

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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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.

The mourners are those who have caught a glimpse of God's new day, who ache with all their being for that day's coming, and who break out into tears when confronted with its absence...Such people Jesus blesses; he hails them, he salutes them. And he gives them the promise that the new day for whose absence they ache will come. They will be comforted.

Nicholas Wolterstorff

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† Congregation standing

Order of the Worship of God

— April 2, 2023 —

Palm Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Pastor: The LORD, in cleansing His people in Christ
says to us, “These are my people.”

People: And we in return say, “The LORD is our God.”

Adapted from Zechariah 13:9

†The Call to Worship

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O
Daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to
you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and
mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**People: He shall speak peace to the nations, his rule shall
be from sea to sea, from the River Euphrates to
the end of the earth.**

Pastor: For how great is his goodness, and how great is his
beauty! Save us, we pray, O LORD! Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the LORD!

From Zechariah 9 and Psalm 118

† Song of Praise

ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

Red Trinity Hymnal #235

† Invocation

† Doxology

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!

(Parents, please remain standing until children return to you)

Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

People: O Lord, as we journey through this Holy Week, remind us that sin has reduced us to garbage. It has ground us down again to the red dust of death; and because of sin, Your image in us has been defaced and discarded. Yet, in reminding us of this, help us to see Your Son, Your true Image, going to the place of the skull for us; to the dunghill where he was willingly staked on a tree that we who lie in death might be forgiven and free. There he cried, "It is finished," but these words were no ending, but our true beginning. In him, help us to live as people who more and more are finished with our sin, because we have been embraced by him.

- Inspired by the poem "Golgotha" by John Heath-Stubbs

Silent Confession

† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

John 3:16-17 and Psalm 51:10

† 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

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more *Chorus*

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Question #1

Pastor Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

All: 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.

Kingdom Prayer

Scott Hames

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Almighty and Ever-living Father, in your tender love for humanity, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon him our human nature and suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection for your glory's sake.

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.*

QR Code for online giving



LORD FROM SORROWS DEEP I CALL

Lord from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall
Hear my desperation
For so long I've pled and prayed
God come to my rescue
Even so the thorn remains
Still my heart will praise You

Storms within my troubled soul
Questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll
God be now my shelter
Why are you cast down my soul
Hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold
Cause this heart to praise You

Should my life be torn from me
Every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief
God be then my treasure
Be my vision in the night
Be my hope and refuge
'Til my faith is turned to sight
Lord my heart will praise You

Oh my soul put your hope in God
My help my rock I will praise Him
Sing oh sing through the raging storm
You're still my God my salvation

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LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Luke 19:28-40

Pew Bible –Page 878-879

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Pastor Brandon

A ROYAL ENTRY

Introduction

Who Is Jesus?

What Has Jesus Come to Do?

How Should We Respond?

Discussion Questions:

1. According to this passage and the OT Scriptures (Zech. 9; 2 Kings 9:13; Ps. 118:28) that inform it, what sort of King is Jesus? How does this bring you comfort?
2. How do the two songs of Luke (2:14 and 19:28) tell the story of the gospel? How do you sing these songs practically in your life?
3. How can Jesus be both a King and lamb? Why does this matter?
4. What three responses are given to Jesus in this passage? Which one is your response ?
5. Spend some time pondering how you can travel through Holy Week intentionally and prayerfully.

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)*

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

LOVE STILL BIDS YOU WELCOME

O God of grace how often have I grieved thee
How seldom have I sung Thy praise
and little do I know how much I need Thee
and time again I turn away

For how my heart is hard and unbelieving
for all I've done and left undone
Your love is not reluctant to receive me
my soul draws back but love says, "come"

Refrain

*He will not cast you out, He will not cast you out
Whoever enters in, will forever dwell with him
Draw near, faint heart, draw near
Love still bids you welcome here*

Oh Father when I sin against my neighbor
I turn away your very Son
who died to call us friends when we were strangers
and says to ev'ry sinner "come" (*Refrain*)

Oh Lord of light you call us out of darkness
To turn aside from sin and live
and prodigals we come to you for pardon
Oh Abba Father take us in (*Refrain*)

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ABIDE WITH ME

Red Trinity Hymnal #402

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 to 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 was spilt
So come by your Father be blessed

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

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GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

IS HE WORTHY

[Women]:

Do you feel the world is broken?

Do you feel the shadows deepen?

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light
from getting through?

Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

[Men]:

We do.

We do.

We do.

We do.

[Men]:

Is all creation groaning?

Is a new creation coming?

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

[Women]:

It is.

It is.

It is.

It is.

[All]: Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is he worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us?

He does.

Does the Spirit move among us?

He does.

And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those he loves?

He does.

Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
he has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is. He is.

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†The Sending

Pastor: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

All: Amen!

2 Corinthians 5:21

† The Blessing

Pastor: May the God of all grace who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever.

People: Amen!

1 Peter 5:10-11

Deacon of the Day

Herb Haertner – TODAY

Chris Jordan – April 9

Randy Shannon – April 16

Save the Date

April 5 – Day of Fasting and Prayer

April 9 – No 9am Christian Formation Classes

May 6, 8:00 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.

Day of Fasting & Prayer: We have designated this Wednesday, April 5, as a day of Fasting & Prayer for FWPC. You may sign up for text alerts with prayer prompts throughout the day using the QR code. Those who requested text alerts for Ash Wednesday are already automatically signed up for April 5; there is no need to sign up again.



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.

Christian Formation Classes on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. include four adult options: **Young Adults** in Room 201 with Collin and Haddon Ryan, **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.

The School of Christian Growth: The class is 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 focuses 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.

Information & Events

Getting to the Heart of Emotions in Parenting: Join us for a free seminar with licensed professional counselor Rachel Vendsel on Thursday, April 20, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the FWPC Lecture Hall. Sometimes our kids can have big emotions that feel overwhelming and out of control, both for them and for us! Whether these emotional challenges are the result of normal ups and downs in childhood development, or other concerns, there is gospel hope for parents who seek to train and nurture our children towards maturity. We will consider what Scripture has to teach us about the purpose and nature of emotions and suggest some practical skills and tools for parenting. Childcare is available through 4th grade when requested by April 1st. RSVP using the QR code.



Well-Watered Garden Project: A Well-Watered Garden is a simple, productive garden that enables anyone to grow their own food while glorifying God. The foundation of the WWG Project is Jesus' heart for the poor and a desire to see the hungry fed and the hurting given hope. The term comes from Isaiah 58:11 where those who spend themselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed will be like a "well-watered garden." Such a garden will be planted on the grounds of FWPC on **Saturday, April 22**, at 9:00 a.m., and 10 volunteers are needed to help. If you are interested in being trained in this program, gardening, and teaching our neighborhood to participate, contact Andy Warren at 817-614-3243 or awarrenrpm@icloud.com.



Fort Worth Presbyterian Church

Holy Week

Day of Fasting & Prayer

April 5

Maundy Thursday Service

April 6, 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service

April 7, 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service

April 9, 10:00 a.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 groups

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

FWPC MEN'S RETREAT

APRIL 28-29, 2023



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Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2022-May 2023

June – February	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	969,179	949,750
General Fund Expenses YTD	979,326	873,646
How we're doing YTD	-10,147	76,104

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the first nine months of our fiscal year, our giving is -\$10,147 less than our expenses. That is \$86,251 less than last year. As of February 28, we have \$256,682 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports African American Ministries through our denomination's work of Mission to North America.

- ❖ 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, 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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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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