

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



September 24, 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.

“What a difference it makes in my life and yours when we believe that the trials as well as the accomplishments, the difficulties as well as the joys, are not simply the products of brute forces in the universe but actually are all part of God’s eternal plan for His glory and our good. Do we have any assurance that such astounding truths do apply to us? Yes.”

Bryan Chapell

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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 24, 2023 —

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

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 bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: Oh magnify the LORD with me!

All: Let us exalt His name together!

Psalm 34:1-3

† Hymn of Praise

ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God *Chorus*

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God! *Chorus*

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† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 37:1-7

Pastor: Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

People: For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

Pastor: Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

People: Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Pastor: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.

People: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

Pastor: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him.

† 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: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

Adapted from Psalm 51:1-3

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: In Christ, the Lord creates in us a clean heart. He renews us and He upholds us with a willing spirit.

All: Amen!

Adapted from Psalm 51:10, 12

† 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

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He has brought us nigh to God
Let us love the Lord who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He presents our souls to God
Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He who washed us with His blood (3x)
Soon will bring us home to God
Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood (3x)
Has secured our way to God
Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3x)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Kingdom Moment

Rev. Keith Berger

Reformed University Fellowship

Prayer of Intercession

Scott Zink

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Grant us, O Lord, not to mind only earthly things, but to love Your Heavenly Kingdom; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those things that will last. For Jesus' sake, we pray. 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

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, [2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [4] There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— [5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism, [6] one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. [7] But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. [8] Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”

[9] (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? [10] He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) [11] And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, [12] to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, [13] until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, [14] so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. [15] Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, [16] from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to 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:



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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

MAY THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ
May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

Chorus

May the peoples praise You

Let the nations be glad

All Your blessing comes

That we may praise

May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known
May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word *Chorus*

This our holy priv'lege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation tribe and tongue
Your church proclaim

*May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus*

Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name *(Repeat)*

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: 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

Chris Jordan– September 24

Daniel Sneed– October 1

Randy Shannon – October 8

Information & Events

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

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.



Super Fridays: Calling all youth (12 and older) and adults! If you have a heart for sharing the Gospel with children, it isn't too late to join us! Please pray and consider if our One True God is calling YOU to this important ministry to Oakmont Elementary School. Super Fridays include Good News Club for students followed by a family dinner from 3:00-6:00 p.m., October 6-November 10. Volunteer training is Friday, September 29 at 3:30 p.m.

FWPC Choir: Join us in the FWPC choirs for Thursday night rehearsals starting on October 26th at 7 PM. We welcome both adults and teens (ages 13+) to be part of the FWPC Choir. We are also excited to introduce a new FWPC Children's Choir for Kindergarten-5th graders, and a nursery for preschoolers. Our choirs will perform for the annual Lessons and Carols service in December. Scan the QR code to complete an interest form, email justin@fortworthpca.org with questions



Pregnancy Lifeline: FWPC has partnered with Pregnancy Lifeline for many years to bless moms and families in need. They are seeing more mothers in need than ever and have asked us to help restock their pantry. By providing items on this list, you can help these precious families feel God's love for them: baby wash & shampoo, baby lotion, diaper cream, baby bottles, pacifiers, small baby toys, body wash & shampoo, soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes (big & little), soft cuddly stuffed animals. Please bring your items to the donation bin in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, October 15.

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.



3rd-4th Grade
FALL FUN!
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 3-5 PM
pumpkin painting & caramel apple making
Pierce Home – 3701 Kelvin Ave, Fort Worth, TX



2023

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in concert



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TICKETS



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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