# Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



February 25, 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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If you are visiting, please register here.

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.

"To forgive the incessant provocations of daily life- to keep on forgiving the bossy mother-in-law, the bullying husband, the nagging wife, the selfish daughter, the deceitful son- how can we do it? Only, I think, by remembering where we stand, by meaning our words when we say [in] our prayers each night 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' We are offered forgiveness on no other terms. To refuse it is to refuse God's mercy for ourselves. There is no hint of exceptions and God means what He says."

C.S. Lewis

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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

# - February 25, 2024 -

Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

#### **ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

† The Call to Worship

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: Shout for joy, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him

glorious praise!

People: Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your

power that Your enemies come cringing before You."

Pastor: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises

to Your name! Amen!

From Psalm 66:1-4

#### † Hymn of Praise

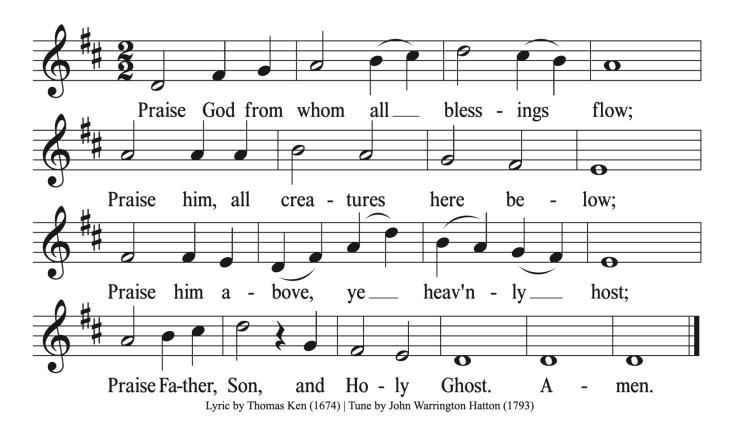
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# † Invocation

# † Doxology



#### Confession of Sin

Pastor: Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.

People: We have not considered Your wondrous works; we have forgotten the abundance of Your steadfast love.

All: Lord, steep us in Your mercy. Give to us the gift of repentance. Help us to see the foolishness of sin and turn more and more to the beauty of Christ.

Adapted from Psalm 106

#### Silent Confession

## † Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD; though your sins

be like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be like

crimson, they shall become like wool.

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit

within me.

Isaiah 1:18, Psalm 51:10

## † The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

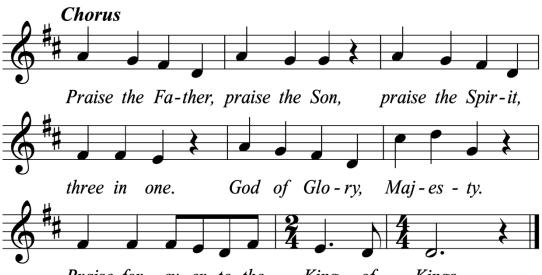
People: And also with you!

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

## † Song of Renewal

#### KING OF KINGS





Praise for - ev-er to the

King of

Kings.

2.To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died *Chorus* 

3.And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

4.And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me Chorus

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#### COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

# Installation of Assistant Pastor Rev. Robert Schwartzbeck

#### Questions for Installation

- 1. Are you willing to serve this congregation as their Assistant Pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
- 2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of this church?
- 3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

#### Questions to the Session

- 1. Do you, the Session, continue to profess your readiness to receive Bob Schwartzbeck, whom you have called to be an Assistant Pastor?
- 2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
- 3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for this church's instruction and spiritual edification?
- 4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is a pastor in this church that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever may be needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

Prayer and The Pronouncement

The Charge to Rev. Bob Schwartzbeck

The Charge to the Session

David Welch

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

#### Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All:

Almighty God, You know that we have no power to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls. Keep us always dependent on Christ who alone is our source, strength, and stability in this unstable world. 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

Luke 6:37-42

37 "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be

condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to

you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be

put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to

you."

39 He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they

not both fall into a pit? 40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone

when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. 41 Why do you see the speck

that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own

eye? 42 How can you say to your brother, Brother, let me take out the speck

that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own

eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will

see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

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## The Preaching of the Word

Rev Bradford Green TCU Campus Minister

#### START WITH THE MIRROR

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The Good Measure

The Good Eye

#### Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why do you think our culture has latched onto the phrase "Judge not"?
- 2. Why is this text not a prohibition of judgments of any kind?
- 3. What "measure" have you been using to judge others?
- 4. In what ways do you need to be "fully trained" to become like your "teacher" in the areas of judgment, condemnation, and forgiveness?
- 5. What are the exceptions to forgiveness you hold onto?
- 6. What sort of self-examination do you practice- or hope to practice in the future- in order to get the log out of your own eye?

#### 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**

#### I AM NOT MY OWN



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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 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

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay (Refrain) When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

## † 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

Pete Cansick – February 25 Herb Haertner – March 3 Chris Jordan – March 10

#### Save the Date

Sun, Apr 7 – Henry Haas Violin Recital 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.

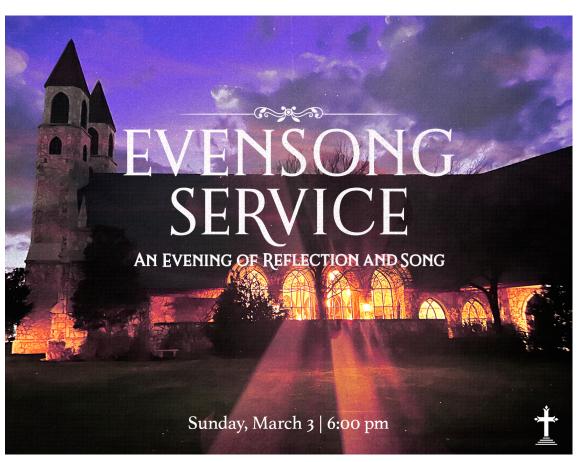
Variety Show & Silent Auction: Thank you to all who donated, dined, performed, and attended last Sunday. Your generosity will allow us to take the gospel and helping hands to Mexico and Africa this year. There are remaining auction items, including spots at special events later this year, on the fellowship hall table. Please take a look and see if there's anything for you!

**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









# Spring at THE FORT

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, large group lesson, small group discussions

Saturday, March 23 - All-Youth Service Project

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

Sunday, May 5 - Senior Sunday

Wednesday, May 8 - Graduates Dinner

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