



# FORT WORTH PRESBYTERIAN

*For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*



*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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Wonder fills me with astonishment. The Ancient of days has become an infant. He who sits upon the sublime and heavenly Throne, now lies in a manger. And He Who cannot be touched, who is simple, without complexity, and without body, now lies subject to the hands of humanity. He who is able to break the bonds of sinners, is now bound by an infant's bands for our redemption.

*- John Chrysostom*

*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 25, 2022 —  
*Christmas Day*

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

CHRISTMAS SANCTUS

*Choir*  
*By Susan and Lee Dengler*

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: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done  
marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have  
worked salvation for him!

People: **The LORD has made known his salvation; he has  
revealed his righteousness in the sight of the  
nations! All the ends of the earth have seen the  
salvation of our God!**

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break  
forth into joyous song and sing his praises! Christ is  
born!

All: **Let us glorify him!**

*From Psalm 98*

† Hymn of Adoration

*We praise our glorious King*

JOY TO THE WORLD

*Red Trinity Hymnal #195*

† Prayer for Christmas Day *We seek the Lord's presence among us*

Pastor: Let us now pray together:

**All: O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that we who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when comes again; he who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

† Doxology

*We respond in praise*

GLORIA PATRI

*Red Trinity Hymnal #735*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

Confession of Sin

*We turn from our sin*

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

**All: Father, your Holy Son was born of a woman that he might be born in our hearts through his Spirit. Forgive us for not being the Christ-bearers you have called us to be. We have dishonored Christ by living selfishly. Renew us this day in the joy we have in your Incarnate Son. Amen.**

*(As you confess your sins, pray that the Holy Spirit would grow your love for Jesus.)*

Silent Confession

*We acknowledge our sin*

## Song of Confession



### † Assurance of Pardon

*We rest in the mercy of God*

Pastor: When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as his forgiven and beloved children.

*Galatians 4:5*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### † The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain:*

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

*Refrain*

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

*Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

Pastor: Let us now confess our common faith together concerning the Lord Jesus:

**All:** Our Lord Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but he made himself nothing by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, our God has exalted and bestowed on him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen!

Kingdom Prayer *(followed by silent prayer)*

*Scott Wade*

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices together praying:

**All:** Joy has come to the world through the gift of your Son. May our lives reflect that we have been born anew in him to your glory and the good of others. In Jesus name, we pray. 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.*

## The Reading of the Word

*Luke 2:1-20  
Pew Bible Page 857*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



# The Preaching of the Word

*Pastor Eggar*

CHRIST IS BORN

# 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:

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.

# 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](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

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

*Red Hymnal 214*



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: Let us go forth to celebrate the birth of our Lord,  
praying that we would reflect him with our lips  
and lives.

**All: Amen!**

## † The Blessing

*God blesses his people as they go*

Pastor: May the Word who became flesh bless you with  
his eternal and embodied truth and from his  
fullness may you receive grace upon grace.

**All: Amen!**

## Deacon of the Day

Daniel Sneed

## Save the Date

Jan 1-15, Prayer Album cards available (*for babies born in 2022*)

Feb 1, Youth Large Group resumes

Feb 5, Annual Women's Luncheon

## Information & Events

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

**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](http://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 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.

**End-of-year giving:** We are thankful for your faithful giving to the church's ministry. Online donations completed before midnight Central time on December 31 will count towards 2022 giving. Checks need to be dated no later than December 31 and delivered or mailed by that date. If mailing, the envelope must be postmarked no later than December 31. *Mailing Address: Fort Worth Presbyterian Church PO Box 16307 Fort Worth, TX 76162*



## 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.

**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). Questions or interested in carpooling from FWPC? Contact Margaret Kunkel at 214-802-5554 or [mkartedu@yahoo.com](mailto:mkartedu@yahoo.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.

**Join Our Greeter Team:** Contact Anne Santana, the Greeter Team Coordinator. Call 817-874-4001, or email [asimple1@gmail.com](mailto:asimple1@gmail.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](mailto:kris.keffer@gmail.com) or 682-429-2029.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

# Steadfast

THE BOOK OF JAMES

*Wednesdays, January 18-March 22*

*Details and registration:  
[fortworthpca.org/biblestudy](http://fortworthpca.org/biblestudy)*



## **MEN'S BREAKFAST SERIES**

**SATURDAYS  
8:30 A.M.**

**JANUARY 14 | FEBRUARY 18 | MARCH 18**

Be challenged by thoughtful teaching,  
connect and build friendships, break bread together at FWPC.

# 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](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.
- ❖ 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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