

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



July 30, 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.

Pride is ruthless, sleepless, unsmiling concentration on the self.

C.S. Lewis

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† Congregation standing

Order of the Worship of God

— July 30, 2023 —

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless your name forever.

People: Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

Psalm 145:1-3

† Hymn of Praise

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. (Chorus)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And heal this world, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. (Chorus)

Words by Stuart K. Hine, 1949; alt.

† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 146

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: I will praise the LORD as I long as I live;

Pastor: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

People: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

Pastor: When his breath departs; he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

People: Blessed is He whose help is the God of Jacob,

Pastor: Whose hope is in the LORD his God;

People: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

Pastor: Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free.

People: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

Pastor: The LORD watches over the sojourners;

People: He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Pastor: The LORD will reign forever, Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

People: O Lord, You tell us that sin consumes and destroys. Yet how readily we run and give ourselves to it. We buy into the lie that self-centered autonomy is better than Your good and healing authority. We fight and claw to get our way rather than take up our cross to follow in Christ's way. We value our opinions over the unity of Your church. We give more attention to headlines than the good news of Your Kingdom. We seek to make a name for ourselves rather than glory in Your gracious name that alone can make us great in love, service, and sacrifice. Grant us godly sorrow for our foolishness. Renew and restore us, for on our own we are and can do nothing. Lord, have mercy!

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: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding
in steadfast love.

**All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh
bless His holy name forever and ever. Amen.**

Psalm 145:8, 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

THY MERCY

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

John Stocker, Sandra McCracken

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: Christian, in whom do we believe?

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell. *
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**While Jesus didn't literally descend to hell, he did endure the torment of hell on the cross and remained under the power of death until his resurrection.*

***universal*

Prayer of Intercession.

David Welch

Prayer for RYM MS Students and Chaperones

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

**All: God, whose providence is never deceived – we humbly ask
You, that You would put away from us all truly hurtful things;
and give those things which are profitable for us; 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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SPEAK O LORD



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re-ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your



Ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
mil - i - ty; Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
plans for us Truths un - changed from the dawn of time That will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness, That the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise; cause our
e - cho down thro' e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
prom - is - es, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All Your
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, Let their
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the



pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Luke 14:1-11

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. [2] And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. [3] And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" [4] But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. [5] And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" [6] And they could not reply to these things.

[7] Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, [8] "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, [9] and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. [10] But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. [11] For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

LUNCH PARABLES - PART I

The Healing (vv. 1-6)

The Parable (vv. 7-10)

The Punchline (v. 11)

Discussion Questions:

1. How was the man's physical condition a picture of the spiritual condition of the Pharisees and lawyers? How is the spiritual condition evident in your life?
2. Summarize Jesus' teaching in this parable and then spend time applying it to your life? Acknowledge the personal ways you make a beeline for the 'chief seats'.
3. According to the sermon, how can we battle pride and cultivate humility?
4. Why is humility such a prized characteristic in the kingdom of God?

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

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"

Chorus

*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" (*Chorus*)

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 (*Chorus*)

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GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

ACROSS THE LANDS

1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther From be-fore the world be-
2. Yet You left the gaze of an-gels, Came to seek and save the
3. With a shout You rose vic-tor-ious, Wrest-ing vict'-ry from the
gan. Ev'-ry star and ev'-ry pla-net Has been
lost, And ex-changed the joy of hea-ven For the
grave, And as-cend-ed in-to heav-en, Lead-ing
fa-shioned by Your hand. All cre-a-tion holds to-
an-guish of a cross. With a prayer You fed the
cap-tives in Your way. Now You stand be-fore the
geth-er By the pow-er of Your voice. Let the
hun-gry; With a word You calmed the sea; Yet how
Fa-ther, In-ter-ced-ing for Your own; From each
skies de-clare Your glo-ry; Let the land and seas re-
si-lent-ly You suf-fered That the guilt-y may go
tribe and tongue and na-tion, You are lead-ing sin-ners
joice! You're the Au-thor of cre-a-tion; You're the Lord of ev'-ry
free!
home!
man; And Your cry of love rings out ac-ross the lands.

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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

Randy Shannon– July 30

Randy Shannon– August 6

Daniel Sneed– August 13

Information & Events

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

Nursery Open House: Come learn about the format and intent of each nursery room on Sunday, August 13, 9:00-9:30 a.m. Donuts and bagels will be served in the fellowship hall. Whether you have children of your own or are simply a member wanting to uphold your vows to our covenant children, you are invited to come and see how we are serving the littlest and calling even them to come into the presence of the King with the congregation to worship our risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

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.



AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Bible Study, 10:30 Girls with Cassidy at her home* Guys with Travis at FWPC	1	2	3	4	5
6 returning from RYM MS for worship	7	8	9	10	11 THE FORT LOCK-IN AT FWPC begins 8 PM ends 8 AM	12
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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SEPTEMBER 6 - NOVEMBER 15
JANUARY 17 - APRIL 3

Women's Wednesday Bible Study

From Garden to Glory

A Bible Study on the Bible's Story

9:30-11:30 AM
AT FWPC

7:00-8:30PM AT
ELIZABETH STEED'S

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION:
FORTWORTHPCA.ORG/BIBLESTUDY

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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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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