



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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We have union, communion, and fellowship with God through our great high priest, Jesus Christ. When Christ uttered his last breath on the cross, he tore in two the temple veil that shrouded the holy of holies. Christ's priestly work opened the new and living way through the veil of his flesh so that all believers have immediate access to God who is in the heavenly holy of holies.

*—JV Fesko*

*Please turn off or silence all communication devices. Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.*

*Hearing Assistive Devices (FM Receivers) are available at the back sound booth.*

† *Congregation standing*

# Worship

— May 1, 2022 —  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

Welcome

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Greeting

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

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

Pastor: One thing have I 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 your Risen Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for your Risen Lord!

*From Psalm 27*

## † Hymn of Praise

*We praise our glorious King*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

John B. Dykes, 1861

## † Invocation

*We seek the Lord's presence among us*

## † Doxology

*We respond in praise*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Confession of Sin

*We turn from our sin*

Elder: Let us now 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 will acknowledge our sins to you. We will not hide our iniquity. We will confess our transgressions and trust that you forgive our sins.**

*From Psalm 32*

*(Spend time confessing the particular sins which may be hiding from your God.)*

## Silent Confession

*We acknowledge our sin*

† Assurance of Pardon

*We rest in the mercy of God*

Elder: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**All: Blessed is the one against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

*From Psalm 32*

† 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.*

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

Words by Edward Mote, 1834; Music by William Bradbury, 1863

## 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

Acts 6:1-15; 7:51-60  
Pew Bible –Page 914 & 916

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# The Preaching of the Word

*Pastor Bradford Green*

## THE STORY OF STEPHEN

### Introduction

### Stephen Selected

### Stephen Seized

### Stephen Stoned

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are some ways our culture encourages us to be our own priests?
2. What are some areas of your life where you are longing to be “let in”?
3. How does Jesus *as Priest* meet you in these longings?
4. How does the vision Stephen saw of Jesus, the Great High Priest, encourage you? What would change about your life if you kept that vision before you?



## 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!

*(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.

ARISE, O GOD, AND SHINE

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might,  
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;  
Let healing streams of mercy flow  
that all the earth Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;  
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.  
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause,  
and govern by Thy righteous laws.

Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see  
And earth present her store, in converts born to Thee.  
God, our own God, His Church will bless,  
And fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,  
Let hallelujahs rise, from every living thing;  
Let all that breathe, on every coast  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: William Hurn; Music: Chris Miner

## JESUS, I AM RESTING, RESTING

Jesus I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.  
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,  
And Thy beauty fills my soul,  
For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

*Chorus: Jesus I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art.  
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.*

Oh how great Thy loving kindness; vaster broader than the sea.  
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me.  
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine;  
Know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine.

*(Chorus)*

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art,  
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;  
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need,  
Compasseth me round with blessings; Thine is love indeed!

*(Chorus)*

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee.  
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,  
Earth's dark shadows flee.  
Brightness of my Father's glory, Sunshine of my Father's face,  
Keep me ever trusting, resting; fill me with Thy grace.

*(Chorus)*

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## ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Words by Henry Lyte; Music by Justin Smith  
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## † Closing Hymn

### ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.

*I am bound (I am bound)*  
*I am bound (I am bound)*  
*I am bound for promised land,*  
*I am bound (I am bound)*  
*I am bound (I am bound)*  
*I am bound for promised land.*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest?

Words by Samuel Stennett; Music by Christopher Miner  
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## † 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.

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

David Steed

## Save the Date

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • June                          | Women's Summer Study          |
| • June 12 <i>thru</i> 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.

**The Session Meets Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm.**

**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 1:00 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.

**Ladies Game Night** is tomorrow, May 2! Join us for a night of fun in the Lecture Hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Friends and snacks to share are welcome. Decaf coffee and water are provided. Ladies Game Night occurs monthly on the first Monday.

**National Day of Prayer:** Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7p-8:30p hosted by Great Commission Baptist Church (7700 McCart Avenue).

**Garage Sale Items:** *If you have large items for pick up, please let Andy Warren or Steve Fults know.* Pick up of large items is on Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>. The Garage Sale will be **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8a-1p.** Proceeds from the sale go toward our 2022 mission trips. ***Thank you for not placing any items in the stairwells.***

# 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) | [@atthefort\\_fwpc](https://www.instagram.com/atthefort_fwpc)



**FWBC**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD  
CHURCH PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, MAY 15, 4-7 PM**

Bring the whole family for free fun and food  
on the grounds of Fort Worth Presbyterian.

**KID-FRIENDLY  
FOOD  
FUN  
BOUNCE HOUSE  
GAMES  
SLIDES  
FREE**

The poster features a green background with white daisies and green sunburst patterns. In the bottom right corner, there is an illustration of a picnic basket, a plate with a sandwich and salad, and a fork and knife on a red and white checkered tablecloth. A small icon of a cross is in the bottom left corner.

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**by proclaiming, believing and living out the gospel of Jesus Christ”**

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