# 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.

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.

Like Paul, we need always to pray for boldness to share the gospel. God will hear these prayers and give us the courage to lead others to Christ. The implication of Paul's requests is clear.

Without prayer, fear rules our hearts. Nothing is more daunting in the Christian life than evangelism. Jesus warned that it is the very nature of the world to be at enmity with God and with His servants.

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Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.

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† Congregation standing

PLEASE NOTE: The large print bulletin page numbers are different

# Order of the Worship of God

— May 7, 2023 —

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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: Behold the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those

who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their soul from

death and keep them alive in famine.

People: Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy

name.

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD be upon us, even as we hope in

You. Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

From Psalm 33

† Hymn of Praise

#### IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

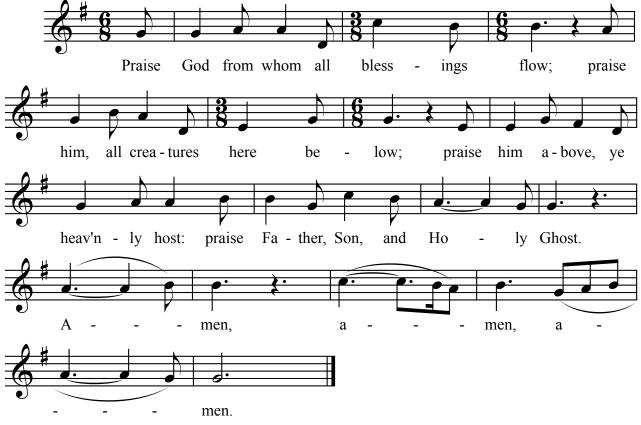
In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfiedFor every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory sin's
Curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

CCLI Song # 3350395 Keith Getty | Stuart Townend © 2001 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMGPublishing) † Invocation

† Doxology Tilton



Music by Jacob Tilton

#### Confession of Sin

Pastor: Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm rules for him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. Let us now confess our sins together:

People: O Lord, forgive us for the corrupting talk that comes out of our mouths, for You have called us to speak words that are good for building up and not tearing down, words that fit the occasion and that give grace to those who hear.

From Psalm 36

Silent Confession

# † Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: In Christ, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness

of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

All: Thanks be to God!

Ephesians 1:7

† The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

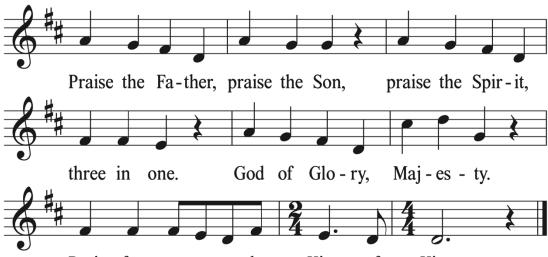
At this time, please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

# † Song of Renewal

# COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

#### KING OF KINGS





Praise for - ev-er to the King of Kings.

2.To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died *Chorus* 

3.And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

4. And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ

Who has resurrected me *Chorus* 

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# COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Kingdom Moment

Tom Nachtergael The 18.26 Network

Kingdom Prayer

Steve Fults

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Almighty God, to know You is abundant life. Therefore, grant

us to know You through Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is none other than the Way and the Truth and the Life. By Your Spirit, help us to follow Him as He leads us in His true way

that is life. 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

Mark. 2:13-17

- [13] He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. [14] And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.
- [15] And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. [16] And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" [17] And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### GUESS WHO IS COMING FOR DINNER?

Jesus and Levi – Who needs forgiveness of Sin?

Jesus and Levi's Friends – How do you Follow?

Jesus and Levi's Opponents - Whose Word will you Believe?

## 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 Songs**

#### COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam Come to save the hell-bound man Christ the great and sure fulfillment Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery Christ the Lord upon the tree In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery Slain by death the God of life But no grave could e'er restrain Him Praise the Lord; He is alive! What a foretaste of deliverance How unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected As we will be when he comes

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#### JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small, Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

Chorus

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone, Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim—I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

Elvina M. Hall, 1865; mod. ALL TO CHRIST 6.6.7.7. REF John T. Grape, 1868

#### I AM NOT MY OWN



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# GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

# † Song of Sending

#### O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO



# † 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

Johnny Tassin – May 7

Andy Warren – May 14

Pete Cansick – May 21

#### 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 (to Pentecost Sunday).

Welcome our New Administrative Assistant: We are extremely pleased to announce that Life Basiyaka will join our staff starting tomorrow, 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.

**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 missions

MAY Tom Nachtergaele
The 18.26 Network

MAY Jim Whittle

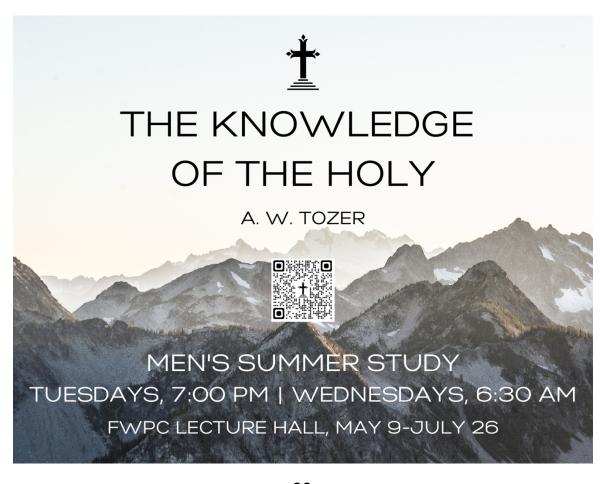
14 Equipping Leaders International

MAY Ben & Anna Graber
21 MTW – Munich, Germany

Andy Warren

Water for All, Foundations for Farming

# **LECTURE HALL | 9 AM**





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!



**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.

SATURDAY, MAY 6 BAM - 1PM



Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



# CLASS OF 2023



Wednesday, May 24, 6:00 PM Cafe Bella - 3548 S Hills Avenue

Graduating Seniors, RSVP by Fri, May 19



# Life Basiyaka

Life Basiyaka was born on July 20

in Cameroon, to the union of Godlove and Christina Basiyaka. She has two sisters. She was dedicated to the Lord as a child. She completed her primary and secondary education in Douala, Cameroon. She attended Presbyterian High School, Kumba where she had her Advance Level Certificate. Then she was enrolled in the University of Buea, Cameroon where she



obtained her bachelor's degree in Zoology, in 2011. Life's passion for the Lord and desire to serve God triggered her to attend a bible school (Power Bible School, Uyo, Nigeria) where she obtained a Diploma in Practical Ministry in 2013.

Life traveled to Thailand in April 2013. Her strong relationship skills, people-oriented nature, passion for kids, and dedication caused her to work as a foreign expert in Tessaban 2 School for 6 years. Her love for kids greatly multiplied as she could see the future in them and help them be all they could. Also, due to her selflessness, devotion, and loyalty, she served as secretary and treasurer of Spirit Ways Avenue Ministry.

While in Thailand, Life met the love of her life, Julius Edugu and they got married on July 13, 2014. Their union is blessed with two adorable kids: Wisdom Julius and Life Julius.

In 2019, Life traveled back to Cameroon to comfort her mom who had just lost her husband (her dad). While there, her humanitarian personality caused her to start a non-profit kindergarten to better the lives of African children by helping them build a positive self-image while promoting academic excellence and moral discipline.

Life is the founder of "Single Mother Employment" – an NGO that helps to empower African single mothers and encourage female child education.

In December 2022, Life travelled to the United States to join her husband.

# 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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