# Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



# November 12, 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.

On Mount Calvary, Jesus procured the blessings of the New Covenant. But He did that because He kept the Old Covenant, and yet bore not only its judgments but the curse which they could only faintly represent. It was in this way that He inaugurated the New, in His blood.

Hywel R. Jones

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# Order of the Worship of God – November 12, 2023 –

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

KIWI

GOD LOVES ME

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

#### ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

- Pastor: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- People: Thanks be to God!

† The Call to Worship

- Pastor: Holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!
- People: Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created!
- Pastor: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

#### People: To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

Pastor: Amen! Come and let us worship our God and King!

From Revelation 4-5

† Hymn of Praise

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice with us and sing Alleluia Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia Alleluia! O rushing wind that art so strong ye clouds that sail in heav'n along Alleluia Alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice ye lights of evening find a voice, O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia Alleluia! Thou flowing water pure and clear

make music for thy Lord to hear Alleluia Alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright that givest man both warmth and light, O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia! And all ye men of tender heart forgiving others take your part O sing ye alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear Praise God and on Him cast your care, O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless And worship Him in humbleness O praise him alleluia! Praise praise the Father praise the Son And praise the Spirit three in one, O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia!

† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 99:1-5

- Pastor: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- People: The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all peoples.
- Pastor: Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He!
- People: The King in His might loves justice. You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Pastor: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!

Red Trinity Hymnal # 734 Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Confession of Sin

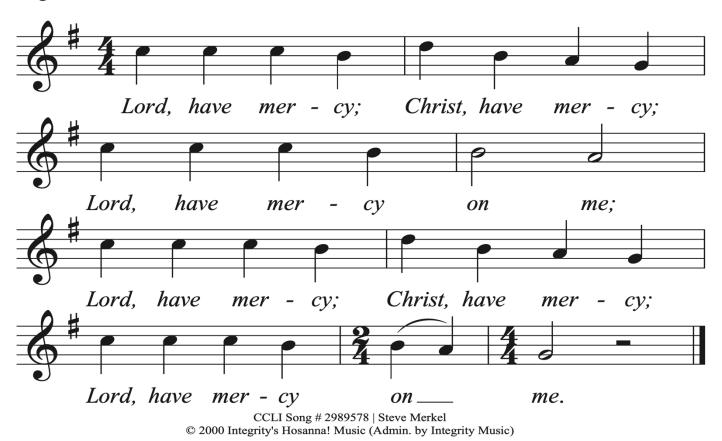
Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

All: Almighty God and Eternal Father, we confess that we have sinned against You. We have given into our temptation rather than resisting the devil and our sinful desires. We have been quick to disregard Your law and slow to obey it. O Father, we are sorry for our sins, and we ask You to help us.

> Have mercy on us, most gracious and merciful Father, through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Increase the love of Your Holy Spirit in us – that we may recognize our sins and repent of them with godly sorrow, ready to mortify them for your Name's sake. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession



+ Assurance of Pardon

- Pastor: In Christ, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses.
- All: Thanks be to God!

Ephesians 1:7

- † 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.

#### HIS MERCY IS MORE



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### COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Profession of Faith

Isabella Jordan (covenant child of Sam and Patricia Jordan)

Prayer for Covenant Children

November/December Scott Zink

#### 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.

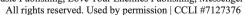
After the sermon, their teachers will return them to worship where they may come directly to you, or you may meet them at the back of the auditorium.

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#### LORD FROM SORROWS DEEP I CALL





#### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

#### The Reading of the Word

Hebrews 7:26-8:13

[26] For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. [27] He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. [28] For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

[1] Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, [2] a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. [3] For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. [4] Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. [5] They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain." [6] But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.[7] For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second. [8] For he finds fault with them when he says: "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, [9] not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord. [10] For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [11] And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. [12] For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." [13] In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

#### A BETTER PRIEST, A BETTER COVENANT

Introduction

Jesus Performs a Better Ministry

Jesus Inaugurates a Better Covenant

Discussion Questions:

1. How does this passage teach us to read and understand the Old Testament?

2. What struck you most about Jesus' High Priesthood? Why is this and how does it encourage you?

3. How does this passage change our view of the Old Covenant and God's intentions for it? Was there something wrong with the Old Covenant? If not, what was the problem?

4. Go through the promises/blessings of the New Covenant in verses 10-12. Spend time giving thanks for each one.

## 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 Thanksgiving

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:

- 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.

### + Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: The eyes of all living things look to You, O Father, and You give them their food in due season, and for this we give You thanks. But most of all, we thank You for Bread from heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ whose blood forgives us, whose life satisfies us, and whose power will resurrect us at His return. Thank You for this meal which always points us to Jesus in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

## GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

+ Song of Sending

[Women]:	[Men]:
Do you feel the world is broken?	We do.
Do you feel the shadows deepen?	We do.
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from	
getting through?	We do.
Do you wish that you could see it all made new?	We do.
[Men]:	[Women]:
Is all creation groaning?	It is.
Is a new creation coming?	It is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?	It is.
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?	It is.

[All]: Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy of this? He is.

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Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue, He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son. Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this? He is. Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is. He is. CCLI Song # 7108951 Andrew Peterson | Ben Shive © 2018 Capitol CMG Genesis (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) Junkbox Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) /Jakedog Music (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)

### † 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

Herb Haertner– November 12 Chris Jordan– November 19 Randy Shannon– November 26

#### Save the Date

Sun, Nov 26 – No Christian Formation classes at 9 am Sun, Dec 3 – Kids Advent Party, GAP Advent Party Sat, Dec 9 – Women's Christmas Brunch Sun, Dec 17 – Lessons & Carols Sun, Dec 24, 5 pm – Christmas Eve Service

## Information & Events

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

**New Covenant Child:** We rejoice with Robert and Erin Giron on the birth of their daughter Linda Kathryn on Friday, November 3. She entered the world at 7 lbs, 14 oz and 20". Thanks be to God for this good and perfect gift. Welcome to the FWPC family, Linda!

**Coat Drive:** Oakmont Elementary is collecting new winter coats for ages Pre-K through 5th Grade (sizes 3 to adult small). Please bring your donation to the FWPC Fellowship Hall by Sunday, November 26. We will deliver these coats to the elementary school for distribution to the kids who most need them.

**Kids Advent Artwork:** The seasons are changing, and so is the Nursery Bulletin Board! The season of Advent begins December 3. Children, please start bringing your art to Neecia. Try to represent expectant waiting and use lots of blue – the traditional color of Advent.

MTW 30 Days of Prayer: We invite you to join Mission to the World in praying for global missions during November. Daily prayer prompts are posted on their social media accounts, or you can print a complete schedule at MTW.org/ 30dop. Today is an International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, and we hope you will join us in remembering those who live and serve the Lord in places where it is difficult or dangerous.

**Officer Candidates:** The congregation nominated Officers this past May who have undergone Elder/Deacon training and been examined by the Session. The Session is now recommending Matt Jones and Tim Watt for your prayerful consideration for the office of Elder at Fort Worth Presbyterian. For more information on their backgrounds and service in Christ's church, pick up the Elder Candidates brochure on the fellowship hall table. We will hold the election for these men Sunday, December 10, at a congregational meeting directly following worship.

### Information & Events

**Kids Hope Update:** All of a sudden we need more mentors! We currently have 26 students at Oakmont Elementary matched with a mentor from our church. There are six more students who have permission and are waiting to be matched with a mentor: Aiden (Kindergarten boy), Lauren (Kindergarten girl), Launtrell (Kindergarten boy), Kreemon (1st grade boy), Xavier (2nd grade boy), Amari (3rd grade boy). Could you spare one hour per week to change a kid's life? To learn more, contact Jill Davis (jill@fortworthpca.org or 817-896-7113).

New Christian Formation Classes Sundays, through Dec 17 at 9:00 a.m.

**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.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 12:00 - 2:00 P.M. 5th-6th Graders THE THOM HOME 4202 SHANNON DRIVE FORT WORTH, TX 76116



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 11:30-1:00 pre-k to 4th grade, stay after church for Lunch, games,

prizes, dessert and hands-on experiments to ponder the beauty and glory of jesus.



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<sup>\*</sup> – 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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