



# 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.*

*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.*



Christian living is more than simply repentance, but it is not less. All spiritual advance begins and continues with a turning away from sin so as to turn to Jesus. If John the Baptist were to come down your street, or more personally, into your home with a megaphone, what would he be saying?

*- Tom Wright*

*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 18, 2022 —

*Fifteenth 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.**

*From Isaiah 12:2*

† 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  
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*We praise our glorious King  
Red Trinity Hymnal #38*

† Invocation

*We seek the Lord's presence among us*

† Doxology

*We respond in praise  
OLD HUNDREDTH*

**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**

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*

*(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*

## Songs of Confession

Lord I Need You  
Lord I come, I confess  
Bowing here, I find my rest  
Without You, I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are. Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God. how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand. I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

You're my one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, and Matt Maher

## † 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.*

## † Song of Renewal

*We rest in our Father's love*

Come, People of the Risen King

Come people of the risen King,  
who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
we will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Come those whose joy is morning sun  
and those weeping through the night.  
Come those who tell of battles won  
and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change  
and His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days  
with the certain hope of peace.

Come young and old from every land  
men and women of the faith.  
Come those with full or empty hands  
find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world His people sing  
shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through ev'ry age  
Our God is all in all.

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Let ev-'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice,  
oh, Church of Christ, rejoice!  
Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

The Sacrament of Baptism

*Joseph Martyn Graber  
Covenant Child of Ben & Anna Graber*

Prayer for Covenant Children

*August & September birthdays*

*Scott Wade*

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 3:1-20  
Pew Bible – 858-859*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



# The Preaching of the Word

*Pastor Eggar*

## “THE MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST”

Historical Ministry

Prophetic Ministry

Preparatory Ministry

Risky Ministry

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why is it important to focus on the ministry of John the Baptist? What was his role in God's story of redemption?
2. How is John's message good news (see 3:18)?
3. In what areas of your life is God calling you to repent? Are you ignoring his message or heeding it? Do you have another person in your life who can help you walk in the way of repentance? Would you be willing to seek out another person to walk with you?
4. Why does it matter that John's ministry is historical? Why does this matter to Christianity overall? What might the Lord through his word be calling you to in your historical time and place?

## 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 singing:

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, half, and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na in the high - est, — Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est, — ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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God of pow - er, God of might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. —  
— Ho - san - na in the high - est, —  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. —  
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— ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn  
Of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath —  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain  
Written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought,  
Every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath —  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees;  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" the victory cry.

This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath —  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death;  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend  
The Power of The Cross lyrics © Thank You Music Ltd.

† 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

Pete Cansick

## Information & Events

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

**Victor Kuchem (92)**, father of Doug Kuchem, went home to be with the Lord in late August. He was buried in Missouri on Friday, September 9. Thank you to all who have reached out and have prayed for the Kuchems during this sad time.

**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.

**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).

**Pickup Your Free Copy** of the ByFaith Magazine on the Fellowship Hall table.



# 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



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# Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2022-May 2023

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*



**Who:** 5th & 6th grade parents

**What:** prayer time for GAP students

**When:** immediately following worship on  
Sept 25, Nov 6, Jan 22, Mar 5

**Where:** Room 209 (kid supervision available  
in Lecture Hall or nursery)

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

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