



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.

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Therefore, the hope of the world lies in the servant of the Lord, the delight of God, the quiet healer, the man for others who wields the only true power that exists — the power to reorder human civilization not by bullying but by suffering, not by imposing demands on us but by absorbing our sins and miseries into himself. And the furthest coastlands will not dread his approach; they will wait eagerly for his law. This is Jesus.

— Ray Ortlund

The front of the bulletin and the color of the minister's stole is currently green, which signifies that this is the season of Epiphany - the season when the Church has historically remembered that the one Lord Jesus was revealed to all the nations for salvation.

*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 8, 2023 —
First Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

The Gospel Greeting

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

People: Thanks be to God!

† The Call to Worship

God calls His people to worship

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

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

Pastor: The Lord is good to all;

People: And his mercy is over all that he has made.

Pastor: Oh, give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name, make
known his deeds among the peoples!

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of his wondrous
works!**

Pastor: Glory in his holy name, let the hearts of those who seek
the LORD rejoice!

From Psalm 145:9; Psalm 105:1-3

† Hymn of Praise

We praise our glorious King

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE *Red Trinity Hymnal #38*

† Invocation

We seek the Lord's presence among us

† Doxology

We respond in praise

ALL CREATURES

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: Lord, we come confessing that when we were slaves to sin,
we let sin reign in our mortal bodies, to make them obey
their various passions.

All: But the fruit we were getting at that time was from things
of which we are now ashamed.

Pastor: The end of those things is death. But now we have been
set free from sin and become your slaves.

All: And the fruit we now get leads to sanctification and
abundant life.

Pastor: Do not present your members to sin as instruments for
unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those
who have been brought from death to life, and your
members to God as instruments for righteousness.

All: Sin is no longer our master, since we are not under the law but under grace.

From Romans 6:12-23

Silent Confession

We acknowledge our sin

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

Song of Confession

LORD HAVE MERCY (FOR WHAT WE HAVE DONE)

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the staff. The lyrics are: "Lord have mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy on us. Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on us. For what we have done and left un-done, we fall on Your count - less mer - cies. For sins that are known and those un - known, we call on Your name so ho - ly. For en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes, for scorn - ing our ver - y neigh - bor. In". The score consists of ten staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the staff. The score ends with a double bar line on the tenth staff.

Lord have mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy
on us. Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,
Lord have mer - cy on us.
For what we have done and left un-done, we
fall on Your count - less mer - cies. For
sins that are known and those un - known, we
call on Your name so ho - ly. For
en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes, for
scorn - ing our ver - y neigh - bor. In

thought word and deed we've failed You our King; how

deep - ly we need a Sav - ior.

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy

on us. Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,

Lord have mer - cy on us.

† Assurance of Pardon

We rest in the mercy of God

Pastor: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his Beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

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.*

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save;
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied –
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious Day
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory sin's
curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Words: Stuart Townend Music: Keith Getty

Pastor: Christians, who is the Lord Jesus?

All: The Lord Jesus is the Beloved Son of God, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the Invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

From Colossians 1:14-20

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices together praying:

All: Lord, we ask you mercifully to receive the prayers of those who call upon you; and grant that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also have the grace and power to do them in the name of Jesus. 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.

DEATH WAS ARRESTED

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Refrain

*Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You*

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began *Refrain*

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began *Refrain*

Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began
When death was arrested and my life began
When death was arrested and my life began

The Reading of the Word

Isaiah 42:1-9
Pew Bible Page 602

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Rev. Ben Graber

JESUS' CALLING

A Calling to Bring Justice

A Calling to Show Mercy

A Calling to Do God's Work

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What keeps you going in the face of difficulties at work, at home, or in other areas of life? Is it a sense that God has called you to these things, or is it something else?
2. How do we see Jesus in his life and ministry fulfilling the calling in today's text? How can his mission to bring justice give you comfort and encouragement?
3. Where do you see the need to be a witness to God's justice in your family, workplace, or citizenship? Where might you need to be a witness to His mercy? What would this look like?
4. How can you have confidence that God delights in you like He does in His Servant Jesus?

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 eight 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.

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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

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED



Hail to the Lord's a-noint-ed, great Da-vid's
great-er Son! Hail in the time ap-point-ed,
His reign on earth be-gun!
His reign on earth be-gun!
1.He comes to break op-pres-sion,
2.He comes with com-fort speed-y
3.To give them songs for sigh-ing,
to set the cap-tive free;
to those who suf-fer wrong;
their dark-ness turn to light,
To take a-way trans-gres-sion
to help the poor and need-y,
Whose soul, con-demned and dy-ing,
and rule in eq-ui-ty.
and bid the weak be strong.
were pre-cious in his sight.

Text: James Montgomery, 1821 | Music: Sandra McCracken, 2012

† 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

Dowell Stackpole

Save the Date

Feb 1 — 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 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.

Information & Events

Men's Book Study: We will be discussing Jeff Haanen's book *An Uncommon Guide to Retirement* for 10-weeks beginning January 24-26. This book is about gaining a reformed view of all stages of life. There will be one morning group and one evening group at FWPC. Potential group discussion times are Tuesday or Wednesday at 6:30 a.m., and Wednesday or Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Sign up on the Fellowship Hall table, and specify which day works best for you. Get your book or e-book in advance and be prepared to discuss 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@eavi.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 | [@the_fort_fwpc](https://www.instagram.com/the_fort_fwpc)



2023 Prayer Albums



Asher Kemper Gron



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**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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