Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



January 14, 2024

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, which signifies that this is the season of Epiphany — the season when the Church has historically remembered that the one Lord Jesus was revealed to all the nations that we may know that our life, growth and hope is in Him.

In the Lord's Prayer Christians are obsessed with God - with His name, His kingdom and His will, not with theirs. True Christian prayer is always a preoccupation with God and His glory.

John Stott

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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

— January 14, 2024 —

Second Sunday of Epiphany

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 the Son and the Holy

Spirit!

People: Amen.

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Give praise, O servants of the LORD, in the

courts of the house of our God!

People: Praise the LORD, for He is good!

Pastor: Your name, O LORD, endures forever, Your renown, O LORD,

throughout all ages! Amen.

Adapted from Psalm 135

† Hymn of Praise

COME CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING



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† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 139:1-6; 23-24

Pastor: LORD, You have searched me and known me!

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.

Pastor: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

Pastor: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

People: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

Pastor: And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way of everlasting!

† Doxology All Creatures

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

All:

Evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. I am poor and needy, but I trust that You take thought for me. Forgive me, for You are my help and my deliverer.

Adapted from Psalm 40

Silent Confession

† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins

and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ: New Creation! The old has

passed away, behold, the new has come!

John 1:9

† 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

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing "hallelujah!" Our hope springs eternal; O sing "hallelujah!" Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing "hallelujah!" Our hope springs eternal; O sing "hallelujah!" Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death. Unto the grave, what will we sing?

"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,

Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy,

When Christ is ours forevermore.

O sing "hallelujah!" Our hope springs eternal; O sing "hallelujah!" Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

O sing "hallelujah!" Our hope springs eternal;
O sing "hallelujah!" Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders

Elders

Matt Jones

Tim Watt

Questions to the Candidates

Question to the Congregation

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders, and do you promise to yield them all honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

Prayer and the Laying on of Hands - Scott Wade

The Pronouncement

The Charge to the Officers - Steve Fults

The Charge to the Congregation – Jack Norris

Prayer of Intercession

Steve Fults

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All:

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of His salvation, that the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works, for His name's sake. 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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PSALM 150 (PRAISE THE LORD)

You made the starry hosts
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening skies with wonders
The earth it is Your throne
From desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor

Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord
Sing His greatness
All creation
Praise the Lord
Raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

You reached into the dust
In love Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus

Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord
Sing His greatness
All creation
Praise the Lord
Raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

Let symphonies resound
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord
Sing His greatness
All creation
Praise the Lord
Raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
You distant burning stars
All creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore
Sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

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LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Matthew 6:5-13

[5] "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. [6] But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

[7] "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. [8] Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. [9] Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

[10] Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

[11] Give us this day our daily bread,
[12] and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

[13] And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Pastor Brandon

THE PRAYER OF PRAYERS

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Three Types of Prayer

- Religious
- Pagan
- Christian

Tips on Praying the Lord's Prayer

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What does your prayer life reveal about yourself and your view of God?
- 2. What's wrong with the two types of prayer in verses 5-8? How is the Lord's Prayer a correction to these two types of prayer?
- 3. How does this prayer show us that God is concerned for our needs and that He's not bothered when we bring our needs to Him?
- 4. How might you use the Lord's Prayer as a model not only for prayer, but for living?

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

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST
When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast. (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last! (Chorus) CCLI Song # 7016161

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† Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray:

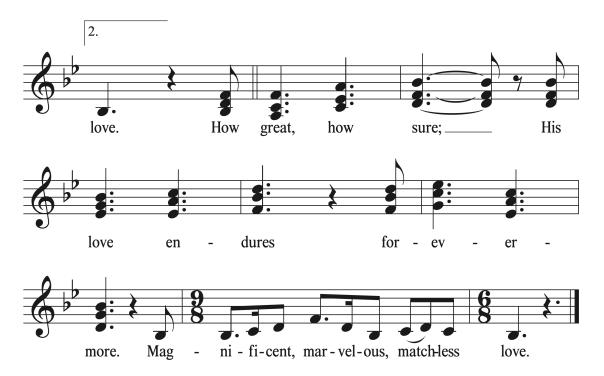
All: Our Father, we thank You for feeding us at Your Son's Table. As we leave this gathering, may it continue to strength our trust in You in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

MAGNIFICENT MARVELOUS





What grace, that You entered our brokenness,
You came in the fullness of time
How far we had fallen from righteousness
but not from the mercies of Christ

Your cross is our door to redemption,
Your death is our fullness of life
That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

Chorus

How great, how sure, His love endures forevermore Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

United in Your resurrection,
You lift us to infinite heights
Could anything sever or take us from
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love *Chorus*

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† The Sending

Pastor: As we now go into the world:

All: May we entrust ourselves to 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 serve them in the name of Christ.

† 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.

All: Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Chris Jordan – January 14

Randy Shannon – January 21

Daniel Sneed -January 28

Save the Date

Sun, Jan 14 – Young Professionals Lunch at Dickey's Barbecue

Wed, Jan 24 – Super Wednesdays begin

Sun, Feb 18 – Annual Silent Auction and Variety Show

Information & Events

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

Christian Formation Classes at 9 AM: Adult class based on Paul Tripp's book *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands* meets in the Lecture Hall. This class helps us discover where change is needed in our own lives and how we can lovingly speak truth into the lives of others.

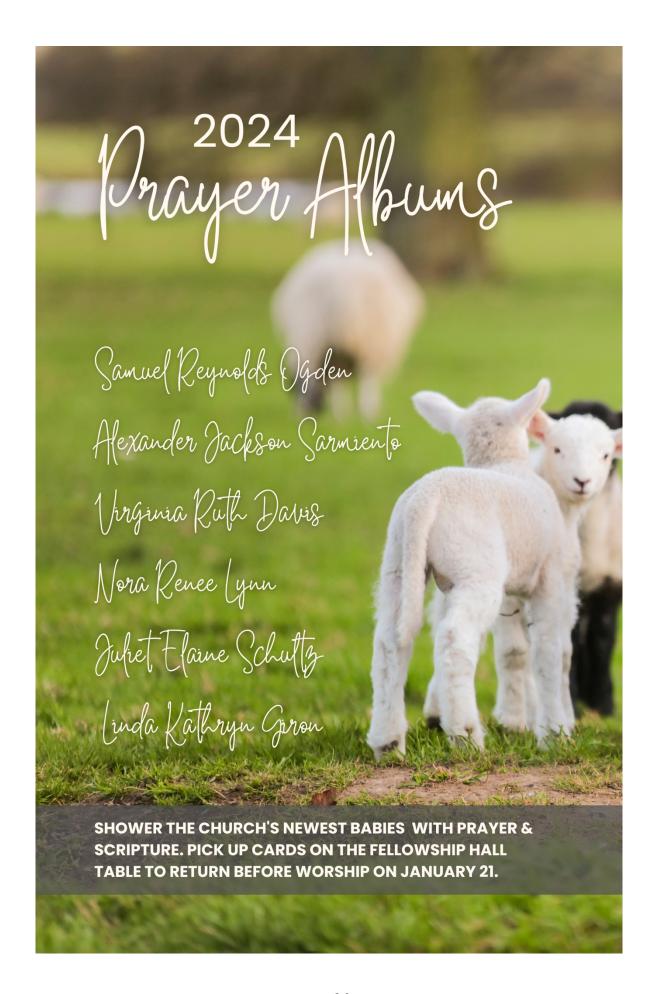
Exploring the Gospels with Bob Schwartzbeck meets in Room 201.

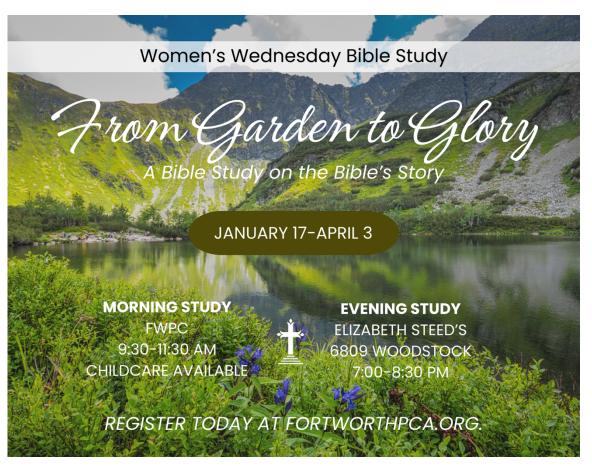
FWPC 101: Learn about FWPC's vision, purpose, ministries, service and fellowship opportunities, membership, and more. This class is required for membership but does not commit you to be ready to join. It will be led by Pastor Brandon in the Lecture Hall on Friday, January 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (dinner provided) and Saturday, January 27, 8:30 a.m.-noon (continental breakfast served). Nursery is available upon request. Sign up at fortworthpca.org/adult.

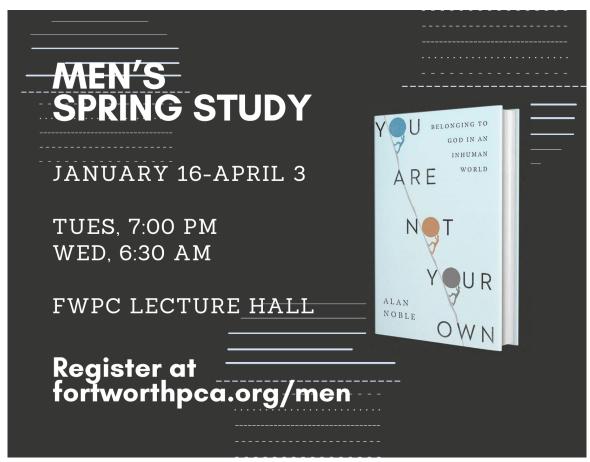
Volunteer opportunity for Men and Women: Would you be willing be on a rotation to make or purchase a meal for someone in our church who is in need? Or do you have time in your schedule to provide an occasional ride for a church member? Contact Debby Jones (817) 917-2688 or Rita Black (214) 536-9745

The Giving Grove has donated 14 fruit and pecan trees that we will be *planting on Saturday, February 10*. Help will be needed with preparing the site, planting, maintaining, and harvesting the garden. Join us for *lunch at the*

Schwartzbecks on Sunday, January 21, to learn how you can be involved with the grove. Use the QR code to sign up/volunteer. Questions? See Anne Santana, Marilyn Schwartzbeck, or Andy Warren.







Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2023-May 2024

June – December	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	906,422	812,249
General Fund Expenses YTD	833,639	767,167
How we're doing YTD	72,783	45,083

Thank you for your faithful giving! Through you the Lord has provided for our needs.

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. We have taken in \$72,783 more than our expenses through the first seven months of our fiscal year. This is \$27,700 improvement over last year. As of December 31, we have \$331,786 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports Cyril Chavis, Howard University 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 Matt Jones 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 Matt Jones with any questions you may have.

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