

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



October 29, 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.

Hope has succumbed to cynicism. But not long ago, hope motivated in real and powerful ways. What happened? Can we be hopeful today?

Charles Mathewes

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† Congregation standing

Order of the Worship of God

— October 29, 2023 —

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen!

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: I will extol You, my God and King,

People: And bless Your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Every day I will bless You,

People: And praise Your name forever and ever.

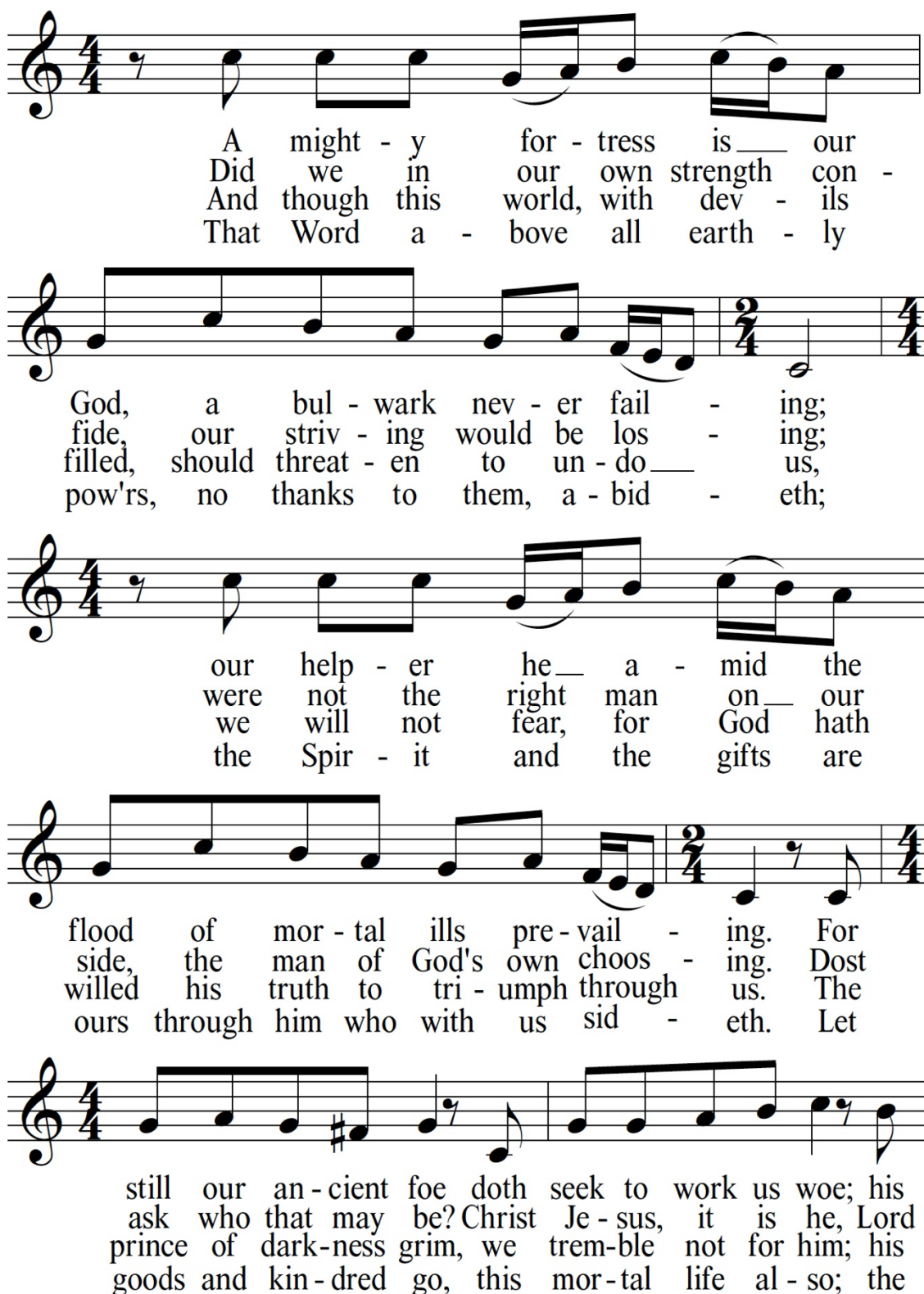
Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

People: And His greatness is unsearchable.

Psalm 145:1-3

† Hymn of Praise

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD



A might - y for - tress is — our
 Did we in our own strength con -
 And though this world, with dev - ils
 That Word a - bove all earth - ly

God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
 fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;
 filled, should threat - en to un - do — us,
 pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

our help - er he — a - mid the
 were not the right man on — our
 we will not fear, for God hath
 the Spir - it and the gifts are

flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For
 side, the man of God's own choos - ing. Dost
 willed his truth to tri - umph through us. The
 ours through him who with us sid - eth. Let

still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his
 ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord
 prince of dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his
 goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the



craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cru - el hate,
Sa - ba - oth his name, from age to age the same,
rage we can en - dure, for lo! his doom is sure;
bod - y they may kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still;



on earth is not his e - qual.
and he must win the bat - tle.
one lit - tle word shall fell him.
his king - dom is for - ev - er.

† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 135:5-6, 13-21

Pastor: I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

People: Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.

Pastor: Your name, O LORD, endures forever, Your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

People: For the LORD will vindicate His people and have compassion on His servants.

Pastor: The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

People: They have mouths, but do not speak; they have eyes, but do not see;

Pastor: They have ears, but do not hear, nor is there any breath in their mouths.

People: Those who make them become like them, so do all who trust in them.

Pastor: O house of Israel, bless the LORD! O house of Aaron, bless the LORD! O house of Levi, bless the LORD!

People: Blessed be the LORD from Zion, He who dwells in Jerusalem! Praise the LORD!

† 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:

People: O LORD, evils have encompassed us beyond number; our iniquities have overtaken us, and we cannot see; they are more than the hairs of our head; our heart fails us.

Pastor: Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver us!

People: O LORD, make haste to help us!

All: For You are our helper and our deliverer; do not delay, O our God!

From Psalm 40:12-13, 17

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;

Lord, have mer - cy on me;

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;

Lord, have mer - cy on — me.

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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: The LORD has not restrained his mercy from you; His steadfast love and faithfulness will preserve you.

All: I am poor and needy, but the LORD takes thought for me.
Amen!

From Psalm 40:11, 17

† 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

DEATH WAS ARRESTED

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began
Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Chorus

*Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You*

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began *Chorus*

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began *Chorus*

Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began (*Repeat*)
When death was arrested and my life began
When death was arrested and my life began

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Pastor: Christian, what is the gospel?

People: It is the good news that Christ died in accordance with the Scriptures, that Christ was buried and that Christ was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Pastor: What does it mean to believe the gospel?

People: It means confessing that Christ died and rose for me. It is to believe and live this truth – That I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. This is gospel, and by God's grace I believe it to His glory and my good!

Prayer of Intercession

Scottt Wade

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Our Father, may our love abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment, so that we may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the Day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of You, our God.

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

Jeremiah 24

After Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim king of Judah and the officials, the skilled workers and the artisans of Judah were carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Lord showed me two baskets of figs placed in front of the temple of the Lord.[2] One basket had very good figs, like those that ripen early; the other basket had very bad figs, so bad they could not be eaten. [3] Then the Lord asked me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" "Figs," I answered. "The good ones are very good, but the bad ones are so bad they cannot be eaten." [4] Then the word of the Lord came to me: [5] "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Like these good figs, I regard as good the exiles from Judah, whom I sent away from this place to the land of the Babylonians. [6] My eyes will watch over them for their good, and I will bring them back to this land. I will build them up and not tear them down; I will plant them and not uproot them. [7] I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.

[8] "'But like the bad figs, which are so bad they cannot be eaten,' says the Lord, 'so will I deal with Zedekiah king of Judah, his officials and the survivors from Jerusalem, whether they remain in this land or live in Egypt. [9] I will make them abhorrent and an offense to all the kingdoms of the earth, a reproach and a byword, a curse and an object of ridicule, wherever I banish them. [10] I will send the sword, famine and plague against them until they are destroyed from the land I gave to them and their ancestors.'"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOPE FOR EXILES

Introduction

The Baskets of Figs

Application

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:



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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

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing this I see -
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea -
nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*Refrain*)

Nothing can for sin atone -
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done -
nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*Refrain*)

This is all my hope and peace -
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness -
nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*Refrain*)

Now by this I'll overcome -
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home -
nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*Refrain*)

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: Heavenly Father, we thank You for feeding us with the Spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son and, and heirs of Your eternal Kingdom. And now Father, send us out to the work You have given us to do to Your glory and the good of the world. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*Refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. (*Refrain*)

† 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

Daniel Sneed– October 29

Pete Cansick– November 5

Herb Haertner– November 12

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 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 Covenant Child: We rejoice with Austin and Erin Schultz on the birth of their daughter Juliet Elaine Schultz on Thursday, October 12. She entered the world at 6.1 lbs, and 18". Thanks be to God for this good and perfect gift. Welcome to the FWPC family, Juliet!

New Christian Formation Classes

Sundays, through Dec 17 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

5TH
Sunday



FOOD TRUCKS

NOV 5, 11:30

salsa limón tacos - \$4.25
hot dogs & chips - \$3
agape pops - \$3

TUES, NOV 7 | 6:30PM

MEN'S BEER & BRAT NIGHT

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Fall at

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](https://www.instagram.com/thefort_fwpc)

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