

# Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



July 16, 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.*



*To learn more about us, use this QR code*



*If you are visiting, please register here.*

*The front of the bulletin and the color of the minister's stole is currently green as this is the time in the Christian Year known as ordinary time or the Sundays after Pentecost. Green represents life and growth in Christ.*

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Some people do not like to hear much of repentance. But I think it so necessary, that if I should die in the pulpit, I should desire to die preaching repentance, and if I should die out of the pulpit, I should desire to die practicing it

*Philip Henry*

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*† Congregation standing*

# Order of the Worship of God

— July 16, 2023 —

*Seven Sunday after Pentecost*

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Elder: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

**People: For He is the Maker of Heaven and earth!**

†The Call to Worship

Elder: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

**People: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us; and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Elder: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

**People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever; His faithfulness to all generations. Amen!**

## † Hymn of Praise

### PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How  
oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,  
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him.

† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

*Psalm 107:34-39*

Elder: Some sat in darkness and the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, for they rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High.

**People: So He bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help.**

Elder: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distresses.

**People: He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart.**

**All: Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man! For He shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.**

† Doxology

Gloria Patri

*Red Trinity Hymnal #735*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Confession of Sin

Elder: Let us now confess our sins together:

**People: O Lord, we confess that we are ready to fall, and our pain is ever before us. We confess our iniquity; we are sorry for our sin. Make haste to help us, O Lord, our salvation.**

*Psalm 38*

## Silent Confession

## Song of Confession

Lord I come I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

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## † Assurance of Pardon

Elder: The Lord will not forsake those who call upon Him! He will not be far from us.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*Adapted from Psalm 38:21*

## † 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

### THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

#### *Chorus*

*This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings *Chorus*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy worthy worthy *Chorus*

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## COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

### †Confession of Faith

*Heidelberg Catechism #1*

Pastor: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All:** That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Prayer of Intercession.

*Steve Fults*

Commissioning of the Juarez Mission Team

*(followed by a time of silent prayer)*

## Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

**All: O God, look upon us in Your grace and mercy, and by the power of Your Spirit, help us to fix our eyes on Your Son, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. 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 13:1-9*

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.[2] And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? [3] No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. [4] Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? [5] No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

[6] And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. [7] And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ [8] And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. [9] Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# The Sermon

*Rev Ben Graber*

*Missionary Munich- Germany*

## UNLESS YOU REPENT

A Request for a Hot Take

A Surprisingly Hopeful Parable

Our Response

### Discussion Questions:

1. How do you tend to react when you hear about the misfortunes of other people? How does this reaction compare to what Jesus says in this passage?
2. Does Jesus' response seem lacking in compassion to you? Or does it seem to avoid answering questions you wish he would answer? What do you think our reaction to Jesus shows about us?
3. How do you think God might be calling you to repentance through the things you're experiencing lately, whether these are mainly blessings or hardships?
4. What can help us to experience repentance not as a depressing duty, but as a joyful relief?

# 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:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

God of power, God of might

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosana in the highest,

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosana in the highest, Hosana in the highest.

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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 4:1-6*
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](mailto: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

MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN

My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross  
My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

*Chorus*

*I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross  
I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross *Chorus*

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross *Chorus*

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# GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

## †Song of Sending

### CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing "hallelujah!" Our hope springs eternal;*

*O sing "hallelujah!" Now and ever we confess*

*Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

*O sing "hallelujah!" Our hope springs eternal;*

*O sing "hallelujah!" Now and ever we confess*

*Christ our hope in life and death.*

Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
“Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

*O sing “hallelujah!” Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing “hallelujah!” Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

*O sing “hallelujah!” Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing “hallelujah!” Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

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## † The Sending

Pastor: As we now go into the world:

**All: May our eyes be fixed on Christ.**

Pastor: When we struggle, fear, or fail:

**All: May we cast ourselves on the cross of Christ.**

Pastor: As we encounter neighbors and co-workers:

**All: May we speak and show Christ, for His name's sake.**

## † 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

Pete Cansick— July 16

Herb Haertner— July 23

Chris Jordan— July 30

## Information & Events

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

**Summer Prayer Guides** are available on the Fellowship Hall table to help families focus on praying together this summer. **Please grab one for each person in your family!**

**New Covenant Child:** We rejoice with Emily Lynn on the birth of her daughter Nora Renee on Thursday, July 6. Nora entered the world at 7 lbs, 4 oz and 20". Thanks be to God for this good and perfect gift. Welcome to the FWPC family, Nora!






**FWPC Kid Art:** We would love to post art in the nursery hallway by our own children with the theme of growth and using lots of greens to coincide with the liturgical season after Pentecost that we are currently in. It can be as abstract or as concrete as your children wish. If families enjoy this, it may become a tradition we repeat with the theme and colors of each Church season. Email, call, or text Neecia Eggar (info on back) if you have any questions.

**Serving Covenant Children:** The fall nursery schedule is being created for release in August. As adults serve children in this way, both the children AND the adults are being raised more into the image of Christ. People of all abilities can serve our nursery by; (1) volunteering during worship 3-6 times each year, (2) leading a Christian Formation class for the fall or spring semester, or (3) joining the Nursery Check-in Greeter Team. To volunteer to serve in one of these ways, scan the QR code and sign up.



# SUMMER AT

## JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7 H.S. Book Study Dinner & Strange New World Robnett Home   6 PM	8 
9 	<b>RYM HS - PANAMA CITY BEACH</b>					15
16	17	18 Bible Study, 10:30 Girls with Cassidy at her home* Guys with Travis at FWPC	19  Field Day Fort Worth Pres 7-8:30 PM	20 H.S. Book Study Dinner & Strange New World Robnett Home   6 PM	21	22
23	24  Main Event Night 6-9 PM	25 Bible Study, 10:30 Girls with Cassidy at her home* Guys with Travis at FWPC	26  Volleyball Location TBD 7-8:30 PM	27 H.S. Book Study Dinner & Strange New World Robnett Home   6 PM	28	29
30	31 Bible Study, 10:30 Girls with Cassidy at her home* Guys with Travis at FWPC					

\*Contact Cassidy for directions.

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# SUMMER salad SUPPER

TUES, JULY 25, 7:00 PM  
STACKPOLE HOME - 12701 W ROCKY CREEK RD

Bring a salad or dessert to share.

# Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2022-May 2023

June – May	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	1,315,735	1,258,981
General Fund Expenses YTD	1,320,143	1,163,491
How we're doing YTD	-4,408	95,490

Our Fiscal Year ended May 31. Last Fiscal Year, our giving was \$-4,408 less than our expenses. We experienced a 4.5% increase in giving last Fiscal Year that offset most of the increased budget. As of May 31, we have \$269,295 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](http://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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