

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.

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.



We don't make things happen. Things happen over and over again no matter what we do. We can't change them. We are moved from life by forces that are just as much outside of our control as were the forces that brought us into life. Our sandcastles never last.

- Jeffrey Meyers

*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

— January 1, 2023 —
Second Sunday of Christmas

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Gospel Greeting

Pastor: Christ is born!

People: Let us glorify him!

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

Pastor: Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Pastor: God is spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and Truth. Come, therefore, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker, who has shone his saving light to the nations.

From Psalm 67:3; John 4:24; and Psalm 95:6

† Hymn of Praise

We praise our glorious King

BE THOU MY VISION

Red Trinity Hymnal #642

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† Doxology

We respond in praise

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: Our God and Father, when we behold your Son, Jesus, we see your great love for us; for you sent your one and only Son into the world to die for sinners like us; so that whoever believes in him would have eternal life. Yet, our Father, our appetite for things of secondary or even of no importance fills our lives with longings that you never intended us to have. Our love and devotion to our possessions and our fleeting pleasures reveal again our true need of Jesus, our Lord. In this Christmas season, would you please give us Christ more and more. Fill our hearts with a desire to know him, to love him, to serve him, and to follow him. Give us his presence to guide us in wisdom, to give peace to our troubled souls, and to guard and protect our ways. Grant us your grace and favor in Christ that we might delight in your forgiveness. Amen.

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

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

† Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD;
though your sins be like scarlet, they shall be as white as
snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall become
like wool.

**All: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ: New Creation! The
old has passed away, behold, the new has come!**

† The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

*At this time, please greet those around you
with the peace of Christ.*

SING WE THE SONG OF EMMANUEL



1. Sing we the song of Em - man - u - el;
 2. Come we to wel - come Em - man - u - el;
 3. Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el;



this the Christ who was long fore - told.
 King who came with no crown or throne.
 joy and peace for the wear - y heart.



Lo in the shad - ows of Beth - le - hem,
 Help - less He lay, the in - vin - ci - ble,
 Lift up your heads, for your King has come;



prom - ise of dawn now our eyes be - hold.
 Ma - ker of Ma - ry, now Ma - ry's son.
 sing, for the light ov - er - whelms the dark.



God most high in a man - ger laid;
 O what wis - dom to save us all,
 Glo - ry shi - ning for all to see,



lift your voic - es and now pro - claim:
 shep - herds, sa - ges be - fore Him fall.
 hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring.



Great and glo - ri - ous, love has come to us.
 Grace and maj - es - ty, what hu - mil - i - ty.
 God has made a way, He will have the praise;

Join now with the hosts of
Come tell on the world His name is -

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2, 3 *Directly to "Gloria" last time*

Him.
sus.

Glo - ri - a, Glo -

- ri - a. Glo -

- ri - a, Glo - ri - a. To 3rd Verse

By Matt Boswell, Matt Papa,
Stuart Townsend, and Keith Getty

† Confession of Faith

We confess our faith together
The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: Christians, in whom do we believe:

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.*
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**While Jesus didn't literally descend to hell, he did endure the torment of hell on the cross and remained under the power of death until his resurrection.*

***universal*

Prayer of Intercession *(followed by silent prayer)* John Weiser

Common Prayer

Elder: 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.

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The Reading of the Word

Psalm 13

Pew Bible Page 453

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Eggar

HOPE IN LAMENT

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 sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the eighth staff.

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!

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.

Communion Songs

ALL THINGS NEW

Come, Lord, and tarry not;
Bring the long looked for day;
O why these years of waiting here,
These ages of decay?
Come, for Thy saints still wait;
Daily ascends their sigh;
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;"
Does Thou not hear our cry?

*O come and make all things new,
Come and make all things new.
O come and make all things new,
Build up this ruined earth,
Come and make all things new. All things new.*

Come, for creation groans,
Impatient of Thy stay,
Worn out with these long years of ill,
These ages of delay.
Come, for love waxes cold,
Its steps are faint and slow;
Faith now is lost in unbelief,
Hope's lamp burns dim and low.

Words by Horatius Bonar; Music by Clint Wells

COME TO THE FEAST

Go to the highways and hedges.
Go to the farthest of fields.
Go and compel the sick and the well
For our Father's house will be filled.

Go to the streets of the city.
Bring in the crippled and blind.
All who would taste this banquet of grace
Must come and waste no more time.

*Come to the feast, come to the table;
The great and the least, the rich and the poor.
Come to the feast, come to the table;
Come and hunger no more.*

In the robe of the Lamb you'll be covered,
Dressed in His pure righteousness.
For all of your guilt His blood it was spilt.
So come by your Father be blessed.

Words and music by Jeff Lawson
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JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior,
makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he my strength,
my vict'ry wins.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'er takes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910
HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.d.
Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

† Song of Sending

ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

(Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive?
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.

To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn. All glory be to Christ!

Refrain

*All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above;
Who is himself our daily bread, praise Him, the Lord of love.

Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price.
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

(Refrain)

When on that day the great I Am, the faithful and the true,
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.

Behold, our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er His people be, All glory be to Christ!

(Refrain)

Words by Dustin Kensrue

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† The Sending

The people of God are sent into the world

Pastor: Therefore, my dear family, be steadfast,
immovable, always abounding in the work of the
Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain!

All: With the Lord's help we will do this!

1 Corinthians 15:58

† The Blessing

God blesses his people as they go

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love
of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen!

Deacon of the Day

David Steed

Save the Date

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. **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.

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.

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.

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.



2023 Prayer Albums

- 👣 Asher Kemper Gron
- 👣 Nikolai Liam Paxton Smith
- 👣 Joseph Martyn Graber
- 👣 Ford Michael Foley
- 👣 Howard Andy Jordan
- 👣 Ethan Joel Jordan
- 👣 Rusty Daniel Williams

**SHOWER THE CHURCH'S NEWEST BABIES
WITH PRAYER & SCRIPTURE. PICK UP
CARDS ON THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TABLE TO
RETURN BEFORE WORSHIP ON JANUARY 22.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Steadfast

THE BOOK OF JAMES

Wednesdays, January 18-March 22

*Details and registration:
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.
- ❖ 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.

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