



FORT WORTH PRESBYTERIAN

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.



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.



The terror of the demons is the hope of the church, namely Jesus and his power to save.

- Dale Ralph Davis

*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.*

*Free Wi-Fi is available. Simply **choose the FWPCA** network on your device
by going to settings and selecting this network.*

† *Congregation standing*

Worship

— January 22, 2023 —

Third Sunday of Epiphany

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: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Pastor: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him, he remembers his covenant forever.

People: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

Psalms 111:1-6

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† Hymn of Praise

We praise our glorious King

PRaise, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN *Red Trinity Hymnal #76*

† Doxology

We respond in praise

MESSENGER



Praise and glo-ry to the Fa-ther, Praise and



glo - ry to the Son, Praise and glo - ry to the



Spi - rit, ev-er Three and ev-er One.

Music by Matt Boswell

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Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

All: Lord, you are our guide, yet we often lead ourselves. You are our King, yet we want to rule over ourselves. You are fullness, yet we look to ourselves and our idols to fill us up. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, and your love too free. But they are not! And so, we pray, heal our confused minds with your word. Heal our divided wills with your law; heal our troubled consciences with your love, and calm our anxious hearts with your presence, and all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

(Confess the ways you've let sin reign in your life)

Song of Confession

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

Red Trinity Hymnal #307

first verse and refrain

† Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon, giving you his full forgiveness.

Adapted from Isaiah 60:1

All: You, O Lord, will keep us; you will guard us forever.

From Psalm 12:7

† 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.*

† Song of Renewal

We rest in our Father's love

JESUS, I COME

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Words by William Sleeper; Music by Greg Thompson
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Prayer for Covenant Babies

Pastor Brandon

Asher Kemper Giron - Parents: Robert & Erin Giron

Nikolai Liam Pexton Smith - Parents: Steven & Rebekah Smith

Joseph Martyn Graber - Parents: Ben & Anna Graber

Ford Michael Foley - Parents: Mike & Betsey Foley

Howard Andy Jordan - Parents: Luke & Rachel Jordan

Ethan Joel Jordan - Parents: Sam & Patricia Jordan

Rusty Daniel Williams - Josh & Lauren Williams

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Brandon

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices together praying:

All: God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that for humanity's frailness we cannot always stand uprightly, so we pray – grant us health of body and soul, that all those things which we suffer for sin, by your help we may conquer though Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 wor ship where they may
come directly to you, or you may meet them at the back of the auditorium.*

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The Reading of the Word

Luke 8:26-39

Pew Bible –Page 865-66

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

JESUS ENCOUNTERS LEGION

Setting the Scene (v. 26)

The Demon-Possessed Man (vv. 27, 29-31)

The Powerful Transformation (vv. 28, 39-30)

The Strange Aftermath (vv. 34-39)

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the common theme of the story about Jesus calming the storm and this story? Name some ways this brings you comfort.
2. Recall your life before Christ stepped into it. How did your pre-Christian life reflect this man who was possessed by Legion?
3. Why did the people want Jesus to leave their territory? How is Jesus a disruptor to our lives and society?
4. Even when Jesus goes, he stays. How is this evident in the story? Where is Jesus, in your life, calling you to declare how much he's done for you? Are you following his call?

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 seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final staff 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.

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.

Communion Song

HEAL US EMMANUEL



Heal us, Em - man - uel, here we are.

We long to feel Thy touch.

Deep wound - ed souls to Thee we fly;

O, Sav - ior hear our _____ cry.

1. Our faith is fee - ble we con - fess,
 2. Re - mem - ber him who once ap - plied,
 3. She, too, who touched you in the press,
 4. Like her, with hopes and fears we come

We faint - ly trust Thy _____ word;
 with tremb - ling for re - lief;
 And heal - ing vir - tue _____ stole,
 to touch you if we _____ may;

But will you pi - ty us the less?
 "Lord, I be - lieve," with tears he cried;
 Was an - swered, "Daught - er, go in peace;
 O send us not de - spair - ing home;

Be that far from you, _____ Lord!
 "O help my un - be - lief!"
 thy faith has made thee _____ whole!"
 Send none un - healed a - - way.

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† Song of Sending

STREETS OF THE CITY

Lord, we stand in the shallows of all you have given,
Grateful for mercy yet hungry for more,
For the power of grace to go out from this place
To the ends of the earth.

We have praised you with passion and worshipped in wonder,
Thrilled by Your Spirit and fed by Your word.
Now to fully delight in the riches of Christ
We must go to the world.

*For you live in the streets of the city,
You stand with the weak and the needy,
You walk with homeless and hungry and poor.
And your hands are the hands I am lifting,
Your voice is the life I am living;
Your love longs to meet them, but how will they know,
Unless I am willing to go?*

Lord, where are you hungry and where are you thirsty,
Naked, imprisoned, with no one to care?
To give of our best to the poor and oppressed
Is to give back to You.
So cause us to see with the eyes of the Savior,
Give us a heart that will love as you love;
Courageous compassion in words and in action
Brings hope to the world.

*For you live in the streets of the city,
You stand with the weak and the needy,
You walk with homeless and hungry and poor.
And your hands are the hands I am lifting,
Your voice is the life I am living;
Your love longs to meet them, but how will they know,*

*That you live in the streets of the city,
You stand with the weak and the needy
You walk with homeless and hungry and poor.
And your hands are the hands I am lifting,
Your voice is the life I am living,
Without us there's no other way they will know,
So send me, I'm ready to go.*

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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

Andy Warren – TODAY

Pete Cansick – January 29

Chris Jordan – February 5

Save the Date

Jan 22, 11:30 am - GAP Parent Prayer Time

Feb 1 — The Fort Youth Large Group resumes

Feb 5 — Annual Women's Luncheon

March 24-26 — Women's Spring Retreat

April 28-29 — Men's Retreat

Information & Events

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

Christian Formation Classes on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. including two new adult classes. **FWPC 101** is 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** is considering 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.

Mission Trip: Immediately following worship TODAY, there will be a meeting in the Lecture Hall about the mission trip planned to Juarez, Mexico, from July 22-29, and West Africa this fall. We will discuss the trip details, cost, and what to expect. Come join the team! See Steve Fults for information.

Find Refreshment in a Zoom Prayer Meeting: Thursday at 12:00 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.

Greeter Team & Coffee Cleanup Crew: If you are interested in serving on the Greeter Team, welcoming guests as they arrive, please contact Anne Santana at 817-874-4001 or asimple1@gmail.com. Additional help is also needed to clean up the coffee set up in the Fellowship Hall following worship. If you could join this crew's rotation, please contact Kris Keffer at 682-429-2029 or kris.keffer@gmail.com.

Information & Events

Join the choir as we prepare for Easter services at FWPCA! Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. from February 16-March 30, excluding Spring Break, March 16. (If you are interested in joining the choir, send an email to justin@fortworthpca.org.)

Men's Book Study: Join us to discuss Jeff Haanen's book *An Uncommon Guide to Retirement* Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m., or Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Both groups begin this week in the Lecture Hall and run for 10 weeks. This book is about gaining a reformed view of all stages of life - don't let the word retirement scare you. Sign up on the Fellowship Hall table, and get your book or ebook in advance to prepare for discussing chapter 1 the first week. We will also have a few available for purchase at the initial discussion groups. Questions or want to sign up digitally? Contact Chris Jordan at cjordan@cavi.com or 817-271-0150.

Spring at

Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 pm - Youth Game Night at the Thoms

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Feb 1-Apr 26 - Youth Group
friends, food, fellowship, large group lesson, small group discussions

Sundays, 9:00 am, through May 28 - Christian Formation Classes
Confronting Christianity in the Modern World
HS - Room 203 with Travis | MS - Room 203 with JD

Friday, February 24 - Deposit deadline for RYM Summer Conference
Friday, March 24 - Full Payment deadline for RYM Summer Conference



HS FL2

tym registration



MS TX

Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? thefort@fortworthpca.org | [@thefort_fwpc](https://www.instagram.com/thefort_fwpc)



Women's Spring Retreat

DFW Hilton Lakes, Grapevine | March 24-26
with Chris Gordon on
Jesus' Fierce and Tender Love for Women



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Steadfast

THE BOOK OF JAMES

Wednesdays, January 18-March 22

Details and registration:
fortworthpca.org/biblestudy

Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2022-May 2023

June - December	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	811,137	803,151
General Fund Expenses YTD	766,628	693,047
How we're doing YTD	44,510	114,632

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the first seven months of our fiscal year, our giving is \$44,510 more than our expenses. This is \$70,122 less than last year. As of December 31, we have \$311,339 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports Jason & Lydia Sommerlad with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

- ❖ 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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Women's Luncheon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 11:30 AM



We'll discuss the direction of women's ministry for the next year and nominate new leadership. Are you looking for a place to serve our church but don't quite know where to plug in? Do you know of someone who would be great in the leadership of our women's ministry?

We need to hear from you!



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.

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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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