

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



August 27, 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.

“This parable (Luke 16:1-9) is meant to show us that Jesus looks for tangible compassion to be exercised on the part of His followers. Does He see it in us?”

Adapted from David Wenham

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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

— August 27, 2023 —

Thirteenth 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: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end;

People: They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

Pastor: “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, therefore I will hope in Him.

People: The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. Amen

Lamentations 3:22-25

† Hymn of Praise

COME AWAY FROM RUSH AND HURRY

Come away from rush and hurry
To the stillness of God's peace
From our vain ambition's worry
Come to Christ and find release
Come away from noise and clamor
Life's demands and frenzied pace
Come to join the people gathered
Here to seek and find God's grace

In the pastures of God's goodness
We lie down to rest our soul
From the waters of God's mercy
We drink deeply are made whole
At the table of God's presence
All the saints are richly fed
With the oil of God's anointing
Into service we are led

Come then children with your burdens
Life's confusions fears and pain
Leave them at the cross of Jesus
Take instead His kingdom's reign
Bring your thirsts for He will quench them
He alone will satisfy
All our longings find attainment
When to self we gladly die

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† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 145:1-7

Pastor: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

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

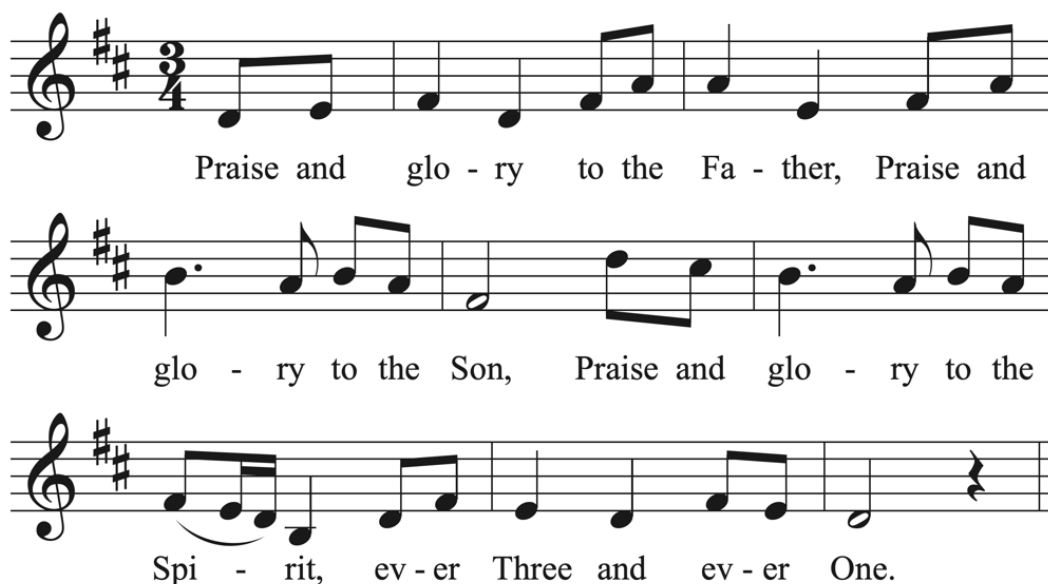
Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.

Pastor: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous work, I will meditate.

People: They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness.

Pastor: They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.



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Confession of Sin

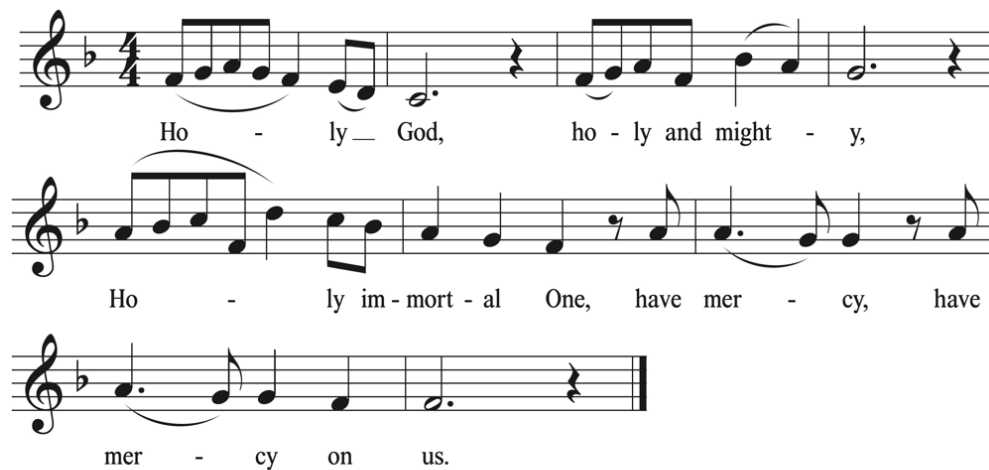
Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

People: Our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we confess that we have sinned by committing idolatry in our hearts. We have committed two evils: we have forsaken You, the Fountain of Living Waters, and hewed out cisterns for ourselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. In Your kindness, grant us the gift of repentance and godly sorrow for our sins.

Adapted from Jeremiah 2:13

Silent Confession

Song of Confession



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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Anyone who drinks of the living water that Jesus is and gives will never be thirsty again.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

From John 4:14

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

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Professions of Faith

Dorothea Ann Cullum

Coralie Alizah Smith

Evelynn Ann Smith

Kingdom Moment

Rev Bradford Green
TCU-RUF 25th Anniversary

Prayer of Intercession.

Scott Hames

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Merciful Father, grant that this church would gather together in the unity of the Holy Spirit. May we manifest Your healing power in this city and region, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ, who lives with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. 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 16:1-13

He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. [2] And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ [3] And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. [4] I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ [5] So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ [6] He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ [7] Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ [8] The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. [9] And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

[10] “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. [11] If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? [12] And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? [13] No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PARABLE OF THE DISHONEST MANAGER

Introduction

The Parable Explained

The Parable Applied

Discussion Questions:

1. What was your first thought upon hearing this parable? What made you think this?
2. After hearing the sermon, do you have more clarity on this parable? In what way?
3. In your own words, how should this parable be applied?
4. What convicted you most in the sermon?

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

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast. *Chorus*

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast

‘Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last! *Chorus*

Words: vv. 1-2 Ada Habershon (1861-1918)
New words (v.3), and music: Matthew Merker

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r:
raise Thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
heart of my own heart, what ever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. | 8th cent. SLANE 10.10.10.10

Tr. By Mary E. Byrne, 1905 | Traditional Irish melody

Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912 | Arr. By David Evans, 1927

† 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

Johnny Tassin– August 27

Andy Warren– September 3

Pete Cansick– September 10

Save the Date

Friday, September 22, 5:30 pm – TCU RUF 25th Anniversary Party at Tim and Emily Bates'. Scan QR code for details and registration.



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.

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.

Youth Intern: We are excited to welcome **Katie Peterson** as our youth intern this year. Katie has been a blessing to our youth as a volunteer over the summer, and we look forward to having her engaging personality and heart for our students join our staff and continue to impact our youth ministry. Please pray for her ministry to our female students, and please introduce yourself to her.



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

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.





MEN'S
FALL
STUDY

SEPT 12-OCT 25
FWPC Lecture Hall

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, 6:30 a.m.

Register at
fortworthpca.org/men

A book titled 'DEEPER' by DANE C. ORTLUND. The cover features a landscape with mountains and a body of water. A small 'Union' logo is in the top left corner of the book cover. The tagline 'Real Change for Real Sinners' is visible above the title.

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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