Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



October 8, 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.

God is God. And if He is God, He is worthy of my worship and my service. I will find rest nowhere else but in His will, and that will is infinitely, immeasurably, unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what He is up to.

Elisabeth Elliott

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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 8, 2023 —

Nineteenth 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: Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD.

People: He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.

Pastor: Heal us, O LORD, and we shall be healed; save us, and we shall be saved, for You are our praise

From Jeremiah 17:7-8, 14

† Hymn of Praise

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown Him with many crowns the Lamb upon His throne Hark how the heav'n-ly anthem drowns all music but its own Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight
But downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace whose pow'r a scepter sways

From pole to pole that wars may cease
absorbed in prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end and round His pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years the Potentate of time Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime All hail Redeemer hail for Thou has died for me Thy praise shall never never fail throughout eternity. Matthew Bridges, 1851 | DIADEMATA S.M.D. | George J. Elvey, 1868 † Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 50:1-11, 22-23

Pastor: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth

from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Pastor: Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is devouring

fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

People: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may

judge His people:

Pastor: "Gather to Me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by

sacrifice!"

People: The heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is

judge!

Pastor: "Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against

you. I am God, your God.

People: Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings

are continually before Me.

Pastor: I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.

People: For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand

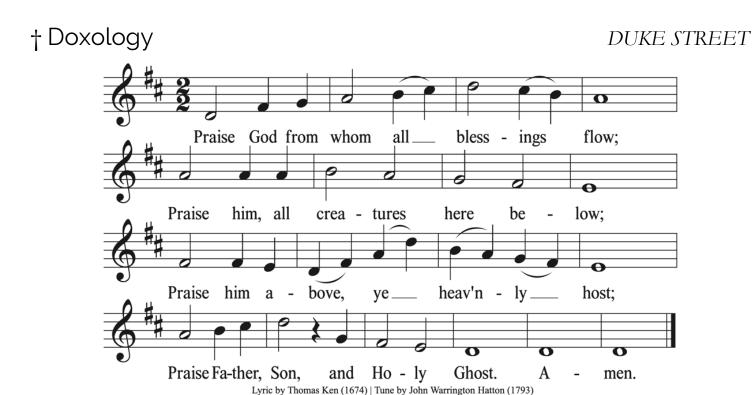
hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the

field is mine.

Pastor: Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there

be none to deliver!

All: The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies Me; the one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"



Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from Your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Restore us according to Your promises declared to all who are in Christ. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

LORD HAVE MERCY (FOR WHAT WE HAVE DONE)



† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: With Christ there is pardon and peace; cleansing and comfort!

All: Amen and amen!

† 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

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness Now the light of life has come Look to Christ, who condescended Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery Slain by death the God of life But no grave could e'er restrain Him Praise the Lord; He is alive!

What a foretaste of deliverance How unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected As we will be when He comes

Come behold the wondrous mystery Slain by death the God of life But no grave could e'er restrain Him Praise the Lord; He is alive!

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Reception of New Members

Tock and Polly Blacklock
Tom and Carole Bruton
Caleb Bruton
Addisyn Eggar
*Henry Haas
Bill and Claudia Myers
*Liam Myers

**Sam Myers
Katie Peterson
*Austin Schultz
Kent and Fran Sutton
Jack and Prue Wells
*Levi York

Prayer of Intercession

Scott Hames

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in continual godliness, that through Your protection she may be free to devoutly serve You in good works, to the glory of Your Name. 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.

QR Code for online giving

^{*} Profession of Faith

^{**} Non-communing

LORD I NEED YOU

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me (*Chorus*)

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

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LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Jeremiah 11:18-12:6

The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. [19] But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." [20] But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. [21] Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the men of Anathoth, who seek your life, and say, "Do not prophesy in the name of the Lord, or you will die by our hand"—[22] therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: "Behold, I will punish them. The young men shall die by the sword, their sons and their daughters shall die by famine, [23] and none of them shall be left. For I will bring disaster upon the men of Anathoth, the year of their punishment."

12 Righteous are you, O Lord, when I complain to you; yet I would plead my case before you. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive? [2] You plant them, and they take root; they grow and produce fruit; you are near in their mouth and far from their heart. [3] But you, O Lord, know me; you see me, and test my heart toward you. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and set them apart for the day of slaughter. [4] How long will the land mourn and the grass of every field wither? For the evil of those who dwell in it the beasts and the birds are swept away, because they said, "He will not see our latter end." [5] "If you have raced with men on foot, and they have wearied you, how will you compete with horses? And if in a safe land you are so trusting, what will you do in the thicket of the Jordan? [6] For even your brothers and the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you; they are in full cry after you; do not believe them, though they speak friendly words to you."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Pastor Brandon

JEREMIAH'S COMPLAINT

Introduction

Jeremiah's Rejection (11.18-20)

Jeremiah's Response (11.20)

Jeremiah's Complaint (12.1-4)

God's Challenge (12:5-6)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What surprised you about this passage? Why was this?
- 2. Is your faith in God big enough that you are able and willing to complain to Him? Have you ever complained to Him? If not, why not? (see Psalm 55)
- 3. Where is Jesus in this passage?
- 4. What was most challenging and comforting to you about this passage?

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

ACROSS THE LANDS



† 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

Randy Shannon– October 8 Dowell Stackpole– October 15 Johnny Tassin– October 22

Save the Date

Sun, Oct 29, 11:30 am – 5th Sunday Food Truck & Agape Pops 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.

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.

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.

Information & Events

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.

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.







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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