

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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The Word of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, through his transcendent love, became what we are that he might bring us to where he himself is - true children of God in him, the Son of God.

- Irenaeus

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Worship

— December 4, 2022 —

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Gospel Greeting

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD!

People: For he is the Maker of Heaven and earth!

† The Call to Worship God calls His people to worship

Pastor: Our souls magnify the Lord!

People: And our spirits rejoice in God our Savior! Pastor: The Mighty One has done great things for us!

People: His name is Holy and he is worthy to be praised!

Pastor: Come then, and let us praise his name; for he is our

Maker and Redeemer. It is he who has shown us mercy

and grace.

† Hymn of Praise Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

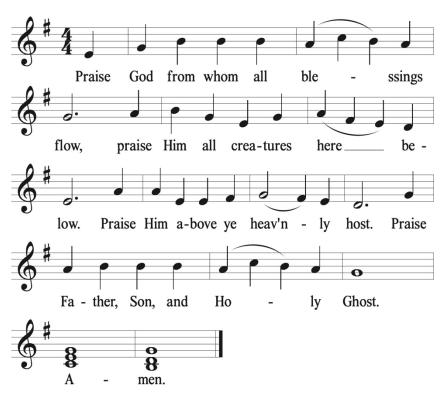
We praise our glorious King Red Trinity Hymnal #196

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† Doxology

We respond in praise
O COME O COME EMMANUEL



Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

All: Almighty God, we have sinned against you and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins, we also confess you to be a merciful God and a loving and favorable Father to all who turn to you. And so, we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ, to forgive our offenses. By your Spirit, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and even the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guarded and governed by you. Amen.

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

† Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us – for as it is written, "Cursed by everyone who is hanged on a tree."

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

From Titus 3:3-5

† The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse



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Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Bethlehem Candle

David & Tricia Welch Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-13

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 Prayer (followed by silent prayer)

Pastor Eggar

Common Prayer

Pastor: Let us now join our voices together praying:

All: Almighty God, who has poured out on us the new light of your Incarnate Word: Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives, for Jesus' sake, we pray. 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

Luke 1:26-38

Pew Bible – Page 855-56

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Eggar

"THE BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT OF JESUS"

The Improbability (vv. 26-33)

The Impossibility (vv. 34-37)

The Fitting Response (vv. 38)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. How do God's dealings with Mary serve as a paradigm of how he saved you? (see 1 Cor. 1:36-31)
- 2. How is it encouraging to you that God favored such an improbable person through which to send his only Son?
- 3. Spend time thanking God for the mystery of the Incarnation? How is the once-for-all Incarnation a picture of the way Christ comes to dwell in us?
- 4. Why is Mary's response so fitting? What do you see from the text that led her to give such a response even though it would be costly? How is her response an example of discipleship?

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:



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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:

- 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 Biblebelieving 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.

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high: hide me O my Savior hide, till the storm of life is past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! Leave me not a lone, still support and0 comfort me! all my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find: raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.

Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;

False and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within: thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee; Spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley, 1740 Joseph Parry, 1879

I WILL WAIT FOR YOU (PSALM 130)

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call. Incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways, How could I come before Your throne? Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze, I stand redeemed by grace alone.

I will wait for You, I will wait for You,
On Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
Till my soul is satisfied.

So, put Your hope in God alone.

Take courage in His power to save,

Completely and forever won by Christ's emerging from the grave.

I will wait for You, I will wait for You,
On Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
Till my soul is satisfied.

Now He has come to make a way, and God Himself has paid the price, That all who trust in Him today, find healing in His sacrifice.

I will wait for You, I will wait for You,
On Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
Till my soul is satisfied.
I will wait for You, I will wait for You,
Through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
For Your love is my delight.

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YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Savior He will stay I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven The future sure, the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus For He has said that He will bring me home And day by day I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Words by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, light of light, lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb; very God, begotten not created: Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God in the highest:

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given; word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: Refrain

† 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

Pete Cansick

Save the Date

Sun, Dec 18, 6 pm - Lessons & Carols Sat, Dec 24, 5 pm - Christmas Eve Service Sun, Dec 25, 11 am - Christmas Day Service – No Sunday School Sun, Jan 1, 11 am – New Year's Day Service – No Sunday School Sun, Jan 8, 9 am – FWPC 101 (new members class) begins

Information & Events

Offering: To make a contribution <u>CLICK HERE</u> 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.

PCA Ministerial Relief Offering TODAY: A special offering will be taken today for the PCA relief fund that meets the practical needs of PCA pastors, pastors' widows, and ministry leaders in crisis or retirement. Please make checks payable to FWPC and list Ministerial Relief Offering on the memo line. Online donations can be made at continuetogive.com/RBI.

Congregational Meeting TODAY: 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 today following the morning service. (see bios starting on page 21).

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.

Information & Events

Join Our Greeter Team: 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.

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.

Ladies Game Night: Join us for a night of fun in the Lecture Hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m. tomorrow night. It's the annual holiday edition with a gift exchange game – bring a wrapped gift under \$15 to participate. Friends and snacks to share are welcome. Decaf coffee and water are provided. Ladies Game Night occurs monthly on the first Monday unless it's a holiday (such as Labor Day).

Session Meeting Tuesday, December 6 @ 7:00 p.m.

Information & Events

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.

Families with Young Children: There are Advent Storybooks available to purchase on the fellowship hall table for \$10. God's faithful promise to send a Rescuer is traced through the Bible in 25 stories that can be read daily during Advent. There are also 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. Printed guides to use for your family Advent devotions are also available on the Fellowship Hall table.

Officer Biographies

Herb and Susan Haertner will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary in December 2022. They met when they were both attending Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas. They moved to the Fort Worth area in January 1979 so that Herb could attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 1984. Herb retired as a director in the Corporate Accounting Department of D.R. Horton, Inc. in January 2020 after 28 years. Susan retired as Director of Special Services of the Joshua ISD in 2017. The Haertner's have two grown sons, two terrific daughters-in-law and six grandchildren that they adore.



Herb and Susan joined Fort Worth Presbyterian in November 2018 after attending for approximately one year. From the first service they attended, they knew they had found a home at FWPC. Herb and Susan currently service through Communion clean-up. Both worked in Vacation Bible School in the summer of 2022. During the pandemic, Herb helped Susan with her responsibilities as hospitality co-chairperson for the Woman's Ministry. Both helped with receptions for several staff members. Susan has and continues to work in various capacities in the Women's Ministry.

Don and Judy Judd married for over 40 years Judy and Don have lived in Benbrook since 1990. Don was born in Texas and Judy in Indiana. After meeting in Lubbock, Texas, they lived in Olathe, Kansas, and Saudi Arabia before moving back to Texas to be close to Judy & Don's family. Receiving a B.S. from West Texas A&M, Don is retired as a software developer, where he enjoyed micro-biology and computer studies. Presently, he is working with Dowell & Beth Stackpole, Zachary & Brittany Smith, Andrew Peterson and some other friends in the Nashville, Tennessee, area on the Host and Artist website which permits people to host artist events in their homes. Judy and Don have five grown children, three sons and two daughters, all of whom grew up attending Fort Worth PCA.

At Fort Worth PCA, Don and Judy have been involved in



Sunday School as kindergarten teachers (where Judy currently works), together they work to provide meals and transportation generally looking out for those needing help in

the church. Judy and Don have hosted multiple events in their home or with Dowell & Beth. Don has worked with Terry Dorough and Robert Johnson as an usher and door greeter since around 2008. Both Don and Judy are pleased to serve where needed.

David and Tricia Welch were married 20 years ago after graduating together from SFA. David was born and raised in Fort Worth where he met his wife Tricia in his childhood church. They have 4 children, Elliott (15), Jude (12), Benjamin (10) and Hattie (6). Tricia is a NICU Nurse, and David is the Senior Developer & Designer for Bowling.com where he has worked for 22 years. After the death of David's father in 2006, the Welches moved back to Fort Worth to be closer to his mom,

Janet (also a member of FWPC) and joined the church.

David and Tricia have led several small groups. David has taught youth and adult Sunday School



classes, been on the Men's Ministry leadership team, led men's Bible studies, helped to plan and host the PCA Mercy Conference, done disaster relief in Houston and mission work in Juarez, was clerk of the Pulpit Committee that called Pastor Eggar, and most recently has served on the Ministry Evaluation Team. David was ordained as a deacon in 2014 and loves serving this church. His favorite part of being a deacon has been building relationships that remind people of their God-given dignity, helping them to remember the joy of their salvation, find their place to serve in the church, and grow in the likeness of Christ.

David loves NBA basketball (Go Mavs), reading fiction and theology, drawing, spending time with friends, dates with Tricia, getting silly with his kids, and his dog Weston.

Scott and Kenda Zink met at Georgia Tech and have been married 21 years, moving to Fort Worth shortly after their wedding in Kenda's hometown of Dallas, TX. They have 4 children, Adelaide (20), Reuben (18), Winston (15), and Oliver (12). Scott is an aeronautical engineer at Lockheed Martin, where he has been since 2001. Kenda has home-schooled their children and is now a math teacher at Christian Life Preparatory School.



The Zinks joined FWPCA in 2001. They love the Christ-centered preaching, rich biblical theology, and loving community of believers. They are grateful for the encouragement and blessing the church has been to their family.

Scott has led small groups, taught Sunday school and KIWI, participated in mission trips, and smoked pork and brisket for church picnics and variety shows (a special love of his). Scott is looking forward to serving the church, sharing in her joys and sorrows, and growing with her in the love of Christ and others.





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