Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



November 19, 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 invests in God's promised future exactly when that future seems completely closed off. Yet in faith and prayer, Jeremiah knows God will bring this miraculous future that will be on par with God's act of creation. Light will spring from darkness and life will overcome death

An adapted quote from Walter Brueggemann

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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

— November 19, 2023 —

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Pastor: Be still, and know that I am God. "I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted among the earth!

All: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11

† Hymn of Praise

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, His praise should sing?

Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress; praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless; Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows; in His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes; Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, widely as His mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone; but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.

Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Hom.

Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise with us the God of grace.

† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 29

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD, glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Pastor: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD over many waters.

People: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Pastor: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; it breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

People: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Pastor: The voice of the LORD makes the oaks shake and strips the forests bare, and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"

People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

People: May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless

His people with peace!

† Doxology

Red Trinity Hymnal # 735 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

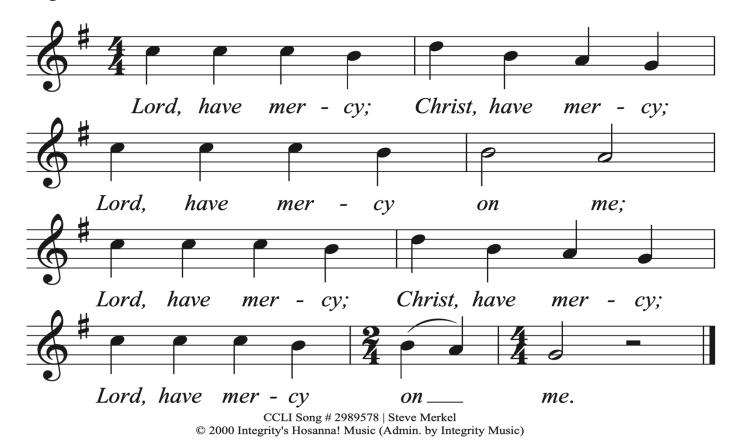
Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

All:

O Lord, we confess that we are easily bored; bored with Your creation and redemption; bored with the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross; bored with being Your children. We are bored with Your calling and our vocations. We are even bored with the entertainment in which we are engrossed as a culture. Lord, revive us. By Your grace shake us from our bored complacency. Grant us the gift of wonder at who You are, what You have done, and what is ours in Christ Jesus. Give us thankful hearts that live in amazement and awe that You may be glorified in us

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.

† Song of Renewal

Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you,

And the waves will not

Overcome you.

Do not fear,

For I have redeemed you,

I have called you by name,

You are Mine.

Chorus:

For I am the Lord your God
(I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God
(I am) The Holy One of Israel
Your Savior
For I am the Lord your God
(I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God
(I am) The Holy One of Israel
Your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear)

When you walk through the fire
You'll not be burned
And the flames will not
Consume you.
Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name,
You are Mine. (Repeat chorus)

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Pastor: Christian, who is the Lord Jesus Christ?

All:

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Beloved Son of God, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the Image of the Invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the Head of the Body, the Church, the Firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

From Colossians 1:14-20

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor Brandon

Common Prayer

Pastor: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people, that we bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may bring forth praise to Jesus the restorer of all things. 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

Jeremiah 32:1-27

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. [2] At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah. [3] For Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him, saying, "Why do you prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord: Behold, I am giving this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall capture it; [4] Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face and see him eye to eye. [5] And he shall take Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall remain until I visit him, declares the Lord. Though you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed'?" [6] Jeremiah said, "The word of the Lord came to me:[7] Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' [8] Then Hanamel my cousin came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. [9] "And I bought the field at Anathoth from Hanamel my cousin, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. [10] I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. [11] Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions and the open copy. [12] And I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel my cousin, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. [13] I charged Baruch in their presence, saying,[14] 'Thus the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware vessel, that they may last for a long time. [15] For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.' [16] "After I had given the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to the Lord, saying: [17] 'Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you. [18] You show steadfast love to thousands, but you repay the guilt of fathers to their children after them, O great and mighty God, whose name is the Lord of hosts, [19] great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose eyes are open to all the ways of the children of man, rewarding each one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds. [20] You have shown signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, and to this day in Israel and among all mankind, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day. [21] You brought your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and wonders, with a strong hand and outstretched arm, and with great terror.[22] And you gave them this land, which you swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey. [23] And they entered and took possession of it. But they did not obey your voice or walk in your law. They did nothing of all you commanded them to do. Therefore you have made all this disaster come upon them. [24] Behold, the siege mounds have come up to the city to take it, and because of sword and famine and pestilence the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans who are fighting against it. What you spoke has come to pass, and behold, you see it. [25] Yet you, O Lord God, have said to me, "Buy the field for money and get witnesses"—though the city is given into the hands of the Chaldeans." [26] The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: [27] "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Pastor Brandon

JEREMIAH'S PURCHASE

Introduction		
Jeremiah's Purchase		

Jeremiah's Prayer

Jesus and the Right of Redemption

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What do you think Jeremiah's contemporaries thought of his purchase? What do you think our contemporaries think about us investing in God's promised future? What might this investment look like?
- 2. Why did Jeremiah pray after he made his purchase? How is this an encouragement to you to pray in those times when you're perplexed?
- 3. Think through the ways Jesus has exercised His right of redemption. How is His right of redemption to shape the way you live?

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:

- 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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† 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 and our Savior Jesus Christ and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of His Body and heirs of His Kingdom. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING † Song of Sending

THY MERCY

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue; Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here; Sin would reduce me to utter despair; But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive, And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart; Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son; All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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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- November 19

Randy Shannon- November 26

Daniel Sneed-December 3

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

Fri-Sat, Jan 26-27 – FWPC 101 New Members Class

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.

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.

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).



Sun, Dec 3 – First Day of Advent, Angel Tree Kids Advent Party, 11:30 a.m.

Sat, Dec 9 - Women's Christmas Brunch, 10:00 a.m.

Sun, Dec 10 - Geneva Benefits Fund Offering

Fri, Dec 15 – Youth Christmas Party at Boohers, 6-9 p.m. GAP Christmas Party at Thoms, TBD

Sun, Dec 17 – Benevolence Fund Offering Lessons & Carols, 6:00 p.m.

Sun, Dec 24 – Lord's Day Worship, 10:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 p.m.





Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2022-May 2023
June – October This Year Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD 480,107 471,040
General Fund Expenses YTD 593,958 545,417
How we're doing YTD-113,850 -74,376

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the first two months of our fiscal year, we spent \$113,958 more than our income. This is \$48,541 increase over last year. As of October 31, we have \$147,642 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports Doug & Masha Shepherd, Church planting in L'viv, Ukraine.

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