

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



August 13, 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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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.

“Those invited must choose to attend. If they do not, they will not get a chance to sit at the table of blessing. What a tragedy to hear the invitation to blessing and yet miss it when the time comes.”

Daryl Bock

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† Congregation standing

Order of the Worship of God

— August 13, 2023 —

Eleventh 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: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.

People: Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Amen!

Isaiah 12:34

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 satisfied –
For 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!

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† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalms 103:6-18

Pastor: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

People: He made known His ways to Moses, and His acts to the people of Israel.

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

People: He will not always chide, nor will keep His anger forever.

Pastor: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.

Pastor: As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

People: As a father shows compassion to His children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

Pastor: For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

People: **As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field.**

Pastor: For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

† Doxology

All Creatures

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

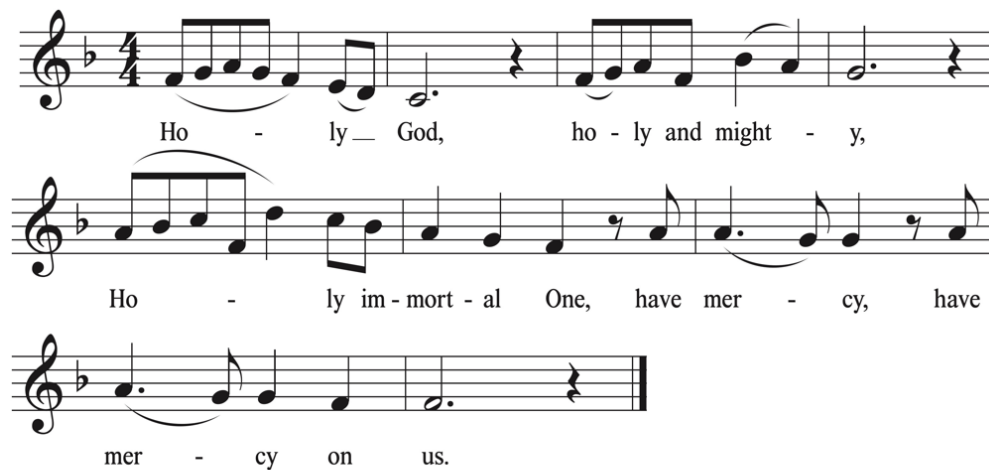
Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

All: **O Lord, in thought, word, and deed we have sinned against You and our neighbor. Therefore, we will acknowledge our sin to You and we will not hide our iniquity. Instead, we will confess our transgressions, trusting that You will forgive the iniquity of our sin, through Your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Adapted from Psalm 32

Silent Confession

Song of Confession



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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

All: Praise and glory be to You our merciful God!

Psalm 32:1

† 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

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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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Kingdom Moment

*Kids Hope
Jill Davis*

Prayer of Intercession.

Pastor Brandon

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Pastor: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: As we come to the hearing of Your word, speak O Lord, that in hearing Your voice we may become more and more like Your Son. 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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MAGNIFICENT MARVELOUS MATCHLESS LOVE



1. Mag - ni - fi - cent, mar - vel - ous, match - less love; too
(2. Cre) - a - tion is brim - ming with thank - ful - ness, the



vast and a-stound-ing to tell. — For - ev - er ex - ist - ing in
moun-tains, ex - ul - tant they stand; the sea-sons re-joice in Your



worlds a - bove, now of - fered and giv - en to all. — Oh,
faith - ful - ness, all life is sus-tained by Your hand. — You



foun - tain of beau - ty e - ter - nal; the Fath - er, the Spir - it, the
crown ev - 'ry mea-dow with col - or; You paint ev - 'ry shade in the



Son. — Suf - fi - cient and end - less - ly ge - ne -
sky. — Each day the dawn wakes as an en - core



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love. How great, how sure; His

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more. Mag - ni - fi - cent, mar - vel - ous, match - less love.

What grace, that You entered our brokenness,
 You came in the fullness of time
 How far we had fallen from righteousness
 but not from the mercies of Christ

Your cross is our door to redemption,
 Your death is our fullness of life
 That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood
 Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

Chorus

*How great, how sure, His love endures forevermore
 Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love*

United in Your resurrection,
 You lift us to infinite heights
 Could anything sever or take us from
 Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love *Chorus*

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LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Luke 14:12-24

[12] He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. [13] But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,[14] and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

[15] When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” [16] But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. [17] And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ [18] But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ [19] And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ [20] And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ [21] So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ [22] And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ [23] And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. [24] For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

LUNCH PARABLES - PART II

Introduction

Jesus Addresses the Host (vv. 12-14)

Jesus Responds to a Guest (vv. 15-24)

Application

Discussion Questions:

1. How might the social life of our church and ministries devolve into the sort of exclusivity we see at this Sabbath lunch?
2. How does what Jesus say in Luke 12:32 offset our natural desire to be "repaid" by others?
3. Why are the excuses in 14:18-20 such an insult to the host?
4. Based on the sermon, how would you define gospel hospitality? Are you showing this sort of hospitality? If so, how? If not, why?

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.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Chorus

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up *Chorus*

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength *Chorus*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom *Chorus*

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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

Daniel Sneed– August 13

Dowell Stackpole– August 20

Johnny Tassin– August 27

Save the Date

September 8, 7 pm – Marriage Workshop with Jeremy Lelek, at Davis Barn

Saturday, Nov 18, 6 pm – Skye Peterson in Concert

Information & Events

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

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.

The School of Christian Theology will be held on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 205, beginning September 6. All are invited to attend this 12-session series on Reformed Theology which is required for future officers. Classes are taught by Pastor Brandon Eggar and cover topics including the inerrancy of Scripture, the doctrine of God, providence, creation, and the person and work of Christ. RSVP at fortworthpca.org/adult.

Christian Formation Classes

Returns at 9:00 a.m. next Sunday, August 20, for all ages;

Galatians: What's the look on "God's face" when he thinks of you? How do grace and the law relate? Are you experiencing joy in your life as a Christian? These are just some of the issues the book of Galatians addresses, led by John Weiser in the Lecture Hall.

FWPC 201: Living Out the Christian Life will meet in Room 201. This class will explore what it means to grow in the Christian life through the ministries of FWPC, Scripture reading, prayer, and theological yet practical truths such as the Trinity and uniting with Christ. Discussions will be led by Pastor Brandon, elders, and ministry leaders.

Fall at

Sundays, 9:00 am, Aug 20-Dec 17 – Christian Formation Classes
High School - Room 204 | Middle School - Room 203

Wednesday, August 30, 7:00 pm – Youth Game Night

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Sept 6-Nov 16 – All-Youth Large Group
food, fun, large group lesson, small group discussion

Fri-Sat, October 20-21 – Roctober VIII at Camp Copass in Denton
North Texas Presbytery's All-Youth Fall Retreat

Friday, October 27 – Youth Halloween Party

Friday, December 15 – Youth Christmas Party

Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? thefort@fortworthpca.org | [@thefort_fwpc](https://www.instagram.com/thefort_fwpc)



A new year for Women's Covenant Groups begins in September, and all women who are regular-attenders of FWPC, committed to living in community with us, are invited to participate.

Moms Groups meet monthly during the school year for fellowship, prayer, and topical discussion focusing on how to biblically live out the calling of motherhood. Moms are grouped by the age of their oldest child.

Women-to-Women Groups of mixed ages and stages meet monthly year-round for prayer, book study, and mutual encouragement designed to deepen their knowledge of and relationship with God.

Complete a request form (use the QR code) by **August 31** to be placed in a group.



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

MORNING STUDY AT FWPC

9:30-11:30 AM
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

**EVENING STUDY AT
ELIZABETH STEED'S HOME**

6809 WOODSTOCK
7:00-8:30 PM



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The one person
that helps a
Child have HOPE!

I would like more information about the following
Kids Hope opportunities:

_____ **MENTOR:** *give my love to a child one hour
per week at school.*

_____ **PRAYER PARTNER:** *be the person who
upholds the child, the mentor and the relationship in
life changing prayer.*

_____ **SUBSTITUTE MENTOR:** *be available to stand in
for a mentor who must miss a session.*

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Email _____



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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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