



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.



First-century Pharisees and their contemporary descendants often find it unthinkable to see themselves in the 'sinners' category. Which may mean that you have no need for Jesus because you can't see how desperate your condition is - you are sure you are among the 'healthy.'

– Dale Ralph Davis

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Hearing Assistive Devices (FM Receivers) are available at the back sound booth.

† Congregation standing

Worship

— November 13, 2022 —

Twenty-third 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!

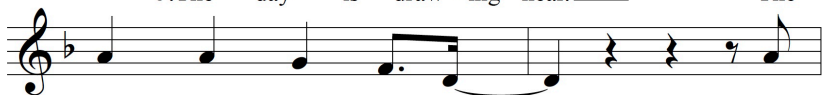
**People: My soul longs for, yes, faints for the courts of the
LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living
God.**

Psalms 84:1-2

THE LAMB HAS OVERCOME



1. The Lamb has ov - er - come. ____ The
 2. No grave could hold him down. ____ No
 3. At God's right hand is He. ____ At
 4. The ta - ble now is spread. ____ The
 5. The day is draw - ing near. ____ The



Lamb has ov - er - come. ____ The
 grave could hold him down. ____ Up
 God's right hand is He. ____ Our
 ta - ble now is spread. ____ This
 day is draw - ing near. ____ He



bat - tle's done and the vic - tor - y is won. The
 from the ground, "He is ris - en!" was the sound. No
 Per - fect Plea as he lives to in - ter - cede, at
 wine and bread, bro - ken bo - dy and blood shed. The
 shall ap - pear and will wipe a - way each tear. The



Lamb has ov - er - come.
 grave could hold him down.
 God's right hand is He.
 ta - ble now is spread. ____
 day is draw - ing near. ____

2, 4.

Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain! — Glo-ry

be un-to His name! — Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain!

— Glo-ry be un - to His name! —

By Luke Morton

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† Doxology

We respond in praise

ALL CREATURES

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia!

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

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: 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!

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND



1. On Jor - dan's stor - my banks I stand, And
 2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, Shines
 3. No chill - ing winds nor pois - onous breath, Can
 4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, And



cast a wish - ful eye To
 one e - ter - nal day There
 reach that health - ful shore,
 be for - ev - er blessed Where



Can - aan's fair and hap - py land, Where
 God, the Son for - ev - er reigns, And
 Sick - ness, sor - row, pain and death, Are
 shall I see my Fa - ther's face, And



my po - sses - sions lie.
 scat - ters night a
 felt and feared no
 in his bos - om

2, 3, 4 Ladies Echo

(Men)I am bound, I am bound, (All)I am

way.
more.
rest.

Ladies Echo

bound for Prom - ised Land. (Men)I am bound, I am

D.C.

bound, (All)I am bound for Prom-ised Land.

By Samuel Stennett and Christopher Miner

† Kingdom Moment

FWPC Nursery

Prayer for Covenant Children

John Weiser

October, November, December Birthdays

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.*

Offertory Song

ARISE, SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

Arise shine for your light has come
and the glory of God is on you
Arise see when the earth grows dark
that the Lord will arise upon you
The Lord will arise upon you

*Nations will come to your light lift up your eyes and see
We'll gather together and come to you
And your love will be all that we know
Your love will be all that we know*

Arise come to the open gates
for the Father is welcoming you
Fear not for the Lord brings peace
and redemption to all who believe
Redemption to all who believe *Chorus*

The sun will not shine cause you'll be
all the light that we need
and violence will end
all the wars that we wage will cease (repeat)

We will glorify your name
We will glorify your name

By Jered McKenna

The Reading of the Word

Luke 5:17-26

Pew Bible – Page 861

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Eggar

“JESUS ENCOUNTERS A TAX-COLLECTOR”

The Genuine Conversion of Levi (vv. 27-29)

The Grumbling of the Pharisees (vv. 30-31)

The Mission of Jesus (v. 32)

The Explanation of Jesus' Mission (vv. 33-39)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Knowing about the social status of tax collectors in the first-century, how do you think people reacted to Jesus' call to Levi? How do you think his own disciples reacted, especially when we realize that it's quite possible that Levi had extorted money from them at one time or another?
2. What sort of statement was Jesus making by eating with the tax collectors & sinners? Are we as a church making a similar statement to those in our community?
3. How do you embody Jesus' own purpose statement (v. 32)? How would this be good news to your co-workers and neighbors?
4. How is Jesus' explanation about clothes and wine an expression concerning what he came to do? How is it radically different from the Pharisee's and their ministry purpose?

† 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:

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.

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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)

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. Contact Rebecca York rebecca@fortworthpca.org.

"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.

TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord to thee.

Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing,
always, only for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.

Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Henri A. César Malan, 1827; Frances R. Havergal, 1874

† The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

Pastor: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks for all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

† 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

Save the Date

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 Day Service

Sun, Jan 8, 9am – FWPC 101 (new members class) begins

Information & Events

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

Christian Formation Classes, Sundays @ 9am: The Intimate Mystery, a class on marriage, in Room 207. Journey in Prayer is a 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 is in Room 201.

Coat Drive: Oakmont Elementary is collecting new winter coats for ages Pre-K through 5th Grade. Please bring your donation to the FWPC Fellowship Hall by Sunday, November 20. We will deliver these coats to the elementary school for distribution to the kids who most need them.

Join Our Greeter Team Today: Contact Anne Santana, the Greeter Team Coordinator. Call 817-874-4001, or email asimple1@gmail.com.

Lessons & Carols Choir Rehearsals: Weekly rehearsals will be held on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. from October 20-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.

Information & Events

Attention KIWI Parents: If your child participates in KIWI (Pre K – 2nd grade) during the worship service, they will be singing in worship next week. Please have them here by 9:30 a.m. to practice (if they are in Sunday school, they will be brought down).

Congregational Meeting December 4: The congregation nominated the following men this past May who have undergone Elder/Deacon training and been examined by the Session. The Session is now recommending these men for your prayerful consideration for office at Fort Worth Presbyterian: Elder: David Welch, Scott Zink; Deacon: Herb Haertner, Don Judd. We will hold the election for these men Sunday, December 4, at a congregational meeting directly following the morning service.

MTW 30 Days of Prayer: We invite you to join us in devoting the month of November to prayer for global missions. We particularly invite you to join with us in remembering those who live and serve the Lord in places where it is difficult or dangerous.

Copies of the prayer calendar are in the Bulletin Table. Please take one. Your prayers are critical for the growth of the worldwide Church! Thank you for joining us in prayer. Without prayer, we can do nothing.

Fall at

Sundays, 9:00 am, through Dec 18 - Christian Formation Classes
High School - Room 204: What is Reformed Theology?
Middle School - Room 203: What is Reformed Theology?

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, through Nov 16 - All-Youth Large Group
food, fun, lesson on Romans, small group discussion

Saturday, November 12, 1:00-4:00 pm - Service Project at FWPC
Bring gloves, wheelbarrows, and shovels for mulching.

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 - October	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	470,220	497,439
General Fund Expenses YTD	544,937	495,546
How we're doing YTD	-74,717	1,893

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the first quarter of our fiscal year, we spent \$74,717 more than our income. This is \$76,610 more than last year. As of October 31, we have \$193,084 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports Doug & Masha Shepherd, L'viv, Ukraine.

- ❖ NEW! Mobile Giving: 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*



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.
ORDER BY DEC. 4.

Sunday
DEC 11
11:30-1:00

Kids **ADVENT** *Party*



PRE-K TO 4TH GRADE, STAY AFTER CHURCH FOR LUNCH, GAMES, PRIZES,
DESSERT AND TWO HANDS-ON EXPERIMENTS TO PONDER THE BEAUTY AND GLORY OF JESUS.

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