

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



April 23, 2023

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 robe is currently gold and white, which signifies the Easter season - the season when the Church celebrates Christ's glory and triumph over death which was demonstrated in his resurrection.

The risen Jesus offers no new visions from heaven or mysteries from beyond the grave, but instead focuses on the patient exposition of Israel's Scriptures (the Old Testament).

- RWL Moberly

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† Congregation standing

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Order of the Worship of God

— April 23, 2023 —

Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† 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: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King forever.

All: May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

From Psalm 29

† Song of Praise

WORSHIP CHRIST, THE RISEN KING

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:

"Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r;
all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.

He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
but the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.

He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;
sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

† Invocation

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.

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Confession of Sin

Pastor: Thus says the LORD who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of contrite and lowly spirit, and to revive the heart of the contrite. Let us now confess our sins together.

All: **O Lord, we confess to You that our transgression speaks deep in our hearts, so that we do not reverence You as our good Father and, in turn, we cease to act wisely and do good. Cleanse us of our foolishness and set us once again on Your way that is good, right, and beautiful.**

From Psalm 36

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

LORD HAVE MERCY

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: For with You is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

All: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ: New Creation! The old has passed away, behold, the new has come!

Psalm 36:9 and 2 Corinthians 5:17

† 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

THY MERCY, MY GOD

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Apostle's Creed

Pastor: Christian, what do we believe about Jesus Christ?

All: He is the Son through whom the Father has spoken salvation. He is the One in whom the Father appointed the heir of all things, and through whom He created the world. He is radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

From Hebrews 1:2-4

Prayer of Intercession

David Welch

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: O God, whose blessed Son made Himself known to His disciples in the breaking of the bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold Him in all his redeeming work. 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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CHRIST IS RISEN

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely You've bled for us

Chorus

*Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave*

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim *Chorus*

O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night
Singing O death where is your sting

O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
Our God is not dead He's alive He's alive *Chorus*

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LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Luke 24:36-49

[36] As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” [37] But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.³⁸ And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? [39] See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” [40] And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. [41] And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” [42] They gave him a piece of broiled fish, [43] and he took it and ate before them. [44] Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” [45] Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, [46] and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, [47] and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. [48] You are witnesses of these things. [49] And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Nate Waddell, RUF Campus Minister at UTA

EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED

Jesus is raised from death

Time of witness and rescue begins

Discussion Questions:

1. Why does it matter that Jesus is human and that his resurrection is physical? What does this imply about creation?
2. How does it shape our faith to know that Jesus grounds his death, resurrection, forgiveness and mission in the Scriptures?
3. What encouragements can we take away from seeing the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan here and throughout history?

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

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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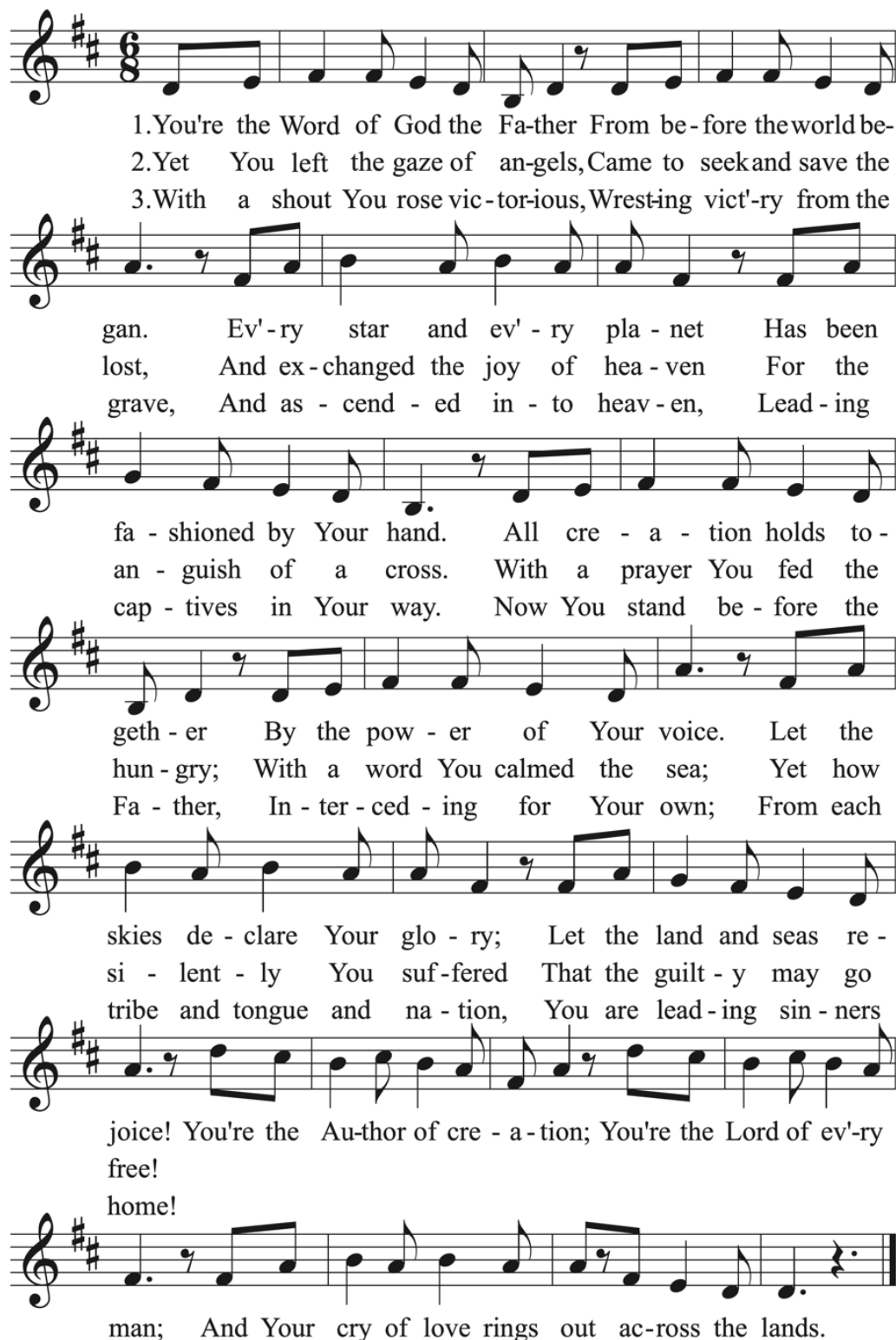
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GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

ACROSS THE LANDS



1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther From be-fore the world be-
2. Yet You left the gaze of an-gels, Came to seek and save the
3. With a shout You rose vic-tor-ious, Wresting vict'-ry from the

gan. Ev'-ry star and ev'-ry pla-net Has been
lost, And ex-changed the joy of hea-ven For the
grave, And as-cend-ed in-to heav-en, Lead-ing

fa-shioned by Your hand. All cre-a-tion holds to-
an-guish of a cross. With a prayer You fed the
cap-tives in Your way. Now You stand be-fore the

geth-er By the pow-er of Your voice. Let the
hun-gry; With a word You calmed the sea; Yet how
Fa-ther, In-ter-ced-ing for Your own; From each

skies de-clare Your glo-ry; Let the land and seas re-
si-lent-ly You suf-fered That the guilt-y may go
tribe and tongue and na-tion, You are lead-ing sin-ners

joice! You're the Au-thor of cre-a-tion; You're the Lord of ev'-ry
free!
home!

man; And Your cry of love rings out ac-ross the lands.

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† The Sending

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: Thanks be to God!

1 Corinthians 15:58

† The Blessing

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Go forth in the power of Jesus' resurrection!

Hebrews 13:20-21

Deacon of the Day

Dowell Stackpole – Today

Daniel Sneed – April 30

Herb Haertner – April 16

Save the Date

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May 19-20 – New Members Class

June 26-30 – Vacation Bible School

Information & Events

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

Resurrection Prayer: Guides are available on the fellowship hall table to guide your family devotion time during the liturgical season of Easter (from today to Pentecost Sunday).

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.

FWPC101, May 19 & 20: Learn about FWPC's vision, purpose, ministries, service opportunities, fellowship opportunities, membership, and more. This Class will be led by Pastor Brandon on May 19th, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Lecture Hall (dinner will be provided) and May 20th, 8:30am-12pm (continental breakfast will be served). Nursery is available UPON REQUEST. Sign up at fortworthpca.org/adult

Arlene Kuchem (88), mother of Doug Kuchem, went home to be with the Lord earlier this week. Her funeral service was on Friday, April 21 in Missouri. Thank you to all who have reached out and have prayed for the family during this time.

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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APRIL 10-30 IN ROOM 113.

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PROCEEDS BENEFIT 2023 MISSION TRIPS.



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A vibrant yellow background with various food and picnic-related illustrations. In the top left is a slice of watermelon. In the top right is a small blue icon of a cross. In the center, the text "FWPC" is in red, "Neighborhood" is in a white script font, and "CHURCH PICNIC" is in large red block letters. Below this, a blue circle with "4-7 PM" is next to a red banner that says "SUNDAY, MAY 7". To the right of the banner is a hot dog in a bun with a red condiment bottle above it. In the bottom left is a burger, and in the bottom right is an ice cream cone. A white fork is on the left side.

FWPC
Neighborhood
**CHURCH
PICNIC**

4-7 PM **SUNDAY, MAY 7**

BRING THE *whole* family FOR FREE FOOD AND FUN ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS.

**FELLOWSHIP | GAMES | BOUNCE HOUSE | SUPER SLIDE
OBSTACLE COURSE AND MORE!**

The church is providing burgers, hot dogs, toppings, beverages, and frozen treats.
If your last name begins with **A-K**, please bring a side dish. Last names **L-Z**,
please bring a salad. Have lawn chairs? Bring those, too!

Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2022-May 2023

June – February	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	1,089,622	1,057,426
General Fund Expenses YTD	1,094,177	971,327
How we're doing YTD	-4,554	92,210

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the first ten months of our fiscal year, our giving is -\$4,554 less than our expenses. That is \$96,764 less than last year. As of March 31, we have \$262,275 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports Hispanic 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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