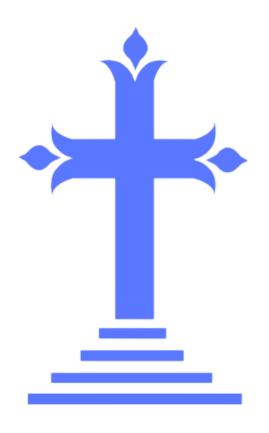
Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



December 3, 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.



To learn more about us, use this QR code



If you are visiting, please register here.

The front of the bulletin and the color of the minister's stole is currently blue as this is the time in the Christian Year known as Advent. Blue represents the sky before dawn, signaling the time in which we live "between" - between the first and second coming of Christ, the Light of the world.

The Church's life is lived in the tension between the Amen and the Come, between the already and the not-yet, between the resurrection of Jesus and the resurrection of the dead.

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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

— December 10, 2023 —

Second Sunday of Advent

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: Our souls magnify the Lord!

People: And our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

Pastor: The Mighty One has done great things for us!

People: His name is Holy and He is worthy to be praised!

Pastor: Come then, and let us praise His name; for He is our Maker and

Redeemer. It is He who has shown us mercy and grace.

† Hymn of Praise

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION



† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 85

Pastor: LORD, You were favorable to your land; You restored the fortunes

of Jacob.

People: You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their

sin.

Pastor: You withdrew Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.

People: Restore us, O God of our salvation, and put away Your

indignation toward us!

Pastor: Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to

all generations?

People: Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in

You?

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.

People: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak

peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back

to folly.

Pastor: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may

dwell in our land.

People: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace

kiss each other.

Pastor: Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks

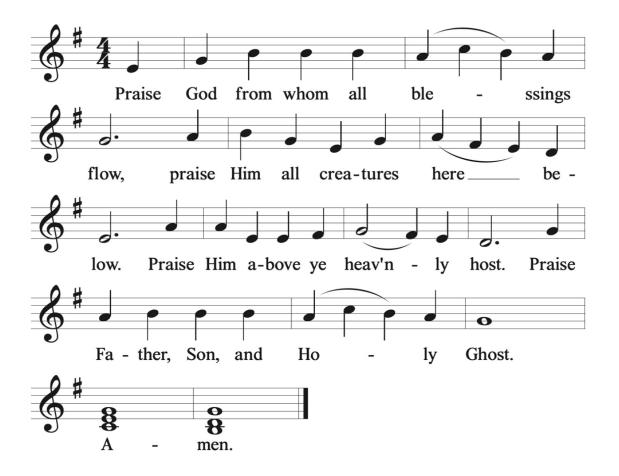
down from the sky.

People: Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield

its increase.

Pastor: Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

Amen!



Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins together:

All:

Almighty God, we have sinned against You and we have offended You. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins, we also confess You to be a merciful God and a loving and favorable Father to all who turn to You. And so, we humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ, to forgive our offenses. By Your Spirit, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and even the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guarded and governed by You. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

COME, O REDEEMER COME



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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse

for us - for as it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a

tree."

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those

with whom He is well-pleased.

† The Greeting of Peace

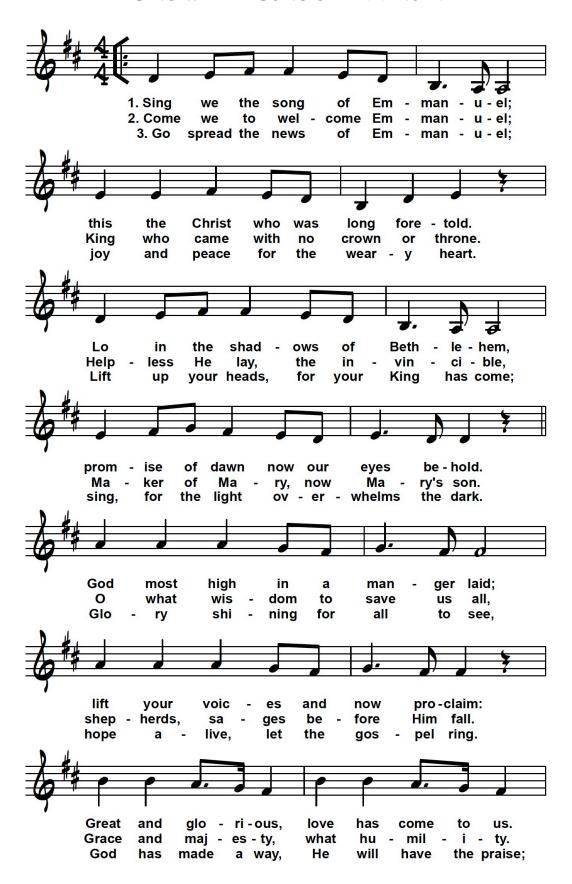
Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

At this time, please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

† Song of Renewal

SING WE THE SONG OF EMMANUEL





COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Lighting of the Advent

The Bethlehem Candle Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8 Addisyn Eggar and Katie Peterson

Reader:

We light the second candle of Advent to remind us that the Lord Jesus, who is the Light of the World, was born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like Him to be a King, the King who reigns over all.

All: Thanks be to God

Prayer of Intercession

Jack Norris

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

A11:

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of Your Holy word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior 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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LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Isaiah 11:1-11

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

- [2] And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- [3] And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, [4] but with righteousness he shall judge the poor.
- [4] but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
 - [5] Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- [6] The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.
 - [7] The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- [8] The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
 - [9] They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain;

for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

[10] In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

[11] In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Pastor Brandon

THE COMING KING

God's Promised King

The Arrival of God's King

Living Before God's King

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How is Jesus the king we need according to this passage. Spend time praising Him that He is the king we need.
- 2. Think of areas of your life that have become like a stump. How does this passage give us hope that out of stumps, God can and will bring something new.
- 3. How, according to this passage, are to now live before our coming king?
- 4. If you had the opportunity, how would you explain this passage to your secular friends?

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.

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray:

All:

Our Father, we thank You for feeding us at Your Son's Table and by Your Spirit nourishing us with our true food and true drink, the Body and Blood of Your Son the Lord Jesus Christ. May we go forth from this place to serve and honor You, our Good and Gracious God. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANNOINTED



† The Sending

Pastor: As we now go into the world:

All: May we be on the lookout for the return of Christ.

Pastor: When we struggle, fear, or fail:

All: May we remember Christ's sacrifice that covers every sin.

Pastor: As we encounter neighbors and co-workers:

All: May we pursue peace because we belong to the God of peace.

† The Blessing

Pastor: And now may the God of peace, who, through the blood of the

eternal covenant, brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, and work in you that which is pleasing in His

sight, through Jesus Christ.

People: To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Dowell Stackpole- December 10

Johnny Tassin– December 17

Pete Cansick- December 24

Save the Date

Sun, Dec 10 - Young Professionals Lunch at Kincaid's

Sun, Jan 7, 11:30 – Saltillo Mexico Mission Trip (July, 20-27 2024)

Info Meeting

Sat, Jan 13, 8:30 – Men's Breakfast

Wed, Jan 24 – Super Wednesdays begin

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.

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree: Today following worship you may select an angel from the tree in the Fellowship Hall to purchase a Christmas gift for a child on behalf of an incarcerated parent. Each angel includes a child's name, age, and suggested gift. Questions? Contact Rich Saadeh at 817-718-0175.

Geneva Benefits: Today, an increasing number of PCA pastors, pastors' widows, and ministry staff live near the poverty line. Our domination launched the Geneva Ministerial Relief Fund to support these servants by raising funds to meet their practical needs and remind them they are not alone. A special offering will be taken today. Please make checks payable to FWPC and list Ministerial Relief Offering on the memo line. Online donations can be made at continuetogive.com/RBI.

Benevolence Offering: On Sunday, December 17, special offering will be taken for widows and families in need in our congregation. Please make checks payable to FWPC and list Benevolence on the memo line or make online donations at continuetogive.com/FWPben.

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

Sympathies: Gene Whitehurst, the father of Clay Whitehurst transitioned into glory on Thursday, November 23, 2023. The funeral took place last Thursday, November 30, 2023.

Lessons & Carols: Sunday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m., the story of Jesus will be told through scripture and song. Volunteers are needed to bring Christmas cookies and to help with setup and cleanup for the reception that follows the service. If you are willing to serve our church family in this way, please sign up online using the QR code or see the signup sheet on the fellowship hall table.

Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2023-May 2024		
June – November	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	619,997	642,115
General Fund Expenses YTD	718,075	650,045
How we're doing YTD	-98,077	-7,930

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. Through the first two months of our fiscal year, we spent \$98,077 more than our income. This is \$90,147 increase over last year. As of November 30, we have \$162,561 cash on hand after liabilities.

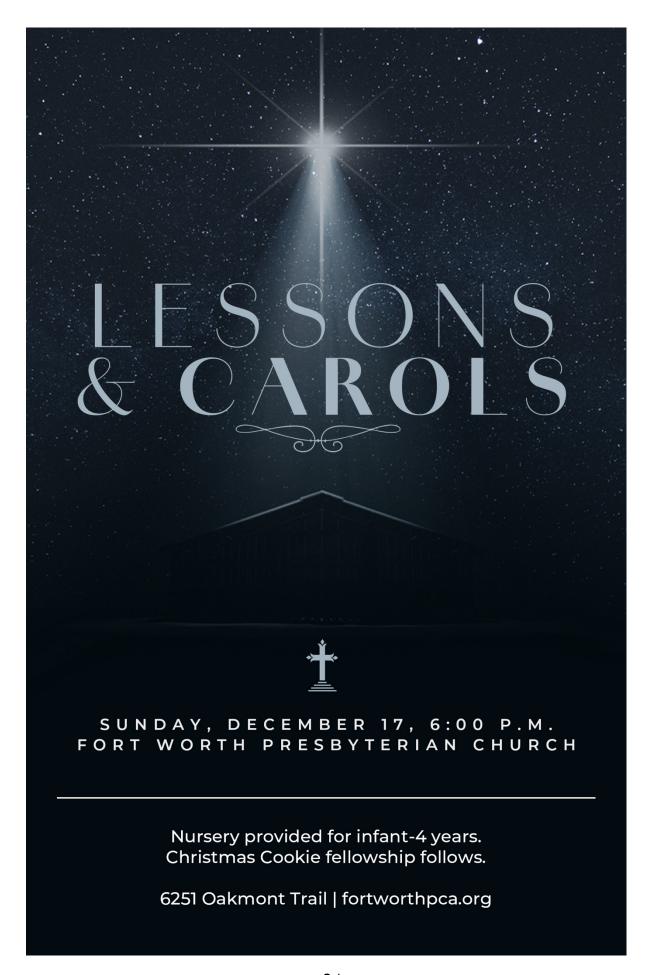
Part of your faithful giving supports Bradford Green, TCU Campus Minister, with Reformed University Fellowship.

- ❖ NEW! Mobile Giving: Text the amount you want to give to 817-934-6447. The first time will take you through the setup. After that, text the amount you would like to give.
- ❖ If you would like to give online, you can sign up for ACH/Credit/Debit giving from our home page fortworthpca.org.
- ❖ If you would like to contribute stocks or securities from a brokerage account, you can contact Steve Fults 817-731-3300 and he can give you the instructions for these types of gifts.
- ❖ If you would like to include FWPC in your estate planning, you can contact Steve Fults with any questions you may have.

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By God's grace and all for his glory, Fort Worth Presbyterian Church exists to gather for biblically saturated worship, grow together in the life of the gospel, and go out to bear witness to the reign of Christ in all things.

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