

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 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 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.

To forgive 'without limit' is not extraordinary; rather, it is simply part of the daily life of those whose lives are now reoriented around the merciful God who has forgiven us in Christ.

- Joel B. Green

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† Congregation standing

Order of the Worship of God

— March 19, 2023 —

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Pastor: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

People: Let us open our mouths wide, and He will fill them.

Adapted from Psalm 81:10

†The Call to Worship

Pastor: Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted among the earth!

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

From Psalm 46

† Song of Praise

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

Chorus

*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 *Chorus*

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 *Chorus*

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 (*Repeat*)

When death was arrested and my life began
When death was arrested and my life began

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† Invocation

† Doxology

Red Trinity Hymnal #735

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now 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.

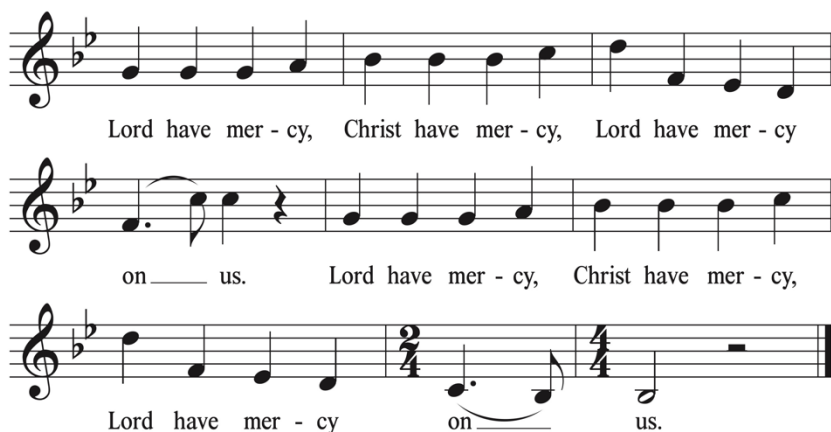
A Prayer from St. Ephraim the Syrian

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

LORD HAVE MERCY (FOR WHAT WE HAVE DONE)

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. _____



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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for all, how will he not also with Him graciously give us all things?

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

Romans 8:31-32 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

I AM NOT MY OWN

1. The One Who made the heav - ens made my heart and soul; be -
 2. My bod - y is a tem - ple of the Liv - ing God. I'll
 3. And if He has re - deemed me, I am not my own. The
 4. I am not my own and now my heart is free. Oh

fore I drew a breath, I was loved and known.
 wor - ship in this house that His blood has bought.
 mea - sure of my worth is His love a - lone.
 Mak - er, come and make what You will of me.

I am His cre - a - tion, the Mak - er's mas - ter - piece, and
 As I bear His im - age, oh may I not pro - fane the
 He de - clares my stand - ing, and He de - clares my state. So,
 There is noth - ing bro - ken that You can - not re - pair, so

1. all that He de - signs will be done in me. I be -
 ho - li - ness I hold in this earth - ly frame.
 I will know my - self by the name he gave.
 Lord, I leave my life in Your lov - ing care.

2, 3, 4.

long to the Lord, oh I am not my own. I be - long to the Lord; I am

not my own. I will hon - or Him, for this I know, I be -

long to the Lord; I am not my own.

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Pastor: Let us now confess our common faith:

All: I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead; his eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to listen to my need. The wisdom of my God to give me speech, His heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in the hearts of all who love me, Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the strong Name of the Holy Trinity; the Three in One, and One in Three, of whom all nature has creation – Eternal Father, Word, and Spirit.

Praise the Lord of my salvation! Salvation is of Christ the Lord!

From the Breastplate of St. Patrick

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Bandon

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: O Almighty God, who alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful humanity: Grant unto us Your people that we would love the things that You have commanded, and desire that which You have promised; so that our hearts may be fixed on Your Son who is our life and joy. 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 17:1-10
Pew Bible –Page 876

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon (*Notes Continued on page 11*)

Pastor Brandon

THREE LESSONS FOR DISCIPLES

Introduction

Take Sin and Forgiveness Seriously (vv. 1-4)

Exercise Faith Intentionally (vv. 5-6)

Serving Humbly (vv. 7-10)

Discussion Questions:

1. Why does it matter that Jesus directs his teaching in this passage to disciples?
2. If you began to pay attention to yourself (v. 3) what particular sins might the Lord shine his light on?
3. Who in your life is the Lord calling you to forgive? What's keeping you from extending it?
4. What matters more, the size of our faith or the object of our faith? How can the sort of faith Jesus describes in verses 5-6 actually remove mulberry trees? What 'mulberry trees' need to be removed in your life and possibly in our church?
5. What do you think about Jesus' focus on Christian duty in verse 10? How does the cross shape our sense of duty to Christ?

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

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

Red Trinity Hymnal #691

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Hymn of Sending

BE THOU MY VISION

Red Trinity Hymnal #642

† 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: 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

Andy Warren – March 19

Pete Cansick – March 26

Herb Haertner – April 2

Save the Date

April 5 – Day of Fasting and Prayer

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)

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.

Mission Team Meeting TODAY! Immediately following worship there will be a meeting in the Lecture Hall about the mission trip planned to Juarez, Mexico, from July 22-29, 2023. See Steve Fults for information.

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 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.

The School of Christian Growth: The class 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.

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.

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)

FWPC MEN'S RETREAT

APRIL 28-29, 2023



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MARCH 26TH

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JOINED BY BRIAN WARTHEN ON BASS AND STEVE BARNES ON DRUMS



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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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