

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.

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It almost seems as if God is at odds with the world. Present conditions are so shameful all around us, as God allows murderous mobs and rabble, so much violence and so much misfortune to prevail, so we may think that God is only Lord and God of the angels, and he has forgotten about humanity. But in Jesus we see that he befriends us humans like no other creatures, in the very closest of relationship. And, in turn, we humans have a closer relationship with God than any other creature. Earth and air are not as close to us as God. For he comes to us in our own flesh and blood. God not only rules over us, not only lives in us, but personally became one of us in Jesus.

-Martin Luther

*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 18, 2022 —

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Gospel Greeting

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

People: Amen!

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

Pastor: Let all who adore Christ Jesus say, “Rejoice in the Lord
always!”

People: Rejoice in the Lord always, for he, the Lord, is at hand!

Pastor: The Lord is at hand; therefore, do not be anxious about
anything but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to
God.

**People: And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in
Christ Jesus.**

Pastor: Our God will supply our every need according to his
riches in Christ Jesus.

People: To our God and Father be glory forever. Amen.

From Philippians 4:4-7; 19-20

† Hymn of Praise

We praise our glorious King

PRaise TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Red Trinity Hymnal #53

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† Doxology

We respond in praise

O COME O COME EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all ble - ssings
flow, praise Him all crea-tures here be -
low. Praise Him a-bove ye heav'n - ly host. Praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
A - men.

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Pastor: The heart is deceitful in all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? It is the Lord who searches the heart and tests the mind. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him:

All: Our God, you have not called us into darkness, rather you have brought us into the light of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. By your grace, we are children of light. You have called us to be awake and sober-minded, having put on the breastplate of faith and love as well as the helmet of salvation. In light of your grace, forgive us for living contrary to who we are in Christ. Restore us that we may seek to do good and honor you, our loving and merciful Father.

Adapted from I Thessalonians 5

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

Song of Confession

COME, O REDEEMER COME

1. Fa - ther en - throned on high. Ho - ly ho - ly,
2. Lord, save us from the dark Of our striv - ing,
3. Look now u - pon our need Lord be with us,

An - cient e - ter - nal light
Faith - less and troubl - ed heart
Heal - us and make us free

Hear our prayers down sin
Weighed From our sin

1.

2. 3.
Come, Oh Re - deem - er, come Grant us
mercy. Come, Oh Re - deem - er come
Grant us peace.

By Fernando Ortega

† Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: What shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:31-32

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

† The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

FROM THE SQUALOR OF A BORROWED STABLE



1.From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
 2.King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
 3.Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal
 4.Now He's standing in the place of honour,



By the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
 Humble servant in the Father's hands,
 He was lifted on a cruel cross;
 Crowned with glory on the highest throne,



To the anguish and the shame of scandal
 Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
 He was punished for a world's transgressions,
 Interceding for His own beloved



Came the Saviour of the human
 Filled with mercy for the broken
 He was suffering to save the
 Till His Father 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!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Angels' Candle

Jeff & Amy Thom

Isaiah 7:1-16

Romans 1:1-7

Reader: We light the fourth candle of Advent, the Angels' Candle, to remind us that hosts of Heaven proclaimed Jesus' arrival that has brought peace on earth.

All: Thanks be to God!

Reception of New Communing Members

Brenna Blacklock

David Blacklock

*Maddy Blacklock**

*Bruce Blacklock**

*Wil Blacklock**

Byron Brown

Erin Giron

*Asher Giron**

Robert Giron

Donna Peterson

Tom Peterson

Justin Pierce

Ashley Pierce

Justin Pierce, Jr.

*Levi Pierce**

Madeline Pierce

*Emily Pierce**

Travis Robnett

Brenda Rodgers

Ed Slovacek

Dianna Slovacek

Michael Wood

Grace Latta-Wood

***Non-Communing**

Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

*Emily Pierce**

Madeline Pierce

Parents: Justin & Ashley Pierce

Kingdom Prayer *(followed by silent prayer)*

Jack Norris

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices together praying:

All: Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son, at his coming, may find in us a home prepared for himself. Amen.

Morning Offering & KIWI Release

We offer our gifts



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.

The Reading of the Word

Luke 1:57-80

Pew Bible – Page 856-57

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Eggar

“ZECHARIAH’S SONG”

The Naming of John (vv. 57-66)

The Singing of Zechariah (vv. 67-79)

- The Why of God's Salvation

- The What of God's Salvation

- The Results of God's Salvation

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why was John's mouth opened at this point in the overall story? What does this teach us about the importance of trusting in God's word?
2. What is the greatest enemy facing humanity? How does knowing our greatest enemy change our view of others who we may deem to be our enemies?
3. How is your view of God shaped by the truth that he is full of tender mercy?
4. According to this passage, what's one of the great signs that our lives are being renewed by God's salvation in Christ?

The Celebration of Communion

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 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.

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 at 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

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION

1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on! Ye
 2. Fling wide thy port - als, Zi - on and
 3. He com - eth not with war - riors, and
 4. The throne which He asc - end - eth is

aw - ful deeps, rise high; sink low, ye tow - 'ring
 hail thy glor - ious king; his tid - ings of sal -
 not with pomp and show, yet smit - eth He with
 fixed in heav'n a - bove; His sanc - ti - fied dom -

moun - tains, the Lord is draw - ing night; the
 va - tion to ev - 'ry peo - ple bring, who,
 ter - ror sing, death, and ev - 'ry foe. The
 in - ion is light a - lone and love. His

right - eous King of glor - ry, fore - told in sac - red
 wait - ing yet in sad - ness, would still His prais - es
 Spi - rit's sword He wields to give to death a fa - tal
 praise be ev - er sound - ing for grace and peace and

time. O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and
 sing.
 blow.
 love.

joy, O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

Words by Frans M. Franzèn, Translated by Augustus Nelson

† 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 (*for babies born in 2022*)

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

Jan 18, Women's Bible Study begins

Information & Events

Visitors: Pick up visitor information at the visitor kiosk in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship.

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

Christian Formation Classes will resume Sunday, January 8, at 9:00 a.m. including two new adult classes. **FWPC 101** will take place in Room 205 walking through our vision, purpose, ministries, service & fellowship opportunities, and membership. All are welcome, and it is required for new members. A notebook is provided, so please RSVP at fortworthpca.org/adult. **Vocation in the Kingdom** will consider how our calling from God helps us navigate work, leisure, family, and citizenship with joy and confidence. It is open to all ages and stages and led by Ben Graber in Room 207. **Exploring the Gospels** with Bob Schwartzbeck will continue in the Lecture Hall, and **Young Adults** will continue in Room 201.

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

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

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.

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. Questions or interested in carpooling from FWPC? Contact Margaret Kunkel at 214-802-5554 or mkartedu@yahoo.com.

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 or 682-429-2029.

Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2022-May 2023

June - November	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	637,536	576,936
General Fund Expenses YTD	649,749	588,575
How we're doing YTD	-12,212	-11,640

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the first half of our fiscal year, we spent \$12,212 more than our income. This is \$572 more than last year. As of November 30, we have \$254,617 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.
- ❖ Your check should be dated no later than December 31st.
- ❖ The envelope must be postmarked no later than December 31st.
- ❖ Online donations for 2022 will be accepted until midnight Central time on December 31st.

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

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



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CHRISTMAS EVE

5 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

11 AM



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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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