



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.

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To be human is to be animated and oriented by some vision of the good life, some picture of what we think counts as ‘flourishing.’ And we want that. We crave it. We desire it. This is why our fundamental mode of orientation to the world is love. We are oriented by our longings, directed by our desires. We adopt ways of life that are indexed to such visions of the good life that have captured our imaginations.

- James K.A. Smith

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† *Congregation standing*

Worship

— August 28, 2022 —
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Gospel Greeting

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

People: Amen!

Hebrews 12:28-29

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

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him all peoples!

**People: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the
faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

All: Praise the LORD!

Psalms 117

† Hymn of Praise

We praise our glorious King
To the tune of "Come Thou Fount"

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

Come Away from Rush and Hurry
to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry,
come to Christ to find release.

Come away from noise and clamor,
life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered
here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness
we lie down to rest our soul.

From the waters of God's mercy
we drink deeply, are made whole.

At the table of God's presence
all the saints are richly fed.

With the oil of God's anointing
into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens--
life's confusions, fears and pain.

Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
take instead his kingdom's reign.

Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them--
he alone will satisfy.

All our longings find attainment
when to self we gladly die.

Words by Marva Dawn

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† Doxology

We respond in praise

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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!

Amen, amen, amen!

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

All: Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we poor, miserable sinners confess that from childhood until this very hour we have sinned against your commandments by evil thoughts, words, will, and works, which we cannot count, and first of all by vast unbelief. Therefore, we are not worthy on our own to be called your children. O God and Father, we wish that we had never provoked you to anger. In your mercy and for the sake of your glory, we ask you to forgive our sins and remind us that we are children saved to walk in your ways.

Adapted from a Prayer from John Oecolampadius

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

Song of Confession

Come Light Our Hearts

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
Truly our hope is in you, truly our hope is in you.

O Lord of life, our only hope, your radiance shines on all who look
to you in the dark, Emmanuel come, come light our hearts.

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
Truly our hope is in you, truly our hope is in you.

O joy above all other loves, in you we find more than enough,
We come as we are, O heal and restore, come light our hearts.
(repeat)

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
Truly our hope is in you, truly our hope is in you.

Words and music by Sandra McCracken
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† Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons
through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his
will, to the praise of his glorious grace.

All: Truly, he has blessed us in his Beloved Son.

† 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.*

† Song of Renewal

We rest in our Father's love

Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever
Lord of the ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus:

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song, we'll sing forever,
bowing before You, blessing Your name.

Kingdom Moment

Youth Ministry

Collin Ryan
Youth Director

Common Prayer *(followed by silent prayer)*

Pastor: Let us now join our voices together praying:

All: Our God, you declare your almighty power, most chiefly in showing mercy and pity - give us abundantly your grace, that we, running to your promises, may be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
‘Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

Words: vv. 1-2 Ada Habershon (1861-1918)
New words (v.3), and music: Matthew Merker

The Reading of the Word

Psalm 34
Pew Bible –Page 463-464

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOOD LIFE

The Good Life

A Realistic Life

A Reverent Life

A Relational Life

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How does David's description of the 'good life' differ from the world's definition?
2. How are verses 11-14 central to David's description of the 'good life'? Use 1 Peter 3:8-17 to help you ponder your response?
3. Think of a time when the Lord was near to you when you were brokenhearted? How did he communicate his care to you during this time?
4. How does this psalm call us to cultivate the 'good life' as described in this psalm?

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.

† Song of Sending

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Words: John Stocker; Music: Sandra McCracken

† The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

Pastor: I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

Romans 1:16

† The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

Pastor: Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to the gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ. May he bless you to walk in faithful obedience to his glory.

From Romans 16:25-27

All: Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Dowell Stackpole

Information & Events

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

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.

Christian Formation Classes are offered for adults, youth and kids at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. For complete details on class topics, teachers, and locations, pick up a flyer on the Fellowship Hall table. At the heart of the Christian life is progressive formation in Christ's image. We grow His likeness not only through information, but also through fellowship with one another. Come fellowship with us!

The School of Christian Theology will be held on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 205, beginning September 7. This 12-session series on Reformed Theology is taught by Pastor Brandon Eggar and covers topics including the inerrancy of Scripture, the doctrine of God, providence, creation, and the person and work of Christ. It is open to all men and women, and it will be required for future officers. Please let us know if you plan to attend at fortworthpca.org/adult.

Kids Hope USA: This national mentoring program has partnered our church with Oakmont Elementary since 2006. A FWPC member is matched with an at-risk Oakmont elementary student to spend one hour per week at school building a relationship while reading and playing games. Prayer partners are matched with a particular mentor and child to lift them up in prayer each week. Contact Jill Davis to be a mentor or prayer partner and make a huge difference in the life of a child.

Fall at

Sundays, 9:00 am - Christian Formation Classes

High School - Room 204: What is Reformed Theology?

Middle School - Room 203: What is Reformed Theology?

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm - All-Youth Large Group

food, fun, lesson on Romans, small group discussion

October 21-22 - Roctober VII: North Texas Presbytery's

All Youth Fall Retreat at Camp Copass in Denton

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.





FELLOWSHIP & FISHING

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

10:00-2:00

BILL EGGAR'S: 105 THE LAKES DRIVE, ALEDO, TX 76008

JOIN US FOR LUNCH, YARD GAMES, SWIMMING POOL, AND FISHING IN A STOCKED POND. DADS, BRING YOUR KIDS! POLES, BAIT, AND HELPERS WILL BE AVAILABLE. BRING A CHAIR, TOWEL, AND YOUR OWN GEAR IF YOU'D LIKE. **QUESTIONS?** CONTACT JARED YORK: 214.457.6097

MEN'S FALL STUDY

COUNTERFEIT GODS



WEDNESDAYS 6:30AM

THURSDAYS 7:00PM

SEPTEMBER 14-OCTOBER 27 IN FWPC LECTURE HALL

COME CONNECT WITH OTHER MEN AS WE CONSIDER MONEY, LOVE, AND POWER FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE! WE WILL BE USING TIM KELLER'S BOOK, COUNTERFEIT GODS, AS OUR DISCUSSION GUIDE. COST IS \$12; SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE.

REGISTER AT FORTWORTHPCA.ORG/MEN.

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