Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



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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register here.

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.

Jesus didn't declare forgiveness in God's name; he himself forgives, because he is the very embodiment of God's forgiveness.

Adapted from Dale Ralph Davis

Please turn off or silence all communication devices. For Free Wi-Fi, go to Settings on your device and select network 'FWPCA' Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance. Hearing Assistive Devices (FM Receivers) are at the back sound booth. † Congregation standing

Order of the Worship of God

— May 21, 2023 —

Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

COME LET US WORSHIP

Chorus

Come let us worship and bow down

And kneel before the Lord our Maker

(Repeat)

He is our God He is our God
We are the people of His Pasture
He is our God He is our God
We are the sheep of His Hand *Chorus*

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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: According to the working of God's might, He raised Christ from the

dead and seated Him at his right hand, far above all rule and authority

and power and dominion.

People: Jesus has been given the name that is above every other name.

All things have been put under His feet and he is the Head of the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all

in all.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: Christ has ascended!

People: And from the right hand of the Father He reigns on high!

From Ephesians 1:20-23

† Hymn of Praise

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown him with many crowns the Lamb upon his throne Hark how the heav'n-ly anthem drowns all music but its own Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love behold his hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace whose pow'r a scepter sways

From pole to pole that wars may cease absorbed in prayer and praise

His reign shall know no end and round his pierced feet

Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

Crown him the Lord of years the Potentate of time Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime All hail Redeemer hail for thou has died for me Thy praise shall never never fail throughout eternity.

> Matthew Bridges, 1851 DIADEMATA S.M.D. George J. Elvey, 1868

† Invocation

Pastor: You, O God, ascended on high, leading a host of captives in Your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that

the LORD God may dwell there.

People: Blessed be the Lord who daily bears us up; God is our

salvation.

Pastor: Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong

deliverances from death.

People: Your procession is seen, O God, the procession of my God, my

King, into the sanctuary –

Pastor: Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, He who is Israel's

fountain!

People: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord,

People: to Him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, He

sends out His voice, His mighty voice.

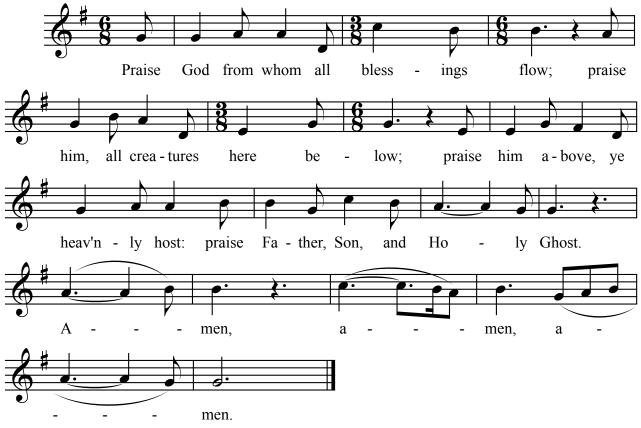
People: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose

power is in the skies.

Pastor: Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel – He is the

One who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!

† Doxology Tilton



Music by Jacob Tilton

Confession of Sin

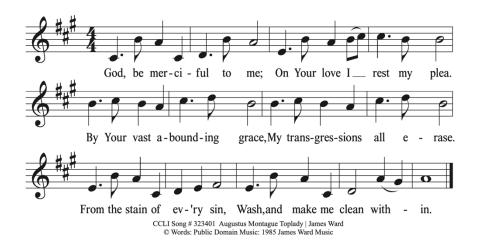
Pastor: Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In light of who He is, let us now confess our sins together:

People: Lord Jesus, our crucified, risen and reigning King, how quickly we forget You and how easily we fail You. We think life is about getting – getting our stuff and getting our way. Yet Your way is about giving, for You gave yourself for us that we might be given all things in You. Forgive us for closing our eyes to You and Your truth. Renew us in Your life, daily reminding us that we have been crucified with You, so that it is no longer we who live, but You living in us for the glory of Your Father and the good of our neighbor. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

PSALM 51



† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son

that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

All: Thanks be to God!

John 3:16-17

† 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.

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Wonderful, Merciful Savior



COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

†Confession of Faith

Pastor: How does Jesus' Ascension to Heaven benefit us?

All:

First, He pleads in Heaven in the presence of His Father for us. Second, in Him, we have our own humanity in Heaven - a guarantee that we are seated with Jesus in Heaven and that He will one day return from Heaven to make all things new. And third, in ascending, Jesus sends His Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand where He rules and reigns over all. Amen.

Kingdom Moment

Ben Graber

MTW - Munich Germany

Recognition of High School Graduates

Travis Robnett

Anderson Berger Kristina Keffer

Lauren Booher Stephen Martin

Luke Breedlove Palmer Roberts

Reese Carlton Jack Saadeh

Will Estes Eliot Shannon

Jonathan Fredricks Reuben Zink

Andrew Helge

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All:

O God, the King of Glory, you have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to Your Kingdom in Heaven where He, our Lord, sent His Spirit that we might not be left comfortless, but encouraged and equipped to walk in His way. For this, and so much more, we give You thanks and praise. 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 7:34-50

'[34] The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' [35] Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."

[36]One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. [37] And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, [38] and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. [39] Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." [40] And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

[41] "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. [42] When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" [43] Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." [44] Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. [45] You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. [46] You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. [47] Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are

forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." [48] And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." [49] Then those who were at table with him began to say among^[h] themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" [50] And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Pastor Brandon

FORGIVEN MUCH, LOVES MUCH

The Unexpectedness of the Story

The Woman's Love

Simon's Lack of Love

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Look back over the whole of Luke 7 and notice who Jesus is ministering to. What does this say about His mission and how should His mission be reflected in our lives and church?
- 2. In ways do you, like Simon, place people in a particular box, so that you actually miss their humanity?
- 3. What does Jesus mean when he says, "Your faith has saved you?" What is faith? How does faith save?
- 4. From this passage, how is your life to show that you have and value Jesus' forgiveness?

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:

- 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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GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

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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† The Sending

Pastor: All our problems, struggles, fears, and anxieties:

All: We send them to the cross of Christ.

Pastor: All the devil's works:

All: We cast them on the cross of Christ.

Pastor: All our hopes:

All: We set them on the risen Christ.

Pastor: Concerning the call we have received to follow Christ:

All: We rest in the reigning Christ and in the power of His Spirit.

† The Blessing

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

fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

Deacon of the Day

Pete Cansick – May 21 Herb Haertner – May 28 Chris Jordan – June 4

Save the Date

June 4 – Ministry & Budget Report at 9am June 11– GAP Year -End Swim Party at Thoms 12-2pm

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 (to Pentecost Sunday).

Welcome our New Administrative Assistant: We are extremely pleased to announce that Life Basiyaka joined our staff on Monday, May 8. Please welcome her and help her feel at home as she takes up her new position.

Thank you for you gifts toward Cynthia's Memorial Garden Bench. The bench has been ordered and once received it will be installed near our garden entrance. The funds we received above the cost of the bench will be used for a college scholarship for a former Oakmont graduate.

Deacon & Elder Nominations This Month: Nomination forms, including information on the Qualification of Deacons & Elders are available on the Fellowship Hall table. The Session urges each member to read over this material with prayer, as you consider who you might nominate. Place in the box located on the Fellowship Hall table

New Youth Director: The session is pleased to announce that starting June 1st, Travis Robnett will move from being our Youth Intern to our new Youth Director. Please pray for Travis and the youth ministry as he takes on this new role. Also, pray for his upcoming marriage to Cassidy on June 3rd.

Every Sunday in May on missions

MAY Tom Nachtergaele
The 18.26 Network

MAY Jim Whittle
Lequipping Leaders International

MAY Ben & Anna Graber
21 MTW – Munich, Germany

Andy Warren
Water for All, Foundations for Farming

LECTURE HALL | 9 AM



Women's Summer Study THE WISDOM PYRAMID



TUESDAY EVENINGS

May 30 - June 27 | 7:00-8:30 PM Kim Cosgrove's 7912 Vista Ridge Drive, N Fort Worth, TX 76132

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

May 31 - June 21 | 10:00-11:30 AM Brynn Cosgrove's 6717 Ashbrook Drive Fort Worth, TX 76132

Childcare available at FWPC (9:45-11:45)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

May 31 - June 28 | 7:00-8:30 PM Janet Welch's 6009 Carmona Trail Fort Worth, TX 76123

THURSDAY MORNINGS

June 1 - 22 | 10:00-11:30 AM Amy Thom's 4201 Shannon Drive Fort Worth, TX 76116

Evenings meet five weeks, mornings meet four – come one or all! Register at **fortworthpca.org.**



Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2022-May 2023

June – February	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	1,200,320	1,167,372
General Fund Expenses YTD	1,199,686	1,064,070
How we're doing YTD	668	102,901

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the first eleven months of our fiscal year, our giving is \$668 more than our expenses. That is \$102,233 less than last year. As of April 30, we have \$267,998 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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