Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



October 22, 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 knew the trouble of persecution and the shame of public humiliation. All this suffering placed a giant question mark over his existence. Though he was strong in the faith, there were times when he had more questions than answers.

Phillip Ryken

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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

— October 22, 2023 —

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

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

Spirit!

People: Amen!

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;

People: It is fitting for the upright to praise Him.

Pastor: Sing to Him a new song;

People: Play skillfully, and shout for joy.

Pastor: For the Word of the LORD is right and true;

People: He is faithful in all He does. Amen.

Psalm 33:1, 3-4

† Hymn of Praise

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me, who caused His pain?

For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Chorus:

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies:
who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more. (Chorus)

He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!), humbled Himself (so great His love!) and bled for all His chosen race! 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me! (Chorus)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. (Chorus)

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. (Chorus)

† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 67

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine

upon us,

People: That Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power

among all the nations.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the

peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Pastor: Let all the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

People: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

Pastor: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

† Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen

Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God together

praying -

People: We sinners appeal to You to hear us, Lord. Give us true repentance, forgive us all our sins, and endue us with the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your Holy

Word.

Pastor: Son of God, hear us

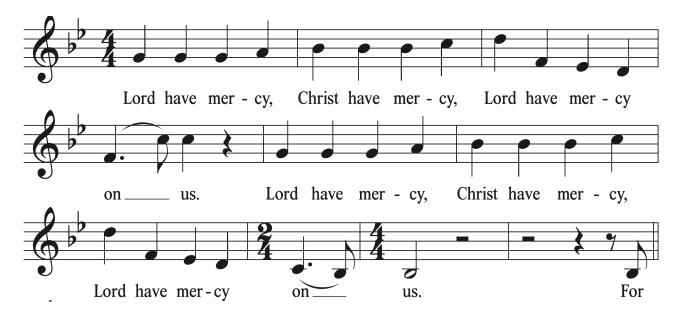
People: Lamb of God, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.

Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

LORD HAVE MERCY (FOR WHAT WE HAVE DONE)





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† Assurance of Pardon

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

All: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him. Amen!

† The Greeting of Peace

Elder: 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 ALL MY JOY (PSALM 16)



COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Pastor: Christian, do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and

earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Son?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

Pastor: Do you believe in the physical Resurrection of Jesus?

People: I believe that on the third day He rose again and He showed Himself to His followers over a period of forty days. He then ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of the saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of our bodies; and the life everlasting.

Pastor: This is the faith of the Church.

People: This is our faith. We believe and trust in this one God – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Jack Norris

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Loving Father, You have set us free from the bondage of our sins through the death of Your Son. In Your grace and mercy, deepen us in the liberty of the abundant life that is ours in Jesus Christ. 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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PSALM 13 (TUNE: O THE DEEP DEEP LOVE)

How long, Lord, will You forget me? How long will You hide Your face? How long, Lord, will this depression grip my soul in its embrace? How long will this dreadful sorrow pierce my heart all night and day? How long will my soul's attacker be exalted o'er my way?

Look on me, Lord, come and answer,
Light my eyes lest death approach;
Lest my enemy claim vict'ry
and my foes gloat in reproach.
But I trust Your lovingkindness,
in salvation I'll rejoice;
For the Lord has been good to me,
I will sing with heart and voice.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Jeremiah 20

Now Pashhur the priest, the son of Immer, who was chief officer in the house of the Lord, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. [2] Then Pashhur beat Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper Benjamin Gate of the house of the Lord. [3] The next day, when Pashhur released Jeremiah from the stocks, Jeremiah said to him, "The Lord does not call your name Pashhur, but Terror on Every Side. [4] For thus says the Lord: Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends. They shall fall by the sword of their enemies while you look on. And I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon. He shall carry them captive to Babylon, and shall strike them down with the sword. [5] Moreover, I will give all the wealth of the city, all its gains, all its prized belongings, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah into the hand of their enemies, who shall plunder them and seize them and carry them to Babylon. [6] And you, Pashhur, and all who dwell in your house, shall go into captivity. To Babylon you shall go, and there you shall die, and there you shall be buried, you and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied falsely." [7] O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. [8] For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. [9] If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. [10] For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." [11] But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. [12] O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. [13] Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers. [14] Cursed be the day on which I was born! The day when my mother bore me, let it not be blessed! [15] Cursed be the man who brought the news to my father, "A son is born to you," making him very glad. [16] Let that man be like the cities that the Lord overthrew without pity; let him hear a cry in the morning and an alarm at noon, [17] because he did not kill me in the womb; so my mother would have been my grave, and her womb forever great. [18] Why did I come out from the womb to see toil and sorrow, and spend my days in shame?

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Pastor Brandon

JEREMIAH'S PERSECUTION

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Jeremiah In a State of Despair

Seeking God in Despair

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What are we to make of Jeremiah's 'waffling' in this passage?
- 2. How does Jeremiah respond to his persecution and being shamed?
- 3. When you're in a state of trial and trouble, what does your prayer life look like? How does Jeremiah's prayer shape your own prayer life when you're struggling?
- 4. How has God answered Jeremiah's question at the end of this passage? Hint: Go read about his call to be a prophet (Jeremiah 1:1-17).

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

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the power of the cross:

Christ became sin for us;

Took the blame, bore the wrath —

We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow. *Chorus*

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;

"Finished!" the victory cry. *Chorus*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

This, the power of the cross:

Son of God, slain for us.

What a love! What a cost

We stand forgiven at the cross.

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GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand



† 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

Johnny Tassin- October 22

Andy Warren- October 29

Pete Cansick- November 5

Save the Date

Tues, Nov 7 – Men's Beer & Brat Night

Sat, 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.

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.

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

Crates for Ukraine 3.0: The MTW Lviv Team, led by Doug and Masha Shepherd, aims to provide personal and humanitarian aid from the hands of churches in the U.S. to churches and displaced communities in Ukraine. FWPC has been a long-time supporter of the Shepherds, and they tell us they are receiving more requests for aid now than at any other time since the war began. This fall, The Fort youth will pack crates as their Thanksgiving service project. In order for them to order supplies to fill these crates, we need your monetary donations! The number and types of crates (basic care, basic meds, or wound care) we can send to Ukraine depend upon your giving. Please donate at continuetogive.com/fwpcu by Sunday, October 29.

New Christian Formation Classes Sundays, October 22 at 9:00 a.m.

ADULTS

Corporate Worship: The Liturgy and Story of Scripture will be led by Brandon Eggar and Justin Pierce in the Lecture Hall, October 22-December 17. This class will focus on how worship is a reenactment and participation in the grand story of Christ and how that story shapes us as the people of God.

CHILDREN

5th-6th Graders (GAP) – Room 209 New City Catechism with Jeff & Amy Thom

3rd-4th Graders – Room 208 Loving God as He Saves the World and Forms the Church (Gospels-Acts) with Candace Hilton

1st-2nd Graders – Room 210 Listening to Jesus (Gospels) with Laura and Kristina Keffer

Pre-K and Kindergarten – Room 211 Show Me Jesus with Beth Stackpole and Judy Judd

Preschool (3's & 4's) – Room 111 Children's Catechism & The Biggest Story Bible Storybook with Carol Fitzgerald

Toddlers – Room 112 Children's Catechism & The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible with Kay Keffer

Infants – Room 110 Nursery







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

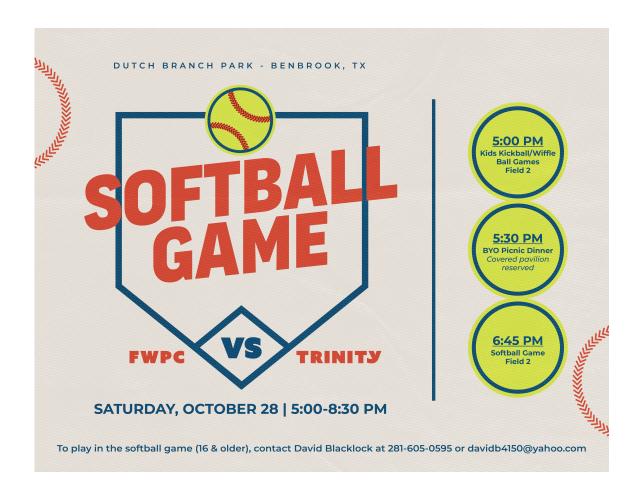
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Sept 6-Nov 15* – The Fort Youth Group food, fun, large group lesson, small group discussion

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

*Wednesday, October 25, 6:30-9:00 pm - Youth Halloween Party Thom Home - 4201 Shannon Drive, Ft. Worth 76116

Friday, December 15 – Youth Christmas Party

Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? thefort@fortworthpca.org | @ @thefort_fwpc



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