

# FORT WORTH PRESBYTERIAN

*My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*



*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.*



Stronger than darkness, new every morn', our sins  
they are many, his mercy is more.

— *Matt Boswell and Matt Papa*

*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

— December 11, 2022 —

*Third Sunday of Advent*

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Gospel Greeting

**Pastor:** Greetings, O favored ones, the Lord is with us!

**People:** Behold, we are the servants of the Lord; let it be to us according to his word.

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

**Pastor:** It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills and all of the nations shall flow to it.

**People:** And many peoples shall come up and say, “Come, let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

**Pastor:** For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

**People:** And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Pastor: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the  
LORD and worship him in truth.

*From Isaiah 2:2-5*

† Hymn of Praise

*We praise our glorious King*

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

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!

By Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker, Matt Papa

† 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*

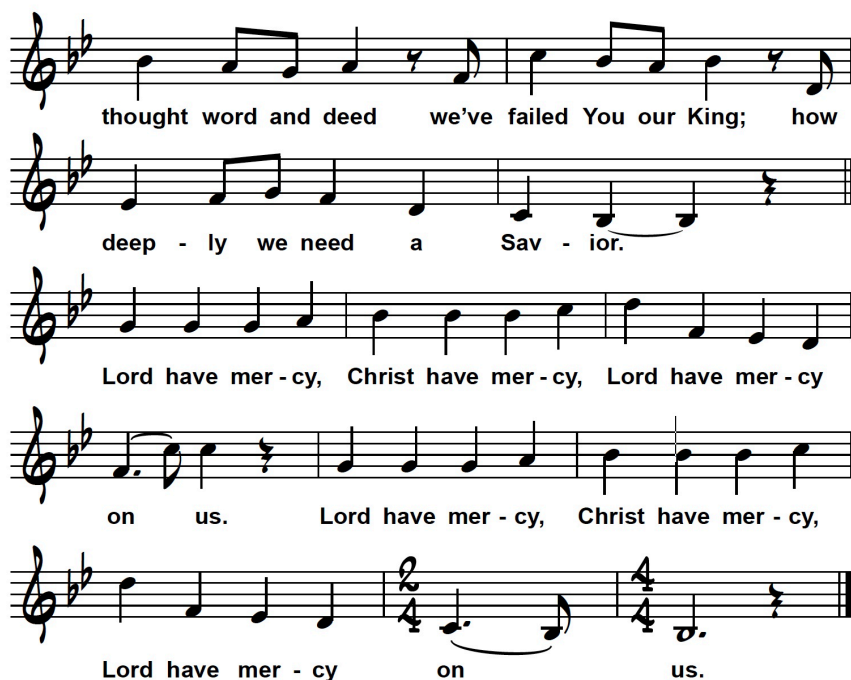
Pastor: Family of the Living God, let us now confess our sins together:

All: Our God, we come confessing that although we have begun by the Spirit and are to live and walk by the Spirit, we are quick to go back to the flesh and as a result we become conceited. We provoke one another. We envy one another and we fail to follow in the way of Jesus, our Lord. Gracious Father, forgive us for trusting in our own strength to your dishonor, our demise, and the dehumanization of others. We pray for your renewal in our lives and in our congregation. Amen.

# LORD HAVE MERCY (FOR WHAT WE HAVE DONE)

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of ten lines of music. The first line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The second line has a 2/4 time signature change. The third line has a 4/4 time signature change. The fourth line has a 2/4 time signature change. The fifth line has a 4/4 time signature change. The sixth line has a 2/4 time signature change. The seventh line has a 4/4 time signature change. The eighth line has a 2/4 time signature change. The ninth line has a 4/4 time signature change. The tenth line has a 2/4 time signature change.

Lord have mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy  
on us. Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,  
Lord have mer - cy on us.  
For what we have done and left un-done, we  
fall on Your count - less mer - cies. For  
sins that are known and those un - known, we  
call on Your name so ho - ly. For  
en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes, for  
scorn - ing our ver - y neigh - bor. In



Silent Confession

*We acknowledge our sin*

† Assurance of Pardon

*We rest in the mercy of God*

Pastor: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is well-pleased.**

*From 1 John 1:5:9*

† The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

## KING OF KINGS

1. In the dark - ness, we were wait - ing with - out hope,

— with - out light. 'Till from heav -

- en you — came run — ning there was mer -

- cy in — your eyes. To ful - fill

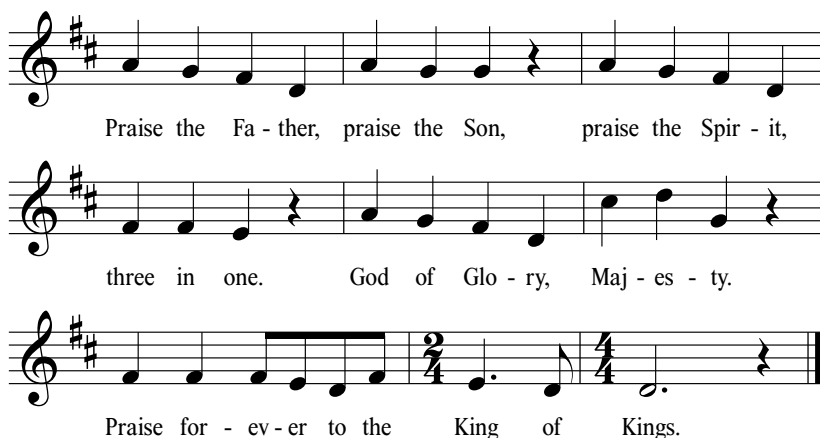
— the law — and pro - phets to a vir -

- gin came — the Word. From a throne

— of end - less glo - ry, to a cra -

- dle in — the dirt. —





Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it,  
 three in one. God of Glo - ry, Maj - es - ty.  
 Praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.

2.To reveal the kingdom coming  
 And to reconcile the lost  
 To redeem the whole creation  
 You did not despise the cross  
 For even in Your suffering  
 You saw to the other side  
 Knowing this was our salvation  
 Jesus for our sake You died *Chorus*

3.And the morning that You rose  
 All of heaven held its breath  
 Till that stone was moved for good  
 For the Lamb had conquered death  
 And the dead rose from their tombs  
 And the angels stood in awe  
 For the souls of all who'd come  
 To the Father are restored

4.And the Church of Christ was born  
 Then the Spirit lit the flame  
 Now this Gospel truth of old  
 Shall not kneel shall not faint  
 By His blood and in His Name  
 In His freedom I am free  
 For the love of Jesus Christ  
 Who has resurrected me *Chorus*

By Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood



## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### ***Shepherds' Candle***

*Rich & Liz Saadeh*

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

*James 5:1-10*

**Reader:** We light the second candle of Advent to remind us that the Lord Jesus, who is the light of the world, was born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a King, the King who reigns over all.

**All:**      **Thanks be to God!**

## Kingdom Moment

*David Steed*

*Benevolence Offering*

## Kingdom Prayer *(followed by silent prayer)*

*Scott Hames*

## Common Prayer

**Elder:** Let us now join our voices together praying:

**All:**      Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy come to help and deliver us through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory. Amen.



*QR Code for online giving*

*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.*

# FROM THE SQUALOR OF A BORROWED STABLE



1.From the squalor of a borrowed stable,  
 2.King of heav - en now the Friend of sin - ners,  
 3.Through the kis - ses of a friend's be - tray - al  
 4.Now He's stand - ing in the place of hon - our,



By the Spi - rit and a vir - gin's faith;  
 Hum - ble ser - vant in the Fa - ther's hands,  
 He was lift - ed on a cru - el cross;  
 Crowned with glo - ry on the high - est throne,



To the an - guish and the shame of scan - dal  
 Filled with po - wer and the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
 He was pun - ished for a world's trans - gress - ions,  
 In - ter - ced - ing for His own be - lov - ed



Came the Sav - iour of the hu - man  
 Filled with mer - cy for the bro - ken  
 He was suf - fer - ing to save the  
 Till His Fa - ther calls to bring them



race! But the skies were filled with the  
 man. Yes, He walked my road and He  
 lost. He \_\_\_\_\_ fights for breath, He \_\_\_\_\_  
 home! Then the skies will part as the



praise of heav'n, Shep - herds lis - ten as the  
felt my pain, Joys and sor - rows that I  
fights for me, Loos - ing sin - ners from the  
trum - pet sounds Hope of hea - ven or the



an - gels tell Of the gift of God come—  
know so well; Yet his right - eous steps give me  
claims of hell; And— with a shout our—  
fear of hell; But the bride will run to her



down to man At the dawn - ing of Im -  
hope a - gain I will fol - low my Im -  
souls are free Death de - feat - ed by Im -  
Lov - er's arms, Giv - ing glo - ry to Im -



man-u - el.  
man-u - el!  
man-u - el!  
man-u - el!

The Reading of the Word

*Luke 1:39-56*  
*Pew Bible – Page 856*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## “MERRY MEETING”

### INTRODUCTION

#### MARY'S GREETING (vv. 39-45)

#### MARY'S SONG (vv. 46-56)

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How does the Holy Spirit produce joy in you as you ponder who Jesus is and what he's done? How do you express this joy?
2. Spend some time pondering how God has shown you his mercy. What's the fitting response to his mercy and how is God's mercy seen in your life?
3. Why is pride and trust in ourselves (our supposed might and wealth) an offense to God? Spend time today confessing ways you exhibit pride and trust in yourself. Use 2 Corinthians 8:9 as a guide to help you in this.
4. How do we see God's mercy and might meet in Jesus?



## 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!

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. Contact Rebecca York [rebecca@fortworthpca.org](mailto: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.

## † Song of Sending

### ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God  
Only my Holy God!

By Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson

## † The Sending

*The people of God are sent into the world*

Pastor: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, come quickly!

**All: By God's grace may we learn to long for and love our Lord's appearing.**

*Adapted from Revelation 22:20 and 1 Timothy 6:8*

## † The Blessing

*God blesses his people as they go*

Pastor: And now may the God of peace, who, through the blood of the eternal covenant, brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, and work in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ.

*Hebrews 13:20-21*

**All: To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen!**

## Deacon of the Day

Chris Jordan

## Save the Date

Jan 1-15, Prayer Album cards available

Jan 14, 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Jan 18, Women's Bible Study 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.

**Prison Fellowship Angel Tree:** Visit the Fellowship Hall table to select an angel and purchase a Christmas gift for a child on behalf of an incarcerated parent. Each angel includes a child's name, age, and suggested gift.

**Benevolence Offering:** A special offering for widows and families in need in our congregation will be taken next Sunday, **December 18**. Please make checks payable to FWPC and list Benevolence Offering on the memo line. Online donations can be made at [continuetogive.com/fwpben](http://continuetogive.com/fwpben). If you have or know of a need in our congregation, contact David Steed 817-680-1398.

**Join Our Greeter Team:** Contact Anne Santana, the Greeter Team Coordinator. Call 817-874-4001, or email [asimple1@gmail.com](mailto:asimple1@gmail.com).

## Information & Events

**Lessons & Carols Choir Rehearsals:** Weekly rehearsals will be held on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. from October 20-December 15. One additional rehearsal will take place today, Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining the choir, please let [justin@fortworthpca.org](mailto:justin@fortworthpca.org) know.

**Lessons & Carols Reception:** Following Lessons and Carols on Sunday evening, December 18, there will be a time of fellowship and cookies. If you can assist with setup, cleanup, or by bringing cookies, please sign up on the Fellowship Hall table or via the following QR code. Questions? Contact Alice Miller at 817-721-3578.



**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.

**Advent Resources:** Printed guides to use for your family Advent devotions are available on the Fellowship Hall table. **Families with Young Children,** there are Advent Storybooks available to purchase for \$10 that trace God's faithful promise to send a Rescuer through 25 Bible stories and free coloring books with ornaments to cut out and color. You could even have a special tree where you hang one ornament a day as you read the stories!

## Information & Events

**Holiday Services:** Christmas Eve will include communion and a candlelight service. Both Christmas Day and New Year's Day will be one-hour services beginning at **11:00 a.m.** There will not be Christian Formation Classes on these Sundays, and Pre-K to 2nd Grade will stay in worship for its entirety (no KIWI classes). We hope you will join us, and bring friends, family, or neighbors.

**FWPC 101:** The next FWPC 101 class will be held Sundays at 9:00 a.m., January 8-February 26, in Room 205. All are welcome to learn more about our vision, purpose, ministries, service & fellowship opportunities, and membership. This class is a requirement for membership and led by Pastor Eggar. Please RSVP so we can have a notebook ready for you at [fortworthpca.org/adult](http://fortworthpca.org/adult).

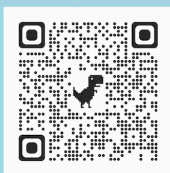
**Biblical Theology Workshop for Women:** Nancy Guthrie will be teaching at Watermark Fort Worth on Friday evening, January 20 and Saturday morning, January 21. No matter how much you know or don't know about the Bible, if you're a woman who wants to know it better, this workshop is for you! Find complete details at [nancyguthrie.com/biblical-theology-workshop](http://nancyguthrie.com/biblical-theology-workshop).

**Coffee Cleanup Crew:** Additional help is needed to clean up the coffee set up in the fellowship hall following worship. If you could serve once per month in this capacity, please contact Kris Keffer at [kris.keffer@gmail.com](mailto:kris.keffer@gmail.com) or 682-429-2029.

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.



**REGISTER**



**VOLUNTEER**





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 6:00 P.M.

Nursery provided for four years and under.  
Christmas cookie fellowship to follow.

CHRISTMAS EVE  
5 PM  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
11 AM



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

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