



FORT WORTH PRESBYTERIAN

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.



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 worship is neglected or degenerates, witness to the faith and charitable works dry up; and inversely, a church that is no longer missionary within its environment...proves that the worship it celebrates is merely an empty formality.

- Richard Paquier

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† Congregation standing

Worship

— July 31, 2022 —
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Gospel Greeting

Pastor: God is our salvation!

People: **Therefore, we will trust in him and will not be
afraid. He is our strength and our song.**

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

Pastor: With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And together we will say:

People: **Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted!**

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously.

From Isaiah 12:3-5

† Hymn of Praise

We praise our glorious King

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

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† 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: We, poor sinners, confess ourselves before you, our Lord and God and Maker, that sadly we have sinned much, with our senses, thoughts, words, and deeds, as you, eternal God, know very well. We regret them and ask humbly for your good grace. Amen.

Heinrich Bullinger

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

Song of Confession

To Thee I Come

To Thee I come, a sinner poor
And wait for mercy at thy door
Indeed, I've nowhere else to flee
O God, be merciful to me.

To Thee I come, a sinner weak,
And scarce know how to pray or speak.
From fear and weakness set me free,
O God, be merciful to me.

To Thee I come, a sinner vile
Upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
Mercy through blood, I make my plea
O God, be merciful to me.

To Thee I come, a sinner great
And well Thou knowest all my state.
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee.
O God, be merciful to me.

To Thee I come, a sinner lost
Nor have I aught wherein to trust.
But where Thou art, Lord, I would be,
O God, be merciful to me.

To glory bring me home at last
And there, when all my fears are past
With all Thy saints, I'll then agree
O God, was merciful to me. (x3)

Words by Samuel Medley © 2011 Red Mountain Music

† Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Romans 8:33-34

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

From 2 Corinthians 5:17

The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

† Song of Renewal

We rest in our Father's love

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds

In a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds,

And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,

And calms the troubled breast;

'Tis manna to the hungry soul,

And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build,

My shield and hiding place,

My never failing treasury, filled

With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,

My Prophet, Priest, and King,

My Lord, my life, my way, my end,

Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,

And cold my warmest thought;

But when I see Thee as Thou art,

I'll praise Thee as I ought.

'Til then I would Thy love proclaim

With every fleeting breath,

And may the music of Thy name

Refresh my soul in death.

Words by John Newton; Music by Alexander Reinagie, Bill Moore

Staff Recognitions

Kingdom Prayer

Scott Wade
Middle School RYM Participants

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices together praying:

All: Lord of all power and might, you are the author and giver of all good things – graft into our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true faith; nourish us with all goodness; and by your great mercy, keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

KIWI promotion TODAY
(see details on page 16)

The Reading of the Word

Psalm 81
Pew Bible –Page 448

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE CENTRAL PSALM

The Central Psalm

The Context of the Psalm

The Centrality of the Word

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. According to the sermon, how is Psalm 81 the central psalm of the entire Psalter? If this is the case, what's central to the life of God's people?
2. What role does God's word play in your life? What would say this is sufficient? Why or why not?
3. How does Christ fulfill this psalm? What does this mean for worship?
4. What hinders you from listening to God's Word? How should God's longing and promise transform the way we relate to him and his word?

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 the 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 Song of Sending

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

“He has done great things,” we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire,

He is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood;

Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn,

My soul be not afraid.

For the promised morning, O how long?

O God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed;

You are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave,

Bind us together bring shalom.

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

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† The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

Pastor: Seek first this day and always the Kingdom of God and his righteousness.

All: With the Lord's help, we will do this!

From Matthew 6:33

† The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

All: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Daniel Sneed

Information & Events

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

KIWI Promotion TODAY: Kids should start going to KIWI based on the grade they will be in next year and 3rd graders have graduated out of KIWI.

Nursery Coordinator: Thank you to Liz Saadeh who has done a wonderful job as our nursery coordinator over the last year. Liz begins a full-time job this month, and we are happy to announce that Neeceia Eggar has been hired as our new part-time nursery coordinator.

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 attendee emails.

Sunday School Break *(June 12 – August 14):* This summer we're taking a 10-week break from Sunday school classes (for all ages), so that teachers can be refreshed. We will have a time of fellowship at 9:00 a.m. with donuts, bagels and coffee in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday school will resume on August 21!

FWPC 101: When Sunday School resumes on August 21, one of the adult classes offered will be FWPC 101. Join us to learn more about our vision, purpose, ministries, service & fellowship opportunities, and membership. Everyone is welcome, and for those considering membership, this is the first step!

Summer at

Aug 2-6: RYM MS Texas at Allaso Ranch in Hawkins, TX

Fri, Aug 12, 8pm - Sat, Aug 13, 8am: The Fort Lock-In

Sun, Aug 21 - Sunday School returns

Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? thefort@fortworthpca.org | [@atthefort_fwpc](https://www.instagram.com/atthefort_fwpc)



A new year for Women's Covenant Groups begins in September, and all women who are regular-attenders of FWPC, committed to living in community with us, are invited to participate.

Moms Groups meet monthly during the school year for fellowship, prayer, and topical discussion focusing on how to biblically live out the calling of motherhood. Moms are grouped by the age of their oldest child.

Women to Women Groups of mixed ages and stages meet monthly year-round for prayer, book study, and mutual encouragement designed to deepen their knowledge of and relationship with God.

Complete a request form (use the QR code) by **Sunday, August 28**, to be placed in a group.





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“Nurturing a joy for loving God and loving people
by proclaiming, believing and living out the gospel of Jesus Christ”

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