



# FORT WORTH PRESBYTERIAN

*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*



*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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"Luke is expressly concerned with the fulfillment of God's promises in and through Jesus. By showing that the story of Jesus was rooted in that of Israel, Luke assures us that we can have confidence in 'the things in which we have been instructed.'"

*- Luke Timothy Johnson*

*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

— September 11, 2022 —  
*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Gospel Greeting

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

**People: Amen!**

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

Pastor: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in  
the heavens!

**People: Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of  
their master, as the eyes of the maidservant to the  
hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD  
our God, for he has shown us mercy.**

Pastor: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us and  
turn our hearts more and more to your Son in the power  
of your Spirit.

*Adapted from Psalm 123*

† Hymn of Praise

*We praise our glorious King*

Holy, Holy, Holy

Red Trinity Hymnal #100

† 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: O Father, receive again the thing which you have created.**

**O Son, receive the thing which you have redeemed.**

**O Holy Spirit, fetch the thing which you so bountifully have preserved.**

**Three persons and one very God, I entreat you: remember not my offenses.**

**For I cry, Lord God and Father: Mercy!**

**Lord God the Son: Mercy!**

**Lord God the Holy Spirit: Mercy! Amen.**

*Martin Luther*

*From Psalm 6*

*(As you confess your sins, pray that the Lord would show how your sin keeps you from flourishing in the way of the Lord.)*

## Silent Confession

*We acknowledge our sin*

## Song of Confession

### Trisagion (Holy God)

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal One,  
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Words from Traditional Greek Orthodox liturgical text  
Music by Fernando Ortega © 2011 Curb Songs/Cerdo Verde Music

### † Assurance of Pardon

*We rest in the mercy of God*

Pastor: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Hebrews 4:15-16*

### † 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.*

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when he comes

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By Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker, Matt Papa

The Sacrament of Baptism *Philip Eugene Hammons*  
*Covenant Child of Chris & Brittany Hammons*

Kingdom Prayer *(followed by silent prayer)* *Jack Norris*

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices together praying:

**All: Almighty and merciful God, it is your gift to us that we, your faithful people, give you praiseworthy service – grant, we ask, that we may so run to your heavenly promises that we may more and more live into them for Christ's sake. 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

*Luke 1:1-4  
Pew Bible – 855*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## LUKE'S INTRODUCTION

Why Study Luke?

Who Wrote Luke?

What is Luke?

- Luke's isn't the first attempt
- Luke did his homework
- Luke gives an 'orderly account'
- Luke wrote to an individual
- Luke wrote to give certainty

How Should we Read Luke?

- As a story
- As fulfillment
- Meditatively
- Expectantly

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why did God see fit to give us four gospels? How does this help us understand what/who our main focus should be in living the Christian life?
2. Why do you think 'many' had undertaken to compile a story about Christ? How does Luke say his story differs?
3. How is the Gospel of Luke intended to give us 'certainty/security concerning the things we've been taught'?
4. List some ways you can personally read and grow in the Gospel of Luke? How will you go about implementing them?

## 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

All Glory Be to Christ  
(Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive?  
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.

To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?  
A mist that vanishes at dawn. All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above;  
Who is himself our daily bread, praise Him, the Lord of love.

Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price.  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

*(Refrain)*

When on that day the great I Am, the faithful and the true,  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.

Behold, our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er His people be, All glory be to Christ!

*(Refrain)*

Words by Dustin Kensrue  
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## † The Sending

*The people of God are sent into the world*

Pastor: As you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

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

*From Luke 6:31*

## † The Blessing

*God blesses his people as they go*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**All: Amen!**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

## Deacon of the Day

Johnny Tassin

## 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 attender emails.

**40 Days for Life:** Even though the Supreme Court ruled to overturn Roe v. Wade, the battle for life is far from over. Planned Parenthood still refers to states that still do abortions. We still need prayer warriors who will stand up for moms and their unborn children. God has used 40 Days for Life, the world's largest grassroots movement to end abortion, to save lives and close abortion facilities in over 1000 cities in 64 countries through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach. You are invited to join in 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion from **September 28-November 6**. You can sign up for a 1-hour prayer slot each week at the table in the Fellowship Hall. You may also volunteer to stand for life as a peaceful public witness outside the Planned Parenthood at 6464 John Ryan Drive in Fort Worth at [40daysforlife.com/en/fortworthsouthwest](https://40daysforlife.com/en/fortworthsouthwest).

**Super Saturdays** are an outreach opportunity for the whole family! For six weeks in fall and six in the spring, Oakmont Elementary school children come to FWPC on Saturday mornings for Good News Club, Bible Study, crafts, recreation, prayer and a sit-down lunch. In the fall, Super Saturdays are October 1-November 5, 10:00-12:30 and childcare is available for volunteers. To join us in sharing Jesus with the children in our community, contact Steve Fults at [steve@fortworthpca.org](mailto:steve@fortworthpca.org).



# 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

Saturday, October 29 - Halloween Party

Saturday, November 12 - Service Project

Saturday, December 10 - Christmas Party

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

## ROCTOBER VII

CAMP COPASS - DENTON, TX | OCTOBER 21-22

**What?** North Texas Presbytery's Annual All-Youth  
Fall Retreat (7-12 grades)

**Who?** Speaker Donny Friederichsen  
Sr. Pastor at Lakeside Presbyterian

**How much?** \$80 includes one night's lodging, three  
meals on Saturday, and a t-shirt

**When?** Register by Friday, October 7. Pay by  
Friday, October 21. Scholarships available.

REGISTER



PAY



# Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2020-May 2021

June - August	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	263,756	267,947
General Fund Expenses YTD	305,935	297,911
How we're doing YTD	-40,396	-28,656

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the first quarter of our fiscal year, we spent \$40,396 more than our income. This is \$11,740 more than last year. As of August 31, we have \$228,301 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports Ben & Anna Graber, Missionaries in Munich.

- ❖ 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](http://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*



## *Women's Bible Study*

PHILIPPIANS: UNSHAKEABLE

# Joy

## IN ALL THINGS

WEDNESDAYS, SEPT 14-NOV 16

Register today at [FortWorthPCA.org](http://FortWorthPCA.org).  
Cost is \$12, and scholarships are available.

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](http://FORTWORTHPCA.ORG/MEN).

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