Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



July 23, 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 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.

When you see the kingdom of God in your midst, it never seems to amount to much - it always seems like a mustard seed and leaven-level stuff; but don't miss the presence of the kingdom in the small stuff.

Dale Ralph Davis

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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

— July 23, 2023 —

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Elder: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

Spirit.

People: Amen!

†The Call to Worship

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD

in the splendor of holiness.

People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits

enthroned forever.

Pastor: May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless

His people with peace!

From Psalm 29

† Hymn of Praise

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

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† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 56:1-4, 8-13

Pastor: Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me;

People: All day long an attacker oppresses me;

Pastor: My enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly.

People: When I am afraid, I put my trust in You.

Pastor: In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can flesh do to me?

People: You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle.

Are they not written in Your book?

Pastor: Then my enemies will turn back in the day I call. This I know, that

God is for me.

People: In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I

praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to

me?

Pastor: I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank

offerings to You.

All: For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from

falling, that I may walk in the light of life

† 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 transgression speaks deep in our hearts, so that we do not reverence You as our good Father and, in turn, we cease to act wisely and do good. Cleanse us of our foolishness and set us once again on Your way that is good, right, and beautiful. Amen.

From Psalm 36:1-4

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

Pastor: For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.

All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!

Psalm 36:9, 57:11

†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

IT WAS FINISHED UPON THAT CROSS

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the Cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining

Though the war appeared as lost Christ had triumphed over evil It was finished upon that Cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon He has offered
Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that Cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed
Death was once my great opponent

Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed
Yes He rose that we would be free indeed
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen
It was finished upon that Cross

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

†Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions #1&2

Pastor: What is the chief end of humanity?

All: Humanity's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him

forever.

Pastor: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy

Him?

All: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the

Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we

glorify and enjoy Him

Prayer of Intercession.

Scott Wade

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Lord of all power and might, You are the author and giver of all good things – graft into our hearts the love of Your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and by Your great mercy, keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ

our Lord. 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 13:10-21

[10] Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.11 And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. [12] When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." [13] And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. [14] But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." [15] Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? [16] And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" [17] As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

[18] He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? [19] It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

[20] And again he said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? [21] It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Pastor Brandon

KINGDOM POWER

Introduction

A Kingdom Demonstration

A Parabolic Explanation

Discussion Questions:

- 1. In what ways according to this passage (as well as your own experience) does religion seek to snuff out the power of God's kingdom?
- 2. How does the power of God's kingdom differ from the supposed power of the world? How is this a comfort to you?
- 3. How have you seen the power of the kingdom at work around the world and in your own life?
- 4. Spend time intentionally praising God for the life-giving and transforming power of God's kingdom

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.

"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.

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GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

†Song of Sending

BE UNTO YOUR NAME



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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

Herb Haertner-July 23

Randy Shannon– July 30

Randy Shannon- August 6

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 101: Learn about FWPC's vision, purpose, ministries, service and fellowship opportunities, membership, and more. This class is required for membership but does not commit you to be ready to join. It will be led by Pastor Brandon in the Lecture Hall on Friday, August 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (dinner provided) and Saturday, August 19, 8:30 a.m.-noon (continental breakfast served). Nursery is available UPON REQUEST. Sign up at fortworthpca.org/adult.

Funeral: Katy Jordan, the mother of Chris Jordan transitioned into glory on Saturday, July 15, 2023. The funeral took place last Thursday, July 20.



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 Beach	RYM H	SPA	NAMA	CITY	BEACH	15
16	17	Bible Study, 10:30 Girls with Cassidy at her home* Guys with Travis at FWPC	Field Day Fort Worth Pres 7-8:30 PM	20 H.S. Book Study Dinner & Strange New World Robnett Home 16 PM	21	22
23	24 Main Gvent 6-9 PM Vight	Bible Study, 10:30 Girls with Cassidy at her home* Guys with Travis at FWPC	Volleyball Location TBD 7-8:30 PM	27 H.S. Book Study Dinner & Strange New World Robnett Home J 6 PM	20	29
30	Bible Study, 10:30 Girls with Cassidy at her home* Guys with Travis at FWPC					

*Contact Cassidy for directions

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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.
- ❖ 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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