from of old,
He shares our joy, our danger:
So strong, and yet so weak,
the Church of Christ shall speak;
His cross our greatest need,
His Word the vital seed
that brings a fruitful harvest.

Christ's living lamp shall brightly burn,
and to our earthly city
forgotten beauty shall return,
and purity and pity:
To give th' oppressed their right
the Church of Christ shall fight;
and though the years seem long,
He is our Strength and Song,
and He is our Salvation.

Christopher Idle

Prayers of the People

Pastor: O Christ, through your resurrection you broke open
the gates of the grave, and destroyed sin and death;
through your victory:

People: Bless us, O Lord of Glory!

Pastor: O Christ, through your resurrection you annihilated
the power of death. You have given us New Life and
you have begun the great process of renewing all
things; through your victory:

People: Heal us, O Lord of Glory!

Pastor: O Christ, through your resurrection you have given life
to the dead and you have transformed our way of
death into a way of life; through your victory:

People: Strengthen us, O Lord of Glory!

Pastor: O Christ, through your resurrection you confounded
the soldiers who guarded your grave and filled your
disciples with great joy in your appearing; through your
victory:

People: Fill us with joy, O Lord of Glory!

Pastor: O Christ, through your resurrection you announced joy to the women and the apostles, and brought light into this world of darkness; through your victory:

People: Pierce our darkness with your light, O Lord of Glory!

Pastor: O Christ, through your resurrection you promised our resurrection, so that we may rise at your return; through your victory:

People: Increase our hope, O Lord of Glory!

Pastor: O Christ, you are glorified by angels in Heaven, and worshipped on earth; on this glorious feast of your Resurrection, we ask you to deepen us in your redemption; root us in your goodness, extend your mercy through us as we await the Day of your return; in your victory:

All: Bless us and keep us; cause your face to shine upon us; lift up your countenance upon us and grant us your peace. Amen.

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

*John 20:1-18
Pew Bible – Page 906*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Eggar

THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

The First Scene - The Empty Tomb (20:1-10)

The Second Scene - Seeing Jesus (20:11-18)

Questions:

1. How does it strike you that none of Jesus' first followers expected him to rise from the dead on that first Easter morning? Are there areas in your life where you don't expect the resurrected Lord to show up? Why is this?
2. How would you explain to an unbeliever why you personally believe in the resurrection? Why is the resurrection foundational to the Christian faith? In other words, is it true that if Jesus hasn't been raised from the dead then nothing matters?
3. In addition to having an empty tomb and a sight of the risen Jesus, why is an understanding of the Scripture (v. 10) vital for belief in Jesus' resurrection?
4. In Jesus' conversation with Mary, what has Jesus given birth to from the tomb? (see verses 17-18). How are these two resurrection gifts shaping your life?

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 God. You make all things and call them good. You have loved us into being. You have formed us in your image and breathed into us the Breath of Life. When we turn away, and our love fails, your love remains steadfast. You have delivered us from captivity, and you are bringing us into a land flowing with milk and honey. You have set before us the way of life in Jesus Christ, the Victor over sin and death. And so, with your people and all the company of Heaven we praise and magnify your name as we join our voices with theirs 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:

“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.

The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

Pastor: Because Christ has been raised from the dead, let us be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord our labor is not in vain.

All: Thanks be to God!

1 Corinthians 15:58

The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! (louder!) Alleluia (louder!) Alleluia (louder still!)

Closing Hymn

“Light’s Glittering Morning”

To the tune of All Creatures of Our God and King

Light’s glitt’ring morning fills the sky,
Heav’n thunders out its victor cry:
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Earth shouts her Paschal* triumph high,
and groaning hell makes wild reply.
Christ is risen! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

For Christ the Lord, the mighty King,
closes with death and draws its sting;

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He tramples down the powers of night,
brings out His ransomed saints to light.

Christ is risen! O praise Him!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

His rocky tomb the threefold guard
of watch and stone and seal had barred,

Alleluia, alleluia!

But now in royal triumph high
He comes from death to victory!

Christ is risen! O praise Him!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Death's gates are broken down at last,
our days of mourning now are past;

Alleluia, alleluia!

“Weep not!” an angel voice has said.

“The Lord is risen from the dead!”

O praise Him, O praise Him!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All praise be Thine, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restored;

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

To Father, Son, and Spirit be
all power and praise eternally!

Christ is risen! O praise Him!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Paschal is a word related to Passover/Easter. It comes from the Greek word, 'pascha,' meaning either passover or suffering. It refers to the observance of Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday as well as the whole Easter season leading up to Pentecost.

Information & Events

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

Congregational Meeting on April 24, 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.

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.

Update on Location of Men's Retreat: The new location of the retreat will be the Galli Davis barn on April 29-30. Details to follow.

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.***

Deacon of the Day - Daniel Sneed

Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2021-May 2022

June - March	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	1,063,055	1,050,886
General Fund Expenses YTD	971,276	1,055,240
How we're doing YTD	91,779	-4354

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the first 10 months of our fiscal year, we are ahead of our expenses by \$91,779. This is a \$96,133 improvement over last year. As of March 31, we have \$275,517 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports Cyril Chavis, RUF Campus Minister, Howard University.

- ❖ 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
- ❖ 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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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 | Questions? thefort@fortworthpca.org | [@thefort_fwpc](https://www.instagram.com/thefort_fwpc)



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