# Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



April 9, 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.

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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 early Christians did not invent the empty tomb and the meetings or sightings of Jesus...Nobody was expecting this kind of thing; no kind of conversion experience would have invented it, no matter how guilty (or how forgiven) they felt, no matter how many hours they pored over the scriptures. To suggest otherwise is to stop doing history and enter into a fantasy world of our own.

- N.T. Wright

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† Congregation standing

# Order of the Worship of God

-April 9, 2023 -

Resurrection Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

**ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE** 

The Gospel Greeting

Pastor: Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End,

Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all

ages;

People: To him be the glory and power through every age

and forever!

Pastor: This is the day when our Lord Jesus passed from death

to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his Word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we will share in his victory over death and live

with him forever in New Creation!

People: Thanks be to God!

The Song of Entrance

Choir

THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE

## †The Call to Worship

Pastor: Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first

fruits of them that slept. O death, where is your sting?

O grave, where is your victory?

People: Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; his mercy

endures forever.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

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People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! (louder)

Alleluia! (louder) Alleluia! (louder still!)

Pastor: This is the Day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us be glad and rejoice in it!

† Resurrection Hymn

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY Red Trinity Hymnal #277

# Prayer of Adoration

Pastor: Let us pray that we may walk in the risen life of Christ in Glory:

All: Lord of life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honor, glory and might, now and for all eternity. Amen.

## Hymn of Adoration

UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE

Red Trinity Hymnal #276

#### Proclamations of the Resurrection

Pastor: Let us now proclaim the reality of the resurrection:

People: He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us into his presence,

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Pastor: How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

People: We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in the newness of life.

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Pastor: If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised from the dead. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

People: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive!

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Pastor: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

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

All: (singing) Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (3X)

# Extending God's Welcome of Peace

Pastor: Christ has been raised from the dead! Therefore, let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. Christ is risen!

## People: He is risen indeed!

Greet one another with the gospel saying, "Christ is risen" to which the response is "He is risen indeeed!"

## † 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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## COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

## † Confession of Faith

Pastor: Christian, what do we confess concerning the gospel?

All: Concerning the gospel, we confess, as a matter of first importance, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures and because this is true we can and do proclaim loudly: "Death is swallowed up in victory! O death, where is your victory? O grave where is your sting?" Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen!

## Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9 Jack and Donna Norris

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Romans 8:1-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Prayer of Intercession

Jack Norris

Elder: O Christ, through your resurrection you broke open the gates of the grave, and destroyed sin and death; through

your victory:

People: Bless us, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, through your resurrection you annihilated the power of death. You have given us New Life and you

have begun the great process of renewing all things; through your victory:

People: Heal us, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, through your resurrection you have given life to the dead and you have changed our way of death into a way of life; through your victory:

People: Strengthen us, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, through your resurrection you confounded the soldiers who guarded your grave and filled your disciples with great joy in your appearing; through your victory:

People: Fill us with joy, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, through your resurrection you announced joy to the women and the apostles, and brought light into this world of darkness; through your victory:

People: Pierce our darkness, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, through your resurrection you promised our resurrection, so that we may rise at your return; through your victory:

People: Increase our hope, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, you are glorified by angels in Heaven, and worshipped on earth; on this glorious feast of your Resurrection, we ask you to deepen us in your redemption; root us in your goodness, extend your mercy through us as we await the Day of your return; in your victory:

All: Bless us and keep us; cause your face to shine upon us; lift up your countenance upon us and grant us peace. 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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Choir

Christ is Risen, He is Risen, Indeed

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Luke 24:1-12

Pew Bible -Page 884-885

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

# The Sermon Pastor Brandon

#### AN EMPTY TOMB

The Women Went to the Empty Tomb

The Women Returned from the Empty Tomb

Peter Ran to the Empty Tomb

#### Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why is it necessary that the tomb was empty and Jesus was seen by witnesses? How do these two things strengthen our faith in Jesus' resurrection?
- 2. How does the sorrow and doubt of Jesus' first followers reflect our society? How is Jesus' resurrection an answer to this?
- 3. Contemplate the revolutionary beauty of the role God gave to women on the first Easter Sunday. How is this be to seen in the life of our church?
- 4. Why do you long for Jesus' resurrection to be true? Spell out some specific ways the resurrection brings you peace.

## 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:



## 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:

- 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 Biblebelieving 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

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERORE

Mine are days that God has numbered I was made to walk with Him Yet I look for worldly treasure And forsake the King of kings But mine is hope in my Redeemer Though I fall, his love is sure For Christ has paid for every failing I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for his name
But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And he has said he will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore
Come rejoice now, O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore (repeat)

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore

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## GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

# †The Sending

Pastor: Because Christ has been raised from the dead, let us be

steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord our labor is not in

vain.

All: Thanks be to God!

1 Corinthians 15:58

† The Blessing

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all!

Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! (louder!) Alleluia

(louder!) Alleluia (louder still!)

1 Corinthians 15:58

# † Song of Sending

LIGHT'S GLITTERING MORNING

Light's glitt'ring morning fills the sky,
Heav'n thunders out its victor cry:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Earth shouts her Paschal triumph high,
and groaning hell makes wild reply.

Christ is risen! O praise Him!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

For Christ the Lord, the mighty King, closes with death and draws its sting;

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He tramples down the powers of night, brings out His ransomed saints to light.

Christ is risen! O praise Him!

Alleluia, alleluia!

His rocky tomb the threefold guard of watch and stone and seal had barred, Alleluia, alleluia!

But now in royal triumph high He comes from death to victory!

Christ is risen! O praise Him!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Death's gates are broken down at last, our days of mourning now are past;

Alleluia, alleluia!

"Weep not!" an angel voice has said.

"The Lord is risen from the dead!"

O praise Him, O praise Him!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All praise be Thine, O risen Lord, from death to endless life restored; Christ is risen! Alleluia!

To Father, Son, and Spirit be all power and praise eternally!

Christ is risen! O praise Him!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

People: Amen!

## Deacon of the Day

Chris Jordan – April 9 Randy Shannon – April 16 Daniel Sneed – April 23

#### Save the Date

May 19-20 – New Members Class 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.

**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.

#### 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 overwhelm ming 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.



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







#### 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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