



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.



How fitly does the apostle, when he is discoursing of the mediation of Christ, observe, that our Lord sprang out of Judah; for, like his father Judah, he not only made intercession for the transgressors, but he became a surety for them, as it follows there, testifying therein a very tender concern both for his father and for his brethren.

— Matthew Henry

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

— October 9, 2022 —

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Gospel Greeting

Pastor: Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken;

People: And let us thus offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12:28-29

† 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 for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Psalms 84:1-2

† Hymn of Praise
Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

We praise our glorious King
Red Trinity Hymnal #498

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† Doxology

We respond in praise
FORT WORTH PCA

**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: O Almighty God and merciful Father, you pour your benefits upon us – forgive our ingratitude which is due your goodness. We have cherished before you dead and senseless hearts. Turn us, O merciful Father, and so shall we be turned. Make us with our whole heart to hunger and thirst after you, with all our longing to desire you. Amen.

Anselm

(As you confess your sins, pray that the Holy Spirit would more and more awaken your desires to the beauty of Christ.)

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

Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Isaiah 40:1-2

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

2 Corinthians 5:17

† 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

JESUS, I AM RESTING, RESTING

Jesus I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.

I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,

And Thy beauty fills my soul,

For by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole.

Jesus I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art.

I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.

Oh how great Thy loving kindness; vaster broader than the sea.
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me.
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine;
Know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine.

(Chorus)

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art,
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings; Thine is love indeed!

(Chorus)

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee.
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,
Earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting; fill me with Thy grace.

(Chorus)

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Kingdom Moment

Graber Family
Munich Germany

Kingdom Prayer *(followed by silent prayer)*

Scott Hames

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices together praying:

All: Lord, we pray that your grace may always go before and follow us. Continually lead us in good works that declare your grace to one another and to all; 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.

The Reading of the Word

*Genesis 44:18-34
Pew Bible – Page 38*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

“JUDAH’S MOMENT OF TRUTH”

A Pledge of Safety

Ripples Through History

Jesus, Son of Judah

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How does God use Judah’s intercession for Benjamin in the rest of the history of Israel in the Bible? What does this show us about how God works in history?
2. Have you ever felt “cornered by God”? How has God used this in your life?
3. Are there things God has done in your life that seem to have gone to waste? How does the storyline of Judah and Benjamin change your perspective?
4. What does it mean to you to see Jesus as your elder brother (in comparison to other elder brothers in the Bible)?

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 sharp) 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 sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and half 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. ____'. The second staff continues the melody: '____ Ho - san - na in the high - est, ____'. The third staff continues: 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. ____'. The fourth staff continues: '____ Ho - san - na in the high - est, ____'. The fifth staff continues: '____ ho - san - na in the high - est. ____'. The sixth staff continues: '____ ho - san - na in the high - est. ____'. The seventh staff continues: '____ 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!

(Clear cups are wine and purple cups are grape juice)

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.”

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



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re-stored. He has done great things, we will say to - gether.



We will feast and weep no more.



1. We will not be burned by the fire; He
2. In the dark of night, be - fore the dawn, my
3. Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed, You



is the Lord, our God. We are not con - sumed by the
soul, be not a - fraid. For the prom - ised morn - ing, oh, how
are the faith - ful one. And — from the gar - den to the



flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
long? Oh, God of Ja - cob, be my strength.
grave, bind us to - geth - er, bring sha - lom.

† 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 may he who is able to strengthen you according to the gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ bless you to walk in faithful obedience, to his glory.

From Romans 16:25-27

All: Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Chris Jordan

Save the Date

Sat, Oct 22, 5-7 pm - GAP Fall Festival

Sat, Dec 10, 10 am - Women's Christmas Brunch

Sat, Dec 10, 7-9 pm - GAP Christmas Party

Sun, Dec 11, 11:30 am - Kids Advent Party

Sun, Dec 18, 6 pm - Lessons & Carols

Sat, Dec 24, 5 pm - Christmas Eve Service

Sun, Dec 25, 11 am - Christmas Service

Information & Events

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

Women's Lunch Fellowship: Bring your lunch and join us in the FWPC Lecture Hall for fellowship on Wednesdays. There is no agenda! We will simply visit and eat together from Noon-1:00 p.m. Women's Lunch Fellowship will take place through Wednesday, November 9. Questions? Ask Judy Judd at 682-472-1812 or Janet Welch at 817-680-1273.

Lessons & Carols Choir Rehearsals: Weekly rehearsals will be held on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. from October 27-December 15, excluding Thanksgiving Day. One additional rehearsal will take place on Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining the choir, please let justin@fortworthpca.org know.

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.

New Adult Classes: In one week (Oct 16), two new Christian Formation classes will launch at 9:00 a.m. The Intimate Mystery, a class on marriage, will be led by Brandon Eggar, Jack Norris, Scott Wade, and David Welch in Room 207. Journey in Prayer will be hands-on prayer training. Join us as we call on our Father in kingdom prayer in Room 205 with Steve Fults. Exploring the Gospels with Bob Schwartzbeck is in the Lecture Hall and College and Career Community will continue in Room 201.

Information & Events

October Session Meeting Date has been changed to October 18th at 7pm.

Luke Scripture Journals: A great resource for highlighting and note taking during this sermon series, ESV scripture journals are available for The Gospel of Luke on the Fellowship Hall table for only \$3.



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 at Giddings Home

food, pumpkin carving, costume contest, and murder
mystery game (8624 Thistle Ridge Terrace)

Saturday, November 12 - Service Project

Saturday, December 10 - Christmas Party

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

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
- ❖ 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*

THURS. 11.3.22

6:30P



MEN'S BEER & BRAT NIGHT

MEN, JOIN US FOR BEER, BRATS, GAMES, AND FELLOWSHIP AT
THE DAVIS BARN - 6796 SILVER SADDLE ROAD, FORT WORTH, TX 76126

WOMEN'S *Christmas* BRUNCH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10:00 A.M.
AT FORT WORTH PRESBYTERIAN

JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND!
TICKETS ARE \$10 AT FORTWORTHPCA.ORG.
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