Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



August 20, 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.

How can we celebrate the party of God's love in such a way as to welcome not only the younger brothers who have come back from the dead, but also the older brothers who thought there was nothing wrong with them?

Tom Wright

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Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.

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† Congregation standing

Order of the Worship of God

— August 20, 2023 —

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

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

Spirit.

People: Amen!

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD

with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

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.

Pastor: 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!

Psalm 100

† Hymn of Praise

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from His altar call; extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all; extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall, hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all; hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all go, spread your trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all; to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

St. 1-5, Edward Perronet, 1779; alt./ Coronation C.M. rep. St. 6, John Rippon, 1787 / Oliver Holden, 1793

† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 103:1, 15-22

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy

name!

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.

People: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to

everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to

His children's children,

Pastor: To those who keep His covenant and remember to His

commandments.

People: The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His

kingdom rules over all.

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His

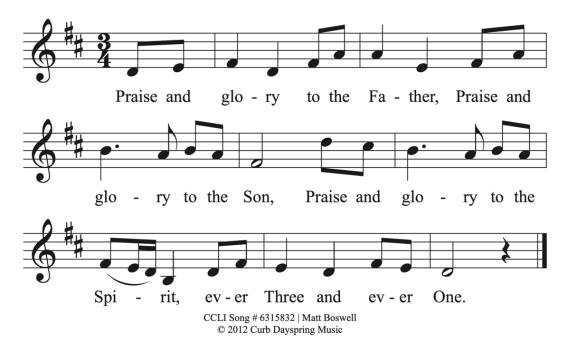
word, obeying the voice of His word!

People: Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!

Pastor: Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

† Doxology *MESSENGER*



Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

People: O Father, I confess that my transgression speaks deep in my heart. I acknowledge that I do not fear You. Often, I make light of Your grace. I flatter myself believing my iniquity will not be found out. I cover and hide my sin. But You know. So, I pray: Rescue me from my arrogance and my desire for autonomy. Refresh me in the preciousness of Your steadfast love that I might turn from sin to feast on the abundance of Your house.

Adapted from Psalm 36

Silent Confession

Song of Confession



† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: O Lord, You will continue Your steadfast love to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright of heart!

All: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!.

From Psalm 36:10

† The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

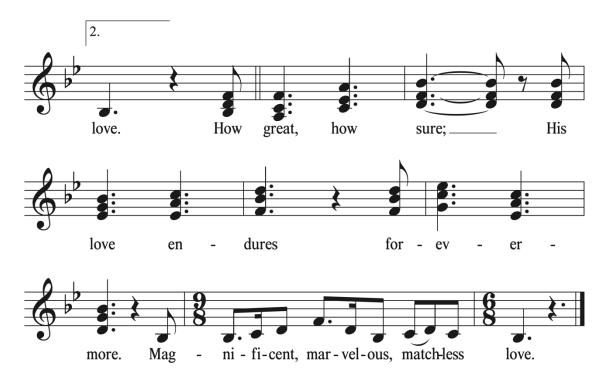
People: And also with you!

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

† Song of Renewal

MAGNIFICENT MARVELOUS MATCHLESS 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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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

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

A11:

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

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Lord of all power and might, the Author of all good things:

Graft in our hearts the love of Your name. Increase in us genuine faith. Nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in

us the fruit of Your Spirit, for Jesus' sake. 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 15:1-3,11-32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.[2] And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." [3] So he told them this parable:

[11] And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. [12] And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. [13] Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. [14] And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. [15] So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. [16] And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

[17] "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! [18] I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. [19] I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." [20] And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. [21] And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' [22] But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. [23] And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and

celebrate. [24] For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

[25] "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. [26] And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. [27] And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' [28] But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, [29] but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. [30] But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' [31] And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. [32] It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.""

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Pastor Brandon

A PARABLE ABOUT TWO SONS

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The Younger Son

The Older Son

Discussion Questions:

- 1. In your thinking and living, are you more of a younger brother or an older brother? Why is this?
- 2. What's most convicting to you about this passage?
- 3. What's most comforting?
- 4. Prayerfully think through at least two ways you can apply this passage to how you relate to God and He relates to you.

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

HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast Each of us cries with thankful tongue Lord why was I a guest?

Why was I made to hear your voice and enter while there's room
When thousands make a wretched choice and rather starve than come?

Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in Else we had still refused to taste and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations O our God, constrain the earth to come Send your victorious Word abroad and bring the strangers home.

We long to see Your churches full that all the chosen race
May with one voice and heart and soul sing Your redeeming grace.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

CHRIST IS RISEN

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely You've bled for us

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim *Chorus*

O death where is your sting O hell where is your victory O church come stand in the light The glory of God has defeated the night O death where is your sting

O hell where is your victory

O church come stand in the light

Our God is not dead He's alive He's alive 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.

People: Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Daniel Sneed– August 20 Johnny Tassin– August 27 Andy Warren– September 3

Save the Date

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.

GAP Pool Party: 5th and 6th Graders are invited to the Thom Home at 4201 Shannon Drive for lunch and swimming immediately following worship on Sunday, September 17.

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

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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- 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 in Room 201



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 | @ athefort_fwpc



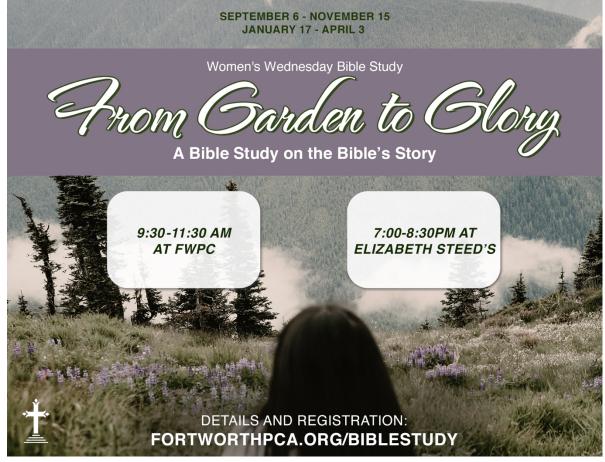
A new year for Women's Covenant Groups begins in September, and all women who are regular-attenders of FWPC, committed to living in community with us, are invited to participate.

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.







I want to BE 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.
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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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