

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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Jesus doesn't issue his call to follow him for a season, but for a lifetime. Service in his Kingdom begins at the moment we receive him and continues until he calls us home or returns.

- Darrell Bock

The front of the bulletin and the color of the minister's stole is currently purple, which signifies the season of Lent – the season when the Church intentionally remembers Christ's temptation in the wilderness and his sacrificial death on the cross

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Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.

Hearing Assistive Devices (FM Receivers) are at the back sound booth.

† *Congregation standing*

Order of the Worship of God

—February 26, 2023—

First Sunday in Lent

Welcome & Announcements

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

†Song of Entrance

COME YE SINNERS POOR AND NEEDY

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COME YE SINNERS POOR AND NEEDY

Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y,
 Come, ye thir - sty, — come and wel - come
 Come, ye wea - ry — hea - vy la - den
 Weak and wound - ed, — sick and sore;
 God's free boun - ty — glo - ri - fy
 Lost and ru - ined — by the fall
 Je - sus read - y stands to save — you,
 True be - lief — and true re - pen - tance
 If you ta - rry 'til you're bet - ter
 Full of pi - ty, — love and pow'r.
 Ev - 'ry grace that — brings you nigh all
 You will nev - er — come at all
 I will a - rise and — go to Je - sus,
 He will em - brace me — in His arms;
 In the arms of my dear Sa - vior,
 O there are — ten — thou - sand charms.

†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

Pastor: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way; and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

People: **Let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.**

Pastor: For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice; the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings, says the Lord.

From Isaiah 55 & Hosea 6

† Song of Entrance continued

COME YE SINNERS POOR AND NEEDY

View Him prostrate in the garden
On the ground your Maker lies
On the bloody tree behold Him
Sinner will this not suffice

Lo the incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude

*I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
O there are ten thousand charms*

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† Invocation

† Doxology

Red Trinity Hymnal #731
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen

Confession of Sin

We turn from our sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

All: O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to your servant. Yes, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my sister or brother, for You are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

A Prayer from St. Ephraim the Syrian

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple, consisting of quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score is divided into four lines of music. The first line ends with a semicolon. The second line ends with a comma. The third line ends with a semicolon. The fourth line ends with a double bar line. The time signature changes to 2/4 for the final measure of the fourth line, which then returns to 4/4 for the final measure.

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;
Lord, have mer - cy on me;
Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;
Lord, have mer - cy on — me.

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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

From 1 John 1:9

† 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

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.

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Prayer of Intercession

Scott Wade

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Make speed to help your servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; let each one of us find You to be mighty to deliver, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Morning Offering & KIWI Release

*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.

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LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Luke 9:51-62

Pew Bible –Page 868

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Pastor Brandon

JOURNEYING TO JERUSALEM

Introduction

The Resolve of Jesus (v. 51)

The Rejection of Jesus (vv. 52-56)

The Rigor of Following Jesus (vv. 57-62)

Discussion Questions:

1. Why does Luke, when describing Jesus' resolve to go to Jerusalem, focus on his ascension? How is this good news for us?
2. How do you respond to people and a culture that rejects Jesus? Would you describe yourself as culturally afraid or even angry? According to this passage, how would Jesus respond to your cultural fear and/or anger? How does his resolve calm our anxious hearts?
3. If you could sum up the rigor of following Jesus that's described in verses 57-62 in one sentence what would that sentence say? Does this sentence describe your functional understanding of discipleship?
4. Spend time praying that God would open your eyes to the wonder of Jesus' resolve to have you as his own. Then write down some specific areas where you need to resolve to make him first in your heart?

FEASTING AT GOD'S TABLE

The Celebration of Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

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Prayer of Consecration

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,
Gluten/ Dairy free wafers are individually wrapped)*

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.”

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

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

Words: vv. 1-2 Ada Habershon (1861-1918)
New words (v.3), and music: Matthew Merker

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

JESUS I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN



1. Je - sus I my cross have ta - ken,
2. Let the world de - spise and leave me
3. Man may trou - ble and di - stress me,
4. Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure,



All to leave and fol - low Thee
 They have left my sa - vior too
 Twill but drive me to thy breast
 Come di - sa - ster, scorn and pain



Des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sa - ken
 Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me,
 Life with tri - als hard may press me,
 In Thy ser - vice, pain is plea - sure,



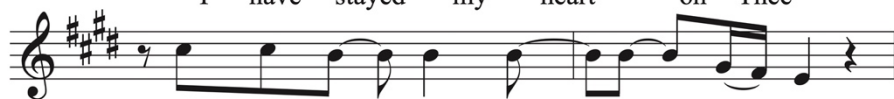
Thou from hence my all shalt be
 Thou art not like them un - true
 Heaven will bring me sweet - er rest
 With Thy fa - vor, loss is gain



Per - ish ev - ery fond am - bi - tion,
 Oh while thou dost smile u - pon me,
 Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me,
 I have called Thee A - bba fa - ther,



All I've sought or hoped or known
God of wis - dom, love and might
While thy love is left to me
I have stayed my heart on Thee



Yet how rich is my con - di - tion,
Foes may hate and friends dis - own me,
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Storms may howl, and clouds may ga - ther;



God and heaven are still my own
Show thy face and all is bright
Were that joy un - mixed with thee
All must work for good to me

5. Soul then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine

6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal day's before thee,
God's own hand shall guide thee there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

† The Sending

Pastor: Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

All: Amen!

2 Corinthians 7:1

† The Blessing

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my dear family.

People: Amen!

Galatians 6:18

Deacon of the Day

Daniel Sneed – TODAY

Dowell Stackpole – March 5

Johnny Tassin – March 12

Save the Date

April 6, 6:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Service

April 7, 6:30 pm – Good Friday Service

April 9, 10:00 am – Easter Service (no 9am classes)

April 28-29 - Men's Retreat

May 6, 8:30 am - Garage Sale

May 7, 4:00 pm - Church Picnic

June 26-30 - Vacation Bible School

July 10-15 - HS RYM Summer Conference

July 22-29 - Mission Trip to Juarez

Aug 2-6 - MS RYM Summer Conference

Information & Events

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

Lent Resources: Lenten Guides are available on the Fellowship Hall table to guide your family devotion time. You will also find a list of recommended playlists, albums, devotionals and books at fortworthpca.org/lent.

Beginning March 5, Christian Formation Classes on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. include four adult options: **Young Adults** in Room 201 with Collin Ryan and friends, **Christianity Explored** in Room 205 with Don and Judy Judd, **Exploring the Gospels** with Bob Schwartzbeck in Room 207, and **Pastor's Q&A** with Brandon Eggar in the Lecture Hall.

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.)

Theological Vision: A printed copy of the new Theological Vision of Fort Worth Presbyterian is available on the Fellowship Hall table. Members may also reference the past week's email for a digital copy. The Theological Vision was approved by the Session in December and is currently being discussed at the staff and ministry levels for implementation and creation of ministry-specific mission statements.

Information & Events

The School of Christian Growth will be taught by Brandon Eggar on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 205, March 8-May 24 (no class Spring Break or Holy Week). It will focus our understanding of the church as the place where Christians grow in Christlikeness. We will take a brief look at the history of the church, then the origin and structure of the church, followed by the worship and life of the church. All are invited to attend this 10-session series, and it is a requirement for future officers. RSVP at fortworthpca.org/adult.

Winter Crates for Ukraine: FWPC has partnered with Trinity Presbyterian to help them fill basic care crates to send to MTW's team in Lviv, Ukraine. The Lviv team is distributing aid to those in need across Ukraine. You can donate a monetary gift or purchase supplies to place in the fellowship hall box by Sunday, February 19. Visit fortworthpca.org/crates for links and details.

Rosana Eckert & Jeff Gardner Live in Concert: Join us for an unforgettable Sunday evening on March 26 as Fort Worth Presbyterian and Host & Artist present a Brazilian jazz concert featuring the incredible vocalist Rosana Eckert and pianist Jeff Gardner. The duo will be accompanied by talented bassist Brian Warthen and drummer Steve Barnes. This concert promises to transport you to the heart of Brazil with its infectious rhythms and beautiful melodies. Don't miss this chance to experience world-class music in the heart of Fort Worth, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Spring at

Sundays, 9:00 am - Christian Formation Classes

Confronting Christianity in the Modern World

HS - Room 203 with Travis | MS - Room 203 with JD

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Feb 1-Apr 26 - Youth Group

friends, food, fellowship, large group lesson, small group discussions

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

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





VARIETY SHOW & *Silent Auction*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

BRISKET DINNER - 5:00-6:00

SILENT AUCTION - 5:00-6:30

VARIETY SHOW - 6:30-7:30

BENEFITS MEXICO AND AFRICA MISSION TRIPS



**DINNER TICKETS
\$10 (\$5 KIDS)**



**PREVIEW AUCTION
ITEMS**

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church

By God's grace and all for his glory, Fort Worth Presbyterian Church exists to gather for biblically saturated worship, grow together in the life of the gospel, and go out to bear witness to the reign of Christ in all things.

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