Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



January 21, 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.

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed, by so many, to God alone"

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† Congregation standing

Order of the Worship of God

— January 21, 2024 —

Third Sunday of Epiphany

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: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole

heart in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in

them. Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His

righteousness endures forever.

Pastor: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD

is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear Him,

He remembers His covenant forever.

People: He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving

them the inheritance of the nations.

† Hymn of Praise

ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven Who else could make every king bow down Who else can whisper and darkness trembles Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire What other power can raise the dead What other name remains undefeated Only a Holy God *(Chorus)*

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God (Chorus)

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† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8

Pastor: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my

salvation.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Pastor: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him.

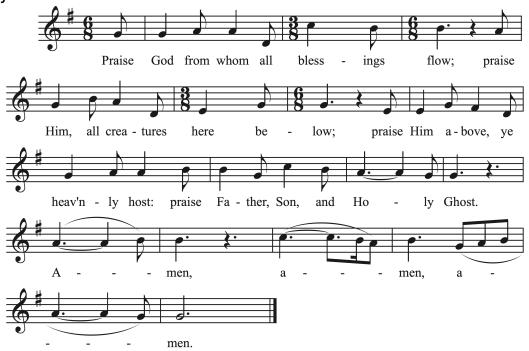
People: He only is my rock and my salvation; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Pastor: On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart

before Him; God is a refuge for us.

People: Amen! Thanks be to God!

† Doxology



Music by Jacob Tilton

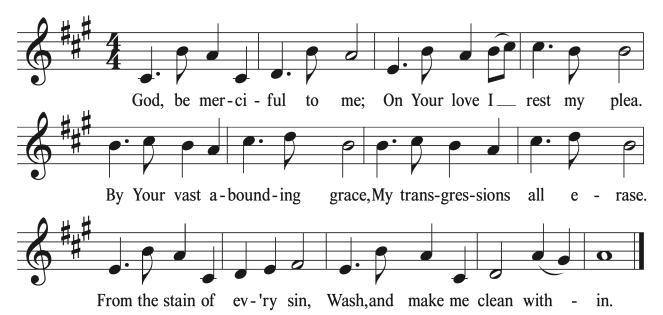
Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

All: Lord, You are our guide, yet we often lead ourselves. You are our King, yet we want to rule over ourselves. You are fullness, yet we look to ourselves and our idols to fill us up. We think Your truth is too high, Your will too hard, Your power too remote, and Your love too free. But they are not! And so, we pray, heal our confused minds with Your word. Heal our divided wills with Your law; heal our troubled consciences with Your love, and heal our anxious hearts with Your presence, and all for the sake of Your Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Song of Confession



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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has

risen upon you giving you His full forgiveness.

All: You, O Lord, will keep us; You will guard us from this

generation forever.

Adapted from Isaiah 60:1 and From Psalm 12:7

† 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.

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
Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Prayer for New Babies

Virginia Ruth (Jenny) Davis Linda Kathryn Giron Nora Renee Lynn Samuel Reynolds Ogden Alexander Jackson Sarmiento Juliet Elaine Schultz

Prayer of Intercession

Scott Zink

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be made known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth. 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

Joshua 5:13-6:7

¹³ When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" ¹⁴ And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" ¹⁵ And the commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

6 Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. ² And the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. ³ You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. ⁴ Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. ⁵ And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him." So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord." And he said to the people, "Go forward. March around the city and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the Lord."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

JOSHUA DID NOT FIGHT THE BATTLE OF JERICHO

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The Response God Deserves

The Reassurance God Provides

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What is the main message of this passage of the Bible?
- 2) Who is the Commander of the Lord's Army and how do we know?
- 3) What is God's priority for Joshua?
- 4) How does God reassure Joshua that He is in control and fighting for him?

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"

Refrain

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" (Refrain)

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 (Refrain)

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† Post-Communion Prayer

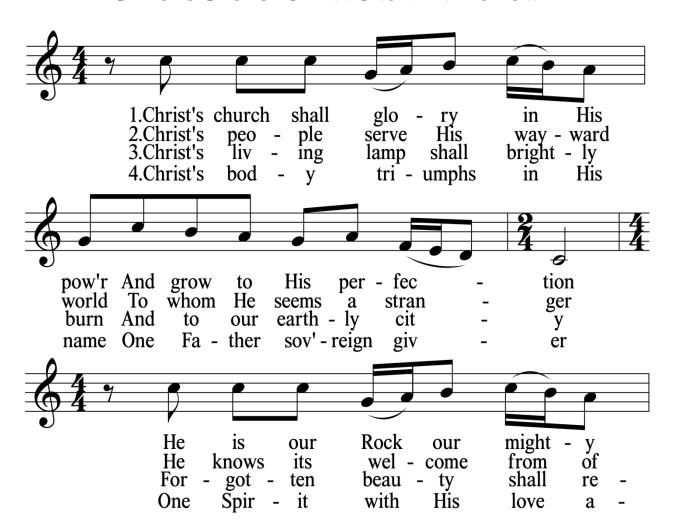
Pastor: Let us pray:

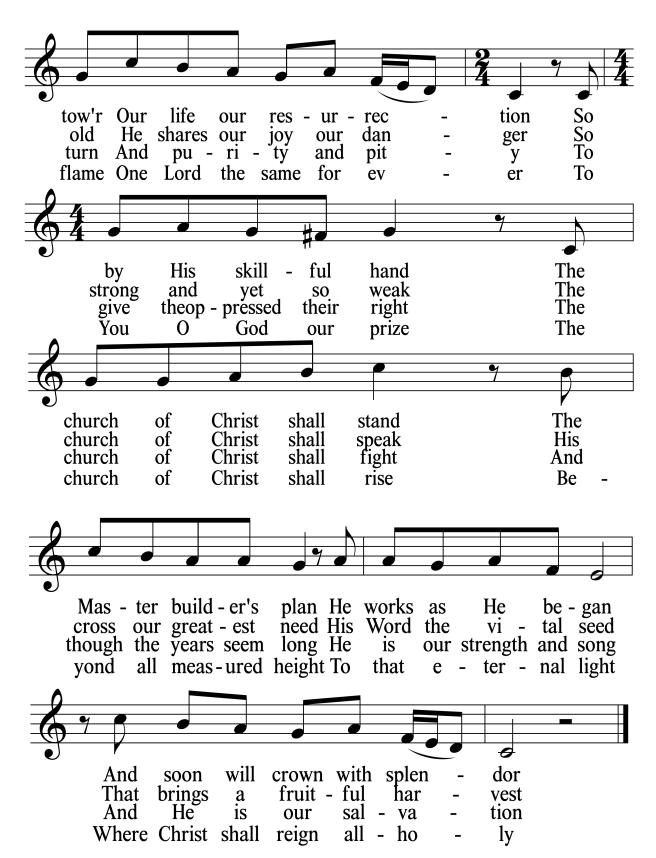
All: Our Father, we thank You for feeding us at Your Son's Table. As we leave this gathering, may it continue to strength our trust in You in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

CHRIST'S CHURCH SHALL GLORY IN HIS POWER





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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

Randy Shannon – January 21

Daniel Sneed – January 28

Dowell Stackpole – February 4

Save the Date

Mon, Feb 5, 7 pm – Ladies Game Night

Thurs, Feb 8, 7 pm – Choir Rehearsals Begin for Holy Week

Sat, Feb 10, 8:30 am – Men's Breakfast

Sat, Feb 10 – Grove Workday

Sun, Feb 11, 5 pm - Young Adults Super Bowl Watch Party at Robnetts

Wed, Feb 14, 12 pm – Ash Wednesday Service

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.

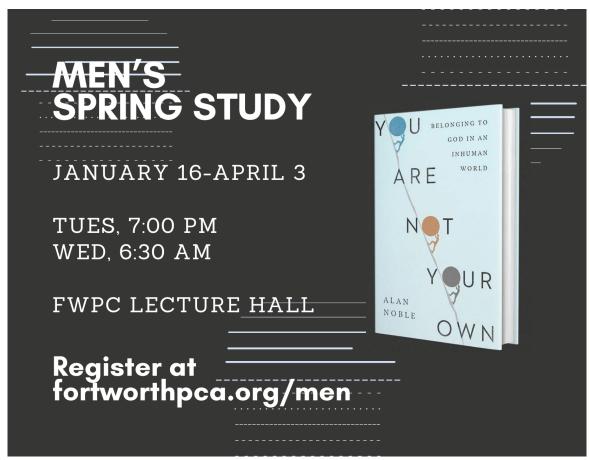
FWPC 101: Learn about FWPC's vision, purpose, ministries, service and fellowship opportunities, membership, and more. This class is required for membership but does not commit you to be ready to join. It will be led by Pastor Brandon in the Lecture Hall on Friday, January 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (dinner provided)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

Philippians Scripture Journals: A new sermon series will begin on **January 28** – *Paul's Letter to the Philippians: Walking Worthy of the Gospel.* ESV Scripture Journals are available on the fellowship hall table for \$3 to aid your note taking and outlining during this series.

Super Wednesdays will be held at FWPC, 3:00-6:00 p.m., beginning **January 24** for six weeks. Youth (12 and older) and adults, it isn't too late to join us! Super Wednesdays include Good News Club for Oakmont Elementary students followed by a family dinner. To join us in sharing Jesus with the children in our community, contact Steve Fults.

2024 Mission Trip to Saltillo, Mexico, July 20-27: It's not too late to join the team! Our next planning meeting is following worship on Sunday, February 4, in the Lecture Hall.







Sundays, 9:00 am - Christian Formation Classes HS - Room 204 on Symbolic Bible Reading MS - Room 203 on Westminster Shorter Catechism

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Jan 31-Apr 24 - Youth Group friends, food, fellowship, large group lesson, small group discussions

Friday, March 8 - Deposit deadline for RYM Summer Conference Friday, April 19 - Full Payment deadline for RYM Summer Conference



registration



Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? thefort@fortworthpca.org | @ @thefort_fwpc



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