

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



September 10, 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.

Jeremiah's life didn't start with Jeremiah. Jeremiah's salvation didn't start with Jeremiah. Jeremiah's truth didn't start with Jeremiah. He entered the world in which the essential parts of his existence were already ancient history. So do we.

Eugene Peterson

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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

— September 10, 2023 —

Fifteenth 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: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and song of praise is fitting.

People: The LORD builds up His people; He gathers those who are outcasts.

Pastor: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; He gives them all their names.

People: Great is our LORD, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

Pastor: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

From Psalm 147

† Hymn of Praise

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end, Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
on heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,
singing forever more, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Christian H. Bateman, 1843

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Traditional Spanish melody

Arr. By David Evans, 1927

† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 145:14-21

Pastor: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

People: The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season.

Pastor: You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

People: The LORD is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His works.

Pastor: The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

People: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; He also hears their cry and saves them.

Pastor: The LORD preserves all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.

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

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
A - - - men, a - - - men, a - -
- - - men.

Music by Jacob Tilton

Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

All: O Lord, we confess that we are ready to fall, and our pain is ever before us. We confess our iniquity; we are sorry for our sin. Make haste to help us, O Lord, our salvation.

From Psalm 38

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

Je - sus, Lord of life and glo - ry, bend from heav'n Thy
gra - cious ear; While our wait - ing souls a - dore Thee
Friend of help - less sin - ners, hear. By Thy mer - cy, O de -
liv - er us, good Lord, By Thy mer - cy, O de -
liv - er us, good Lord, good Lord.

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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: The Lord will not forsake those who call upon Him! He will not be far from us

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Adapted from Psalm 38:21

† The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

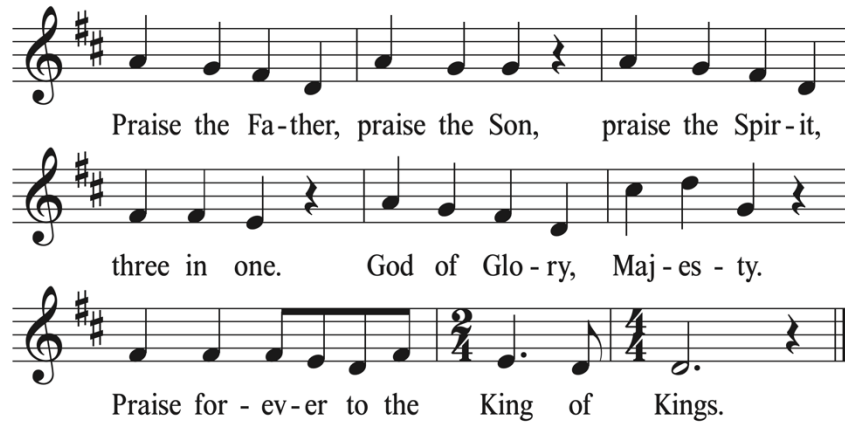
At this time, please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

† Song of Renewal

KING OF KINGS



1. In the dark - ness, we were wait - ing with - out hope,
— with - out light. 'Till from heav -
- en you — came run — ning there was mer -
- cy in — your eyes. To ful - fill
— the law — and pro - phets to a vir -
- gin came the Word. From a throne
— of end - less glo - ry, to a cra -
- dle in — the dirt. —



2.To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died *Chorus*

3.And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

4.And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me *Chorus*

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Confession of Faith

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*

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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PSALM 121 (AMAZING GRACE)

I lift my eyes up to the hills—
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, who made
the heav'ns and earth—it comes!

He won't allow your foot to slip;
His watch o'er you He keeps.
For He who watches Israel—
He slumbers not nor sleeps.

The Lord's your keeper; He keeps watch—
He's shade at your right hand.
The sun won't harm you in the day,
Nor moon at night—you'll stand!

The Lord will keep you from all harm;
Your life He watches o'er.
The Lord guards as you come and go
both now and evermore.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Jeremiah 1:1-19

The words of Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, one of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, [2] to whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. [3] It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month. [4] Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, [5] "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." [6] Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." [7] But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. [8] Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord." [9] Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. [10] See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." [11] And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see an almond branch." [12] Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it." [13] The word of the Lord came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north." [14] Then the Lord said to me, "Out of the north disaster shall be let loose upon all the inhabitants of the land. [15] For behold, I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, declares the Lord, and they shall come, and every one shall set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls all around and against all the cities of Judah. [16] And I will declare my judgments against them, for all their evil in forsaking me. They have made offerings to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands. [17] But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. [18] And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. [19] They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the Lord, to deliver you."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE CALL OF JEREMIAH

Introduction

The Times of Jeremiah

The Call of Jeremiah

Application

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways do Jeremiah's times look like our own?
2. How does Jeremiah's call mimic your call to Christ? How is this an encouragement to you?
3. How does Jesus fulfill this passage?
4. What convicted you most about this 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.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

HIS MERCY IS MORE

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

nis - cient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
 Fa - ther so ten - der, is cal - ling us home? He
 blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We

in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;
 wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the pa
 stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;

Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more. Praise the

Lord! _____ His mer - cy is more! _____

Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; Our sins they are man - y, His

mer - cy is more.

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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: May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Andy Warren– September 3

Pete Cansick– September 10

Herb Haertner– September 17

Chris Jordan– September 24

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. Scan QR code for tickets

Information & Events

The School of Christian Theology will be held on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 205, September 6 to December 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.

Ladies Game Night: Join us for a night of fun in the Lecture Hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m. **tomorrow**. Friends and snacks to share are welcome. Decaf coffee and water are provided. Ladies Game Night occurs monthly on the first Monday unless it's a holiday.

Jeremiah Scripture Journals are available on the fellowship hall table for highlighting and note taking during this sermon series for \$4. Use the QR code to purchase with credit card or cash is accepted.

Financial Peace University: If you are among the 40% of Americans who say their financial situation has caused them to lose sleep in the past month, it's time to make a change. Take the first step and take control of your finances by signing up for the Financial Peace University classes hosted by Don Judd here at FWPC. Registration is \$80 and covers both spouses attending, if married.

Class (and better sleep) starts on Tuesday, October 3, 6-8 p.m. and runs for nine weeks in the Lecture Hall.

Sympathies: Royce Ogden, the father of Kipp Ogden transitioned into glory on Friday, September 1, 2023.

Visitation: Monday, September 11, 2023, at Skyvue Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at First Methodist Mansfield at 11 a.m.

SUPER FRIDAYS: What can be more super than SUPER FRIDAYS? Calling all youth (12 and older) and adults!!!!

If you have a heart for sharing the Gospel with children, please come have lunch and a discovery meeting following the Worship Service, September 17. Super Fridays begin October 6 - 3:00 - 6:00 - November 10.

Please pray and consider if our One True God is calling YOU to this important ministry to Oakmont Elementary School. We will also have Good News Club during KIWI October 8 - November 12.

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

A poster for 'Men's Fall Study' on a rustic wooden background. On the left, a black book with a red spine is partially visible. On the right is a book cover for 'DEEPER' by Dane C. Ortland, published by Union, with the subtitle 'Real Change for Real Sinners'. The book cover features a landscape with a body of water and mountains.

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

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
Booher Home – 4912 Riverbend Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76109

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Sept 6-Nov 16 – The Fort Youth 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

Saturday, October 28 – 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)

ROCTOBER VIII

CAMP COPASS - DENTON, TX | OCTOBER 20-21

- What?** North Texas Presbytery's Annual All-Youth Fall Retreat (7-12 grades)
- Who?** Speaker Tree Triolo from Westminster Presbyterian in Bryan, TX
- How much?** \$95 includes one night's lodging, three meals Saturday, and a t-shirt
- When?** Register by Wednesday, October 4. Scholarships are available. See Travis.



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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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