

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



April 30, 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.

God has visited His people; not in the sense of paying us a social visit; but in the old biblical sense, where this phrase was used to refer to God 'visiting' Israel at the time of the Exodus and other great events. It means, 'God has come near to us, to save and rescue us.' It means, 'This is the time we've been waiting for.'

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Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.

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† Congregation standing

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Order of the Worship of God

— April 30, 2023 —

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† The Gospel Greeting

Pastor: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **Glory be to the Father through the Son and in the Holy Spirit! Amen.**

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: One thing I have asked of the LORD, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple.

People: **You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to You, “Your face LORD do I seek.”**

Pastor: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

From Psalm 27

† Song of Praise

O LORD, I WILL EXALT YOU *Tune of "All Glory Laud and Honor"*

O LORD, I will exalt You, For You have lifted me;
My foes You kept from boasting, Denied them victory.
O LORD, my God, I pleaded That You might heal and save;
LORD, You from death have ransomed,
And kept me from the grave.

Sing praises, O you godly, Who to the LORD belong.
And to His name most holy Show gratitude in song.
His anger lasts a moment, His grace through life goes on;
Though through the night tears linger,
Great joy comes with the dawn.

When prosp'rous, I once boasted, "Unmoved I shall remain."

But You, LORD, by Your favor
My mountain's strength maintain;
For when Your face was hidden, I then became dismayed.
O LORD, to You I cried out, And to the Lord I prayed:

"O where is the advantage If my blood should be shed?
Will dust declare You faithful, Can praise come from the dead?

O LORD, to me be gracious, And hear me as I've prayed.
To You, O LORD, I cry out O be my help, my aid."

You turned my grief to dancing, From sackcloth set me free;
You wrapped me up in gladness. I shall not silent be.

Indeed, my soul, my glory, Will praise You and adore;
O LORD, my God, I'll thank You, Both now and evermore.

Melchior Teschner, c. 1615
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Text from Psalm 30

† Invocation

† Doxology

Messenger Doxology



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Confession of Sin

Pastor: Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory. In the light of His glory, let us now confess our sins together:

People: O Lord, when we keep silent concerning our sins, our bones waste away as Your hand is heavy upon us. Therefore, we will acknowledge our sins to You. We will not hide our iniquity. We will confess our transgressions and trust that You forgive iniquity of our sin.

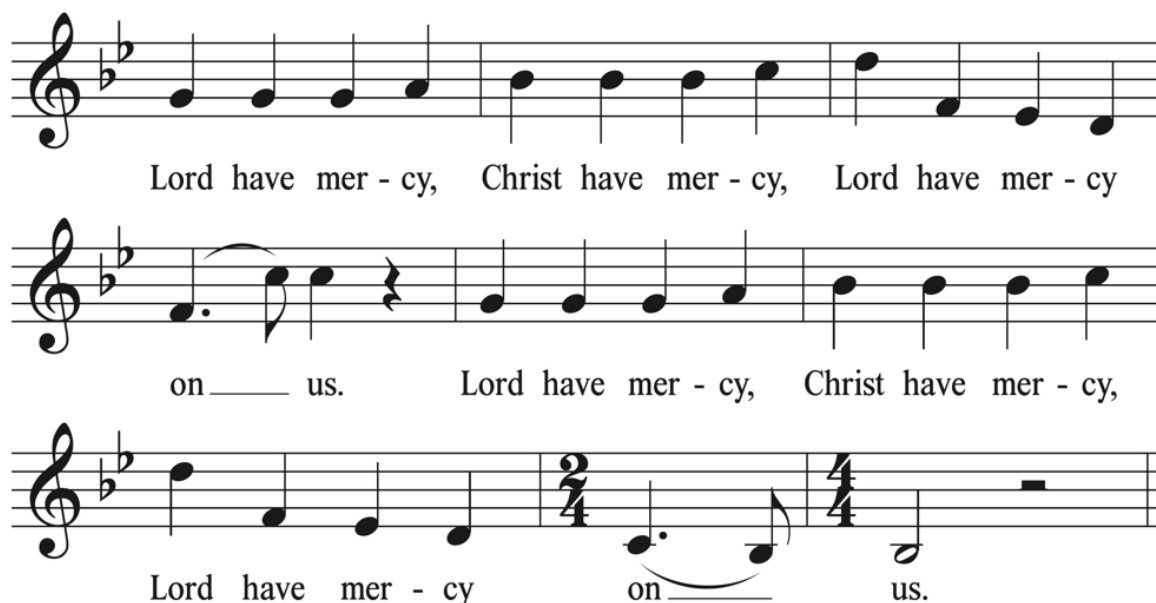
From Psalm 36

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

LORD HAVE MERCY

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: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

All: **Amen! All praise be to the Father and to the Son and the to Holy Spirit!**

Psalm 32:1-2

† 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

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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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Reception of New Members

Cody and Christina Bailey
Stacy Beauchamp
Brian and Queila Berryhill*
Tim and Crissy Booher
David Booher
Ellie Booher
*Benjamin Breedlove**
*Heidi Breedlove**
Micah and Hannah Breedlove
Will and Brynn Cosgrove
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Mark and Karen Furr
Belinda Guerra
DavidAnn Johnson
Charles and Sandra McLean
Ginny Orth
*Will Thom**
Cassidy Towe
Teresa Weber
Steve and Shelley Wills
Matthew Winfield
Peggy Yeaman

*First time public profession of faith

The Sacrament of Baptism

Pastor Brandon

William Thom
Brian Berryhill

Kingdom Prayer

Scott Zink

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: O God, whose Son is the Good Shepherd of Your people: Grant that when we hear His voice we may know Him who calls us each by name, and so follow Him wherever He leads. 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 7:1-17

After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. [2] Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. [3] When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. [4] And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, [5] for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." [6] And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. [7] Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. [8] For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." [9] When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." [10] And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well. [11] Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. [12] As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. [13] And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." [14] Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." [15] And the dead man sat up

and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. [16] Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” [17] And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Pastor Brandon

EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED

Introduction

The Centurion's Request (vv 1-10)

The Widow's Grief (vv. 11-17)

Some Implications of God's Visit

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is our salvation dependent on God's personal visit? How would you explain this to a non-Christian?
2. According to this passage, what sort of faith does Jesus marvel at?
3. How does God's visit in Jesus shake up the way Israel expected God to visit them? To help you answer this, think of the person Jesus blesses in verses 1-10. In relation to this, how is God's visit to be seen in the church?
4. In light of God's visit, what is our appropriate response? How is this response seen in your life?

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:

The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 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

JESUS I AM RESTING, RESTING



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the
2. O how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, vast - er,
3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be -
4. Ev - er lift Thy face up - on _____ me as I



joy of what _____ Thou art; _____ I am
broad - er than _____ the sea! _____ O, how
hold Thee as _____ Thou art, _____ and Thy
work and wait _____ for Thee; _____ rest - ing



find - ing out _____ the great - ness of _____ Thy
mar - vel - ous _____ Thy good - ness, lav - ished
love, so pure, so change - less, sat - is -
'neath Thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark



lov - ing heart. Thou hast
all on me! Yes, I
fies my heart; Sat - is -
shad - ows flee. Bright - ness



bid me gaze up - on _____ Thee, and Thy
rest in Thee, be - lov - ed, know what
fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup -
of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine



beaut - y fills — my soul, — for by
wealth of grace is Thine, — know Thy
plies its ev - ery need, — com - pass -
of my Fa - ther's face, — keep me



Thy trans - form - ing pow - er Thou hast
cer - tain - ty — of prom - ise, and have
eth me round with bless - ings; Thine is
ev - er trust - ing rest - ing, fill me



made me whole. Je - sus,
made it mine.
love in - - deed!
with Thy grace.



I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the



joy of what — Thou art; — I am



find - ing out — the great - ness of — Thy



lov - ing heart. —

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GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Chorus

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up *Chorus*
In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength *Chorus*
Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom *Chorus*

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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

Daniel Sneed – April 30

Johnny Tassin – May 7

Andy Warren – May 14

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).

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

Every Sunday in May **ON MISSION** FOR MISSIONS

**MAY
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Tom Nachtergaele
The 18.26 Network

**MAY
14**

Jim Whittle
Equipping Leaders International

**MAY
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Ben & Anna Graber
MTW – Munich, Germany

**MAY
28**

Andy Warren
Water for All, Foundations for Farming

LECTURE HALL | 9 AM



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SUNDAY, MAY 7



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AND FUN ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS.**

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GAMES
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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!



DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED

APRIL 10-30 IN ROOM 113.

**IF YOU HAVE FURNITURE OR OTHER
LARGE ITEMS, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
TO SCHEDULE PICKUP: 817-731-3300.**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT 2023 MISSION TRIPS.



Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



Graduation Dinner

celebrating The Fort

CLASS OF 2023

Wednesday, May 24, 6:00 PM

Cafe Bella - 3548 S Hills Avenue



Graduating Seniors, RSVP by Fri, May 19



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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