



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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God is God. And if he's God, he's worthy of my worship and my service. I'll find rest nowhere else but in his will, his will that's infinitely, immeasurably, unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what he is up to even in the darkness.

- Elisabeth Elliott

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† *Congregation standing*

Worship

— August 7, 2022 —
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Gospel Greeting

Pastor: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

Romans 5:1

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

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of Hosts!

**People: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the
LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the
living God.**

Psalm 84:1-2

† Hymn of Praise

We praise our glorious King

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Red Trinity Hymnal #310

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† Doxology

We respond in praise

Gloria Patri

Red Trinity Hymnal #735

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

**All: Almighty, merciful God, we acknowledge for
ourselves and we confess before you that which is
truth; namely, that if you decided to consider our
merits and worthiness, we should not be worthy to
lift our eyes to Heaven. For our consciences accuse
us and our sins testify against us. But, O Lord,
since you commanded us to call upon you in every
affliction, and promised in your unspeakable mercy
to hear our prayers, not for the sake of our merits –
of which there are none – but for the sake of Christ
alone, we confess our inward and outward rebellion
to you, knowing that you are good and gracious to
cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Amen.**

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

† Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried away our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

All: Amen! Thanks be to God!

† 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.*

This Is All My Joy
(from Psalm 16)

Keep me safe, O God, for in You I hide.
You alone are good, the Lord and none besides.
Listen to the saints, in their song rejoice.
With the holy ones, I have found my voice.

*You have made known to me the path of life.
You have filled up my soul with all that is right
and this is all my joy.*

I will not bow down to other gods untrue.
Sorrow will increase in worship not for you.
My heart is made glad, my body rests secure.
You have conquered death, Messiah, my Savior.

*You have made known to me the path of life.
You have filled up my soul with all that is right
and this is all my joy.*

The Lord is my inheritance.

*You have made known to me the path of life.
You have filled up my soul with all that is right
and this is all my joy.*

Words and music by Brian Moss

† Confession of Faith

We confess our faith together
The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: Christians, 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

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

Psalm 88

Pew Bible –Page 494-495

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Eggar

THE DARKEST PSALM

The Reality of Darkness

How to Pray Amidst the Darkness

How to Hope in the Face of Darkness

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. When you read Psalm 88 do you find it encouraging or perplexing that such a psalm would be in Scripture? Why is this so in your life?
2. When times of darkness come into your life, do you find yourself surprised? How does this psalm help believers grasp the reality of Jesus' words in John, "In the world you will have tribulation" (*John 16:33*)?
3. Prayerfully walk through this psalm. Bring your difficult situations into it as well as the difficult situations facing our world into. Then imagine Jesus, the Faithful One, praying and living this psalm. Journal how Jesus speaks to you through 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!

(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.

Communion Songs

Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry, Poor
Lord, we adore thy boundless grace,
The heights and depths unknown,
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace,
In thy beloved Son.

*Come, all ye pining, hungry, poor,
The Savior's bounty taste;
Behold a never failing store
For every willing guest.*

O wondrous gifts of love divine,
Dear Source of ev'ry good;
Jesus, in thee what glories shine!
How rich thy flowing blood!

Here shall your numerous wants receive
a free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give,
And joys that never die.

Words by Anne Steele; Music by Brian T. Murphy

All Things New

Come, Lord, and tarry not;
Bring the long looked for day;
O why these years of waiting here,
These ages of decay?
Come, for Thy saints still wait;
Daily ascends their sigh;
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;"
Does Thou not hear our cry?

*O come and make all things new,
Come and make all things new.
O come and make all things new,
Build up this ruined earth,
Come and make all things new. All things new.*

Come, for creation groans,
Impatient of Thy stay,
Worn out with these long years of ill,
These ages of delay.
Come, for love waxes cold,
Its steps are faint and slow;
Faith now is lost in unbelief,
Hope's lamp burns dim and low.

Words by Horatius Bonar; Music by Clint Wells

Come to the Feast

Go to the highways and hedges.
Go to the farthest of fields.
Go and compel the sick and the well
For our Father's house will be filled.

Go to the streets of the city.
Bring in the crippled and blind.
All who would taste this banquet of grace
Must come and waste no more time.

*Come to the feast, come to the table;
The great and the least, the rich and the poor.
Come to the feast, come to the table;
Come and hunger no more.*

In the robe of the Lamb you'll be covered,
Dressed in His pure righteousness.
For all of your guilt His blood it was spilt.
So come by your Father be blessed.

Words and music by Jeff Lawson
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† The Song of Sending

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing "hallelujah!" Our hope springs eternal;

O sing "hallelujah!" Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing "hallelujah!" Our hope springs eternal;

O sing "hallelujah!" Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
“Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.

*O sing “hallelujah!” Our hope springs eternal;
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Words and Music by Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin,
Matt Merker, and Matt Papa

† 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

David Steed

Information & Events

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

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 Neecia Eggar has been hired as our new part-time nursery coordinator.

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.: The final week of donuts, bagels, and fellowship is next week, August 14. Beginning August 21, Christian Formation Classes will launch during this hour (formerly "Sunday School") for adults, youth, and children.

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!

Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2020-May 2021

June	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	84,308	67,981
General Fund Expenses YTD	87,838	100,504
How we're doing YTD	-3,430	-32,276

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the first month of our fiscal year, we spent \$30,430 more than our income. This is \$28,846 improvement over last year. As of June 30, we have \$270,175 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports Remy & Angi Ngumbu, Wycliffe missionaries.

- ❖ **NEW!** Mobile Giving: Just Text the amount you want to give to **817-934-6447**. The first time will take you through the setup after that just 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.

*Trust in the Lord, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Psalm 37:3-4*

Coming up at



Friday, Aug 12, 8pm - Saturday, Aug 13, 8am: Lock-In

Sunday, August 21 - Sunday School returns

High School - Room 203

Middle School - Room 204

Wednesday, August 24 - Youth Large Group returns

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 | [@thefort_fwpc](https://www.instagram.com/thefort_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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by proclaiming, believing and living out the gospel of Jesus Christ”

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