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 stole is currently red, which signifies the day Pentecost – the day when the risen and reigning Jesus poured out His Spirit upon his people, and thus began to form the church, which is made up of a people from every tribe, tongue and nation.

Parables aren't quaint, nostalgic, home-spun, aw-shucks stories for folks to understand, but they are part of the judgment of God for refusal to hear and heed his word.

Dale Ralph Davis

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Order of the Worship of God

— May 28, 2023 —

Pentecost Sunday

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: Spirit of the Living God, our Comforter, Sanctifier, and the Guide

of our souls:

People: Come to us and help us, we pray.

Pastor: Spirit of Wisdom, Infinite, Immortal, and Unsearchable, You who

proceed from the Father through the Son, have compassion on us

and lead us into the light and life of Jesus.

People: Show us Jesus this day that we may honor him.

Pastor: You, the Spirit whom the Father is more ready to give than earthly

parents are to give good gifts to their children, and You, whom Christ has promised to send upon his disciples, come to us, abide in

us, and sanctify us in grace and truth.

All: Holy Spirit, come to us and do your good work of forming us

more and more into the image of Christ to the glory of the

Father.

† Hymn of Praise

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace, Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee. Prone to wander - Lord, I feel it - prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 121

Pastor: I will lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

People: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not

slumber.

People: Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither sleep nor slumber.

Pastor: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right

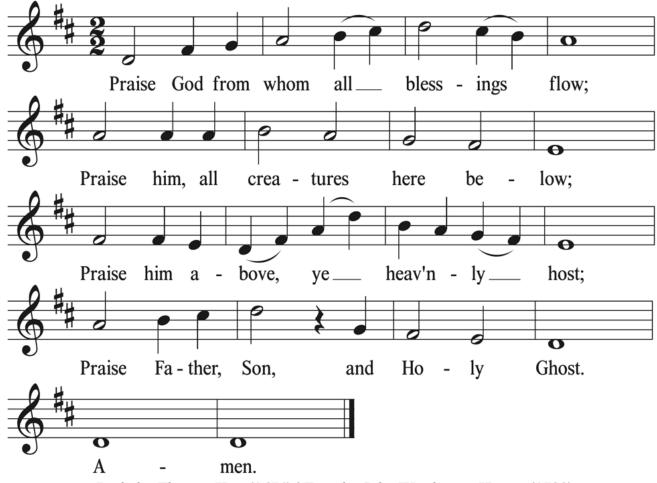
hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

People: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

Pastor: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this

time forth and forevermore

† Doxology DUKE STREET



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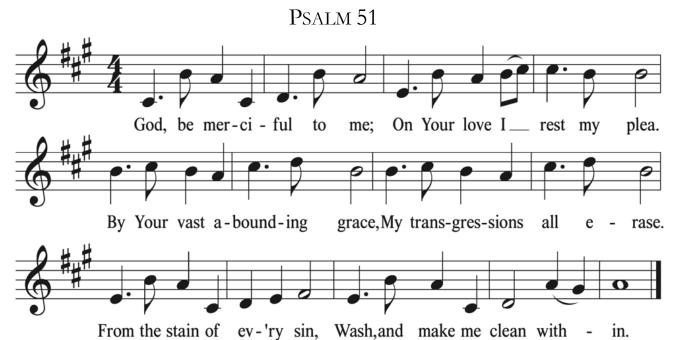
Confession of Sin

Pastor: Church of the Risen and Reigning Savior, let us confess our sins together:

People: Our God, we come to You confessing that, although we have begun by the Spirit, we are quick to go back to the flesh and as a result, we become conceited. We provoke one another, we envy one another, and we fail to follow in the way of Jesus, our Lord. Gracious God, forgive us for trusting in our own strength to your dishonor, our demise, and the dehumanization of others. We pray for your renewal, asking that You would be pleased to fill us more and more with Your Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession



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Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Come now, let us reason, says the LORD: though your sins be like

scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be like crimson, they

shall become like wool.

All: Thanks be to God!

Isaiah 1:18

† The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

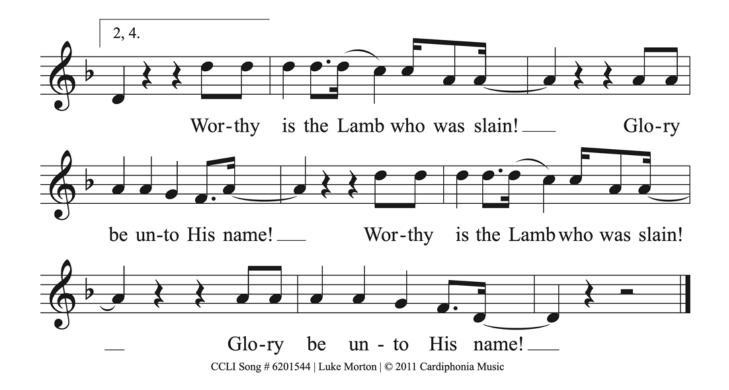
People: And also with you!

At this time, please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

† Song of Renewal

THE LAMB HAS OVERCOME





COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

†Confession of Faith

What does Pentecost mean for Christians? Pastor:

All:

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was given to the church. In pouring out His Spirit, God overcomes the divisions of Babel; now people from every tribe, tongue, and nation are gathered into the unity of the Body of Christ. Jesus stays with us in the Spirit, who renews our hearts, moves to us dependence, leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant. The Spirit thrusts God's people out into worldwide mission. He impels young and old, men and women, to go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace, with the good news of God's grace. The Spirit goes before us and with us, convincing the world of sin and pleading the cause of Christ. The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety, fitting responses to timely needs. We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the fellowship which delights in the Spirit's creative works. He gives more than enough to each believer for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.

Kingdom Moment

Andy Warren

Water for All, Foundations for Farming

Prayer of Intercession .

Steve Fults

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Almighty God, on this day You opened the way to eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of Your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth. For Your glory's sake, we pray. 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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HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

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LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Luke 8:4-15

[4] And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, [5] "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. [6] And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. [7] And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. [8] And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

[9] And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, [10] he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' [11] Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. [12] The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. [13] And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. [14] And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. [15] As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Pastor Brandon

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

| What is a Parable? |
|-------------------------------------|
| Why a Parable? |
| The Focus of this Parable - Hearing |
| A soil Test |

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why does Jesus say He told parables? How does His answer help us understand the purpose of parables and how we are to relate to them?
- 2. According to this parable, how does Jesus' method of bringing His kingdom differ from the way earthly kingdoms seek to advance? How is this good news for us and how are we to receive God's kingdom?
- 3. Take the soil test (vv. 11-15). Where is your heart in relation to Jesus and His kingdom? Which soil describes you?

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 4:1-6*
- 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

ALL THINGS NEW

Come, Lord, and tarry not;
Bring the long looked for day;
O why these years of waiting here,
These ages of decay?
Come, for Thy saints still wait;
Daily ascends their sigh;
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;"
Does Thou not hear our cry?

O come and make all things new,

Come and make all things new.

O come and make all things new,

Build up this ruined earth,

Come and make all things new. All things new.

Come, for creation groans,
Impatient of Thy stay,
Worn out with these long years of ill,
These ages of delay.
Come, for love waxes cold,
Its steps are faint and slow;
Faith now is lost in unbelief,
Hope's lamp burns dim and low. *Chorus*

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GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending





† 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: The call we have received to follow Christ:

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

who dwells in us.

† 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 in our midst!

People: He is and ever shall be. Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Herb Haertner – May 28

Chris Jordan – June 4

Randy Shannon-June 11

Save the Date

June 4 – Ministry & Budget Report at 9am

June 17– The Fort All Youth Summer Kickoff Pool Party

at Bill and Nancy Eggar's, 4-7pm

Information & Events

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

Thank you for you gifts toward Cynthia's Memorial Garden Bench. The bench and plaque have been installed near our garden entrance.

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

VBS Volunteer Training will take place in the Lecture Hall immediately following worship June 11 and 18. Adults and youths volunteer, please plan to join us.

Thank You to Collin Ryan for serving us as our Interim Youth Director for the last two years. Thank you, Haddon for sharing your family with our church. Thank you, Ryan Family for loving, serving and training our youths.

New Youth Intern: We are delighted to announce that Cassidy Towe (soon

to be Robnett) will be joining our youth ministry staff as the Summer Youth Intern. Cassidy is a gifted communicator and relationship builder, and we are excited for the blessing she will be to our youth ministry in her new role. Please be praying both for her ministry to our female students as she plans Bible studies, meets for discipleship, and heads off to camp with them and for her upcoming marriage.



Thank You to Candace Hilton. She has faithfully volunteered in the office for years filling in for Cynthia when she was out of the office. Since February 18th, she has faithfully carried out the duties in the office as a full-time volunteer. We are so grateful for the Lord's provision of Candace, particularly over the past three months.





Women's Summer Study THE WISDOM PYRAMID

BY BRETT MCCRACKEN



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

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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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