

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



February 18, 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 purple, which signifies the season of Lent – the season when the Church intentionally remembers Christ's temptation in the wilderness and His sacrificial death on the cross.

Jesus lives, and death is now but my entrance into glory.

Christian F. Gellert

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† Congregation standing

Order of the Worship of God

— February 18, 2024 —

First Sunday in Lent

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: Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake His way; and the unrighteous man His thoughts; let Him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

People: Let us press on to know the LORD; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.

Pastor: For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice; the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

From Isaiah 55 & Hosea 6

† Hymn of Praise

COME YE SINNERS POOR AND NEEDY

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and pow'r.

*I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all. (*Refrain*)

View Him prostrate in the garden;
On the ground your Maker lies;
On the bloody tree behold Him;
Sinner, will this not suffice?

Lo! th' incarnate God ascended,
Pleads the merit of His blood:
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude. (*Refrain*)

WORDS: Joseph Hart, 1712-1768; Refrain,
Anonymous MUSIC: Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

† Invocation

† A Psalm Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Pastor: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

Pastor: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

People: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from days of old.

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

People: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, He instructs sinners in the way.

Pastor: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

All: The paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all — bless - ings flow;
Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise him a - bove, ye — heav'n - ly — host;
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Lyric by Thomas Ken (1674) | Tune by John Warrington Hatton (1793)

Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

All: O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Your servant. Yes, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my sister or brother, for You are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

A Prayer from St. Ephraim the Syrian

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

Ho - ly — God, ho - ly and might - y,

Ho - ly im - mort - al One, have mer - cy, have

mer - cy on us.

Words from Traditional Greek Orthodox Liturgical Text
CCLI Song # 6513081 | Fernando Ortega
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† 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: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

From 1 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

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.

*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*

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Your Savior*

*I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
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

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Pastor Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Prayer of Intercession

David Welch

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Make speed to help your servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; let each one of us find You to be mighty to deliver, through 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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Offertory Song

GIVE ME JESUS

In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus

And when I am alone
Oh and when I am alone
And when I am alone
Give me Jesus

Chorus
Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
(But give me Jesus)

And when I come to die
Oh and when I come to die
And when I come to die
Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
You can have all this world
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus

Fernando Ortega
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LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Philippians 1:12-26

[12] I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, [13] so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. [14] And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

[15] Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. [16] The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. [17] The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. [18] What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, [19] for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, [20] as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. [21] For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. [22] If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. [23] I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

[24] But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. [25] Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, [26] so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PERSPECTIVE

Introduction

Christ Made Known Through Hardship (vv. 12-18a)

Christ Honored Through Deliverance (vv. 12b-26)

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways have you seen the gospel advance through your personal hardship?
2. How do we gain a gospel perspective in the midst of hardship, and what is it according to this passage?
3. According to verses 18a-26, what does it mean for the Christian to live?
4. In this passage, Paul isn't saying that death itself is gain. So, what is he saying and how does this bring you comfort?

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. _____
_____ Ho - san - na in the high - est, _____
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. _____
_____ Ho - san - na in the high - est, _____
_____ ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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

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 for the praise of the mercy I 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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Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

John Stocker, Sandra McCracken

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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 strengthen our trust in You in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

*I am bound I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound I am bound
I am bound for the promised land*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness sorrow pain and death
Are felt and feared no more (*Chorus*)

When shall I see that happy place
And be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest (*Chorus*)

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† The Sending

Pastor: As we go from this gathering:

All: May our eyes be fixed on Christ crucified.

Pastor: When we're anxious, doubting, and failing:

All: May we cast ourselves on the Risen Christ.

Pastor: In all we do and say:

All: May we honor the reigning and returning Christ, who is our good and gracious Lord.

† The Blessing

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my dear family.

All: Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Andy Warren – February 18

Pete Cansick – February 25

Herb Haertner – March 3

Save the Date

Sat, Mar 2, 8:30 am – Men's Breakfast

Sun, Mar 3, 6 pm – Evensong Service

Fri-Sat, Apr 12-13 – Women's Retreat

Sun, Apr 28 – Church Picnic

Fri-Sat, May 3-4 – Men's Retreat

June 24-27 – VBS

Information & Events

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

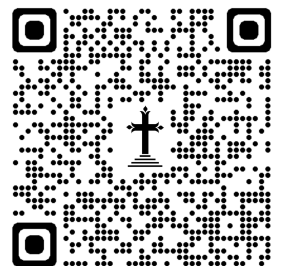
Christian Formation Classes at 9 AM: Two adult classes are offered. *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands* meets in the Lecture Hall to help us discover where change is needed in our own lives and how we can lovingly speak truth into the lives of others. *Exploring the Gospels* with Bob Schwartzbeck meets in Room 201.

Easter Choir Rehearsals have begun, **Thursdays at 7 p.m.!** The FWPCA Choir is open to Adults and Teens (ages 13+) and Children's Choir is open to K-6th graders. Nursery available for preschoolers. Questions or planning to join? Contact Justin Pierce at justin@fortworthpca.org. Excited to see you!

The Compassion Team shows compassion to family and friends grieving the loss of a loved one when a funeral or memorial service takes place at FWPC. Would you consider being available to assist the team by serving in one of these areas: setup, greeters, provide food, food prep/serving, or cleanup? Contact Daniel Sneed at dandlsneed@icloud.com if you have questions.

MTW Day of Prayer for Ukraine: Saturday, February 24, will mark the two-year anniversary of the 2022 Russian invasion. Mission to the World has set aside this day for 24 hours of prayer. Groups or individuals can sign up for a 15-minute time slot or join a Zoom prayer hour at 11 am CT. Find details and links at mtw.org/ukraine-crisis.

Join our AV team: Behind every great worship service is a dedicated Audio/Visual team on live sound and running the livestream. Join our AV team, where you can help ensure that our worship services and events run smoothly and are accessible to those near and far. We provide training for all team members, so you can gain the skills needed to excel in this ministry. Join us in serving on a rotation basis. Contact Justin Pierce at justin@fortworthpca.org or fill out the following form using the QR code





VARIETY SHOW & Silent Auction

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

BRISKET DINNER - 5:00-6:00

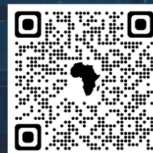
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VARIETY SHOW - 6:30-8:00

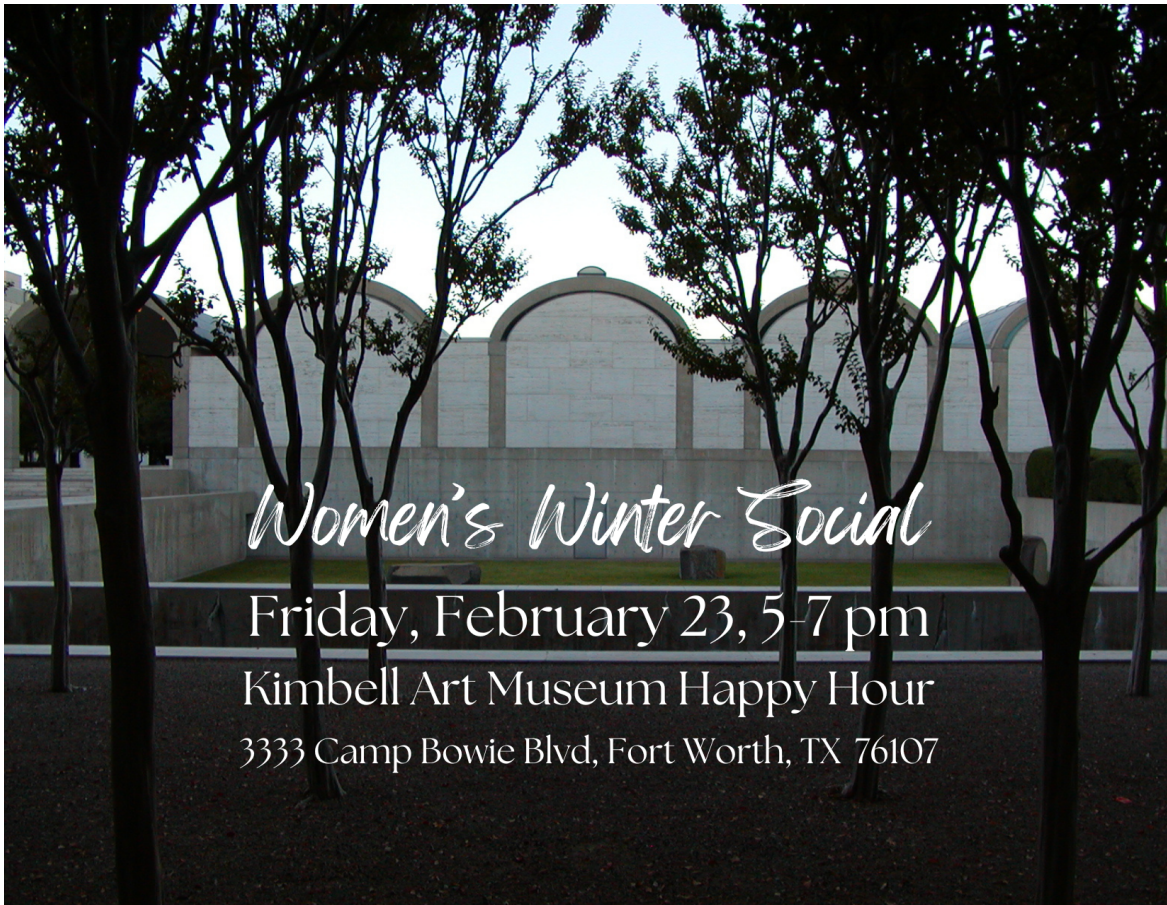
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**DINNER TICKETS
\$10 (\$5 KIDS)**



**PREVIEW AUCTION
ITEMS**



Spring at

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



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Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? thefort@fortworthpca.org | [@thefort_fwpc](https://www.instagram.com/thefort_fwpc)

Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2023-May 2024

June – January	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	1,003,705	885,650
General Fund Expenses YTD	957,968	871,806
How we're doing YTD	45,737	13,844

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. We have taken in \$45,737 more than our expenses through the first eight months of our fiscal year. This is \$31,893 improvement over last year. As of January 31, we have \$301,497 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports our neighborhood outreach with Kid's Hope and Super Wednesdays.

- ❖ 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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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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