

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



March 10, 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 regarded His equality with God as committing Him to the course He took: of becoming human, of dying under the weight of evil and curse. This is what it means for Him to be equal with God. As you look at the incarnate Son of God dying on the cross you should think this: this is the true meaning of who God is. He is the God of self-giving love.

Tom Wright

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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

— March 10, 2024 —

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

People: Let us open our mouths wide, and He will fill them with His goodness.

Adapted from Psalm 81:10

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted among the earth!

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

From Psalm 46

† Hymn of Praise

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love;
behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace;
whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
and round His pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, 43

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Pastor: Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;

People: They loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

Pastor: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.

People: He sent out His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.

Pastor: Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man!

People: And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of His wondrous deeds in songs of joy!

All: Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

† Doxology

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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.

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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

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

Romans 8:31-32

† 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

REJOICE

Verse



1. Re - joice in the Lord now and al - ways.
 2. Re - joice and be anx - ious for noth - ing,
 3. Re - joice in the Lord now and al - ways;



Sing it a - gain, we re - joice. _____ De -
 pray - ing for all that you need. _____ Come
 tell of the good He has done. _____



light in the love _____ He has shown us;
 with a song _____ of thanks - giv - ing;
 Wor - ship the Lord _____ to re - mem - ber



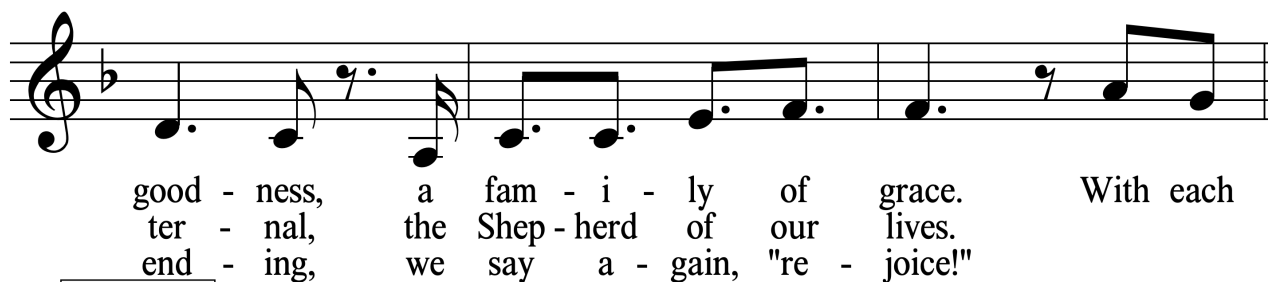
grate - ful - ly lift _____ up your
 lay - your re - quests _____ at His
 all of the joy _____ yet to



voice. His gen - tle - ness a - mong us will
 feet. His peace will fall up - on us to
 come. The hope that burns with - in us the



join our hearts with praise. We gath - er in His
 guard our hearts and minds in Christ Who reigns e -
 dark can - not de - stroy. With praise that's nev - er

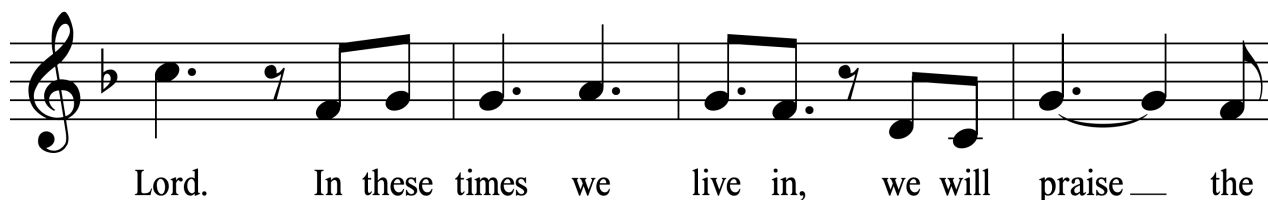


good - ness, a fam - i - ly of grace. With each
 ter - nal, the Shep - herd of our lives.
 end - ing, we say a - gain, "re - joice!"

Chorus



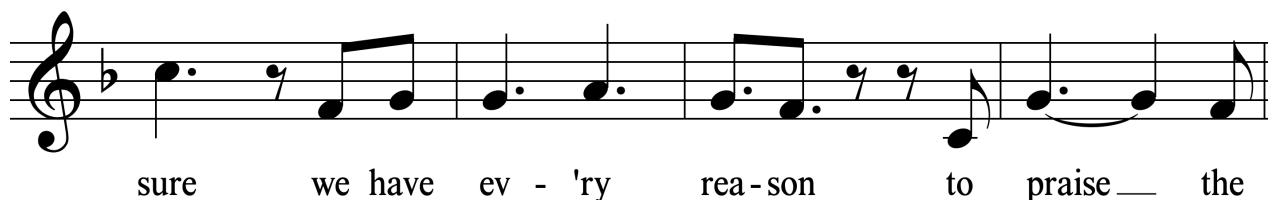
breath He's giv - en, _____ praise _____ the



Lord. In these times we live in, we will praise _____ the



Lord. Through out ev - 'ry sea - son, _____ I _____ am

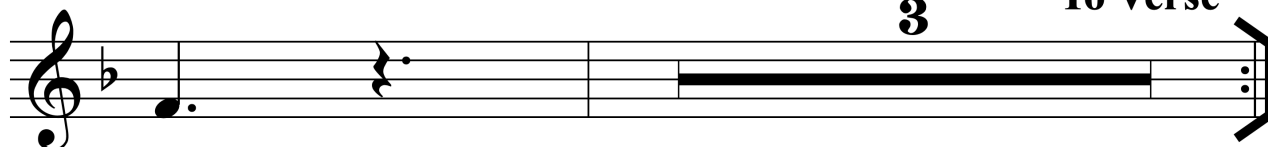


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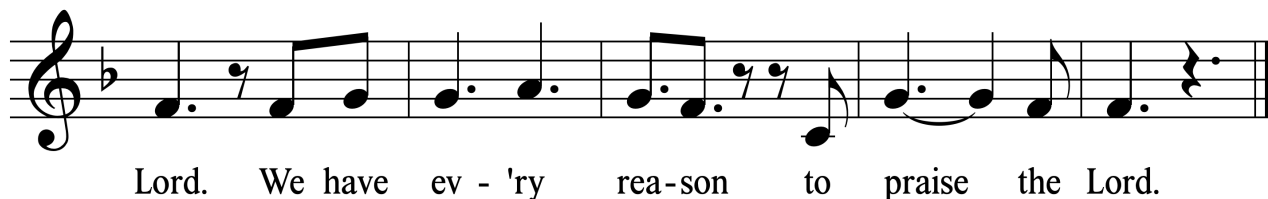
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To Verse



Lord.

3.



Lord. We have ev - 'ry rea - son to praise the Lord.

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

Pastor: Let us now confess our common faith:

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy *catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*universal

Prayer for Covenant Children

March/ April

Prayer of Intercession

Scott Hames

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: O Almighty God, who alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful humanity: Grant unto us Your people that we would love the things that You have commanded, and desire that which You have promised; so that our hearts may be fixed on Your Son who is our life and joy. 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

Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL UNITY

The Facts of Our Unity (v. 1)

The Practice of Our Unity (vv. 2-4)

The Model and The Power of Our Unity (vv. 5-11)

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is Paul so concerned with our unity as the Body of Christ? What does our unity say about Christ?
2. What is the connection between the basis of our unity and the practice of our unity? How are you personally pursuing unity in our church?
3. In verses 6-8, Paul traces the steps in Christ's self-humbling. In light of this, what does it mean for you to share the mind of Christ?
4. Describe how verses 9-11 encourage you and lead you to worship? In what ways are living under and illustrating Christ's lordship?
5. How is the incarnation transforming you?

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:



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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

HEAL US EMMANUEL



Heal us, Em - man - uel, here we are.

We long to feel Thy touch.

Deep wound - ed souls to Thee we fly;

O, Sav - ior hear our cry.

1.Our faith is fee - ble we con - fess,
2.Re - mem - ber him who once ap - plied,
3.She, too, who touched you in the press,
4.Like her, with hopes and fears we come

We faint - ly trust Thy word;
with tremb - ling for re - lief;
And heal - ing vir - tue stole,
to touch you if we may;

But will you pi - ty us the less?
"Lord, I be - lieve," with tears he cried;
Was an - swered, "Daught - er, go in peace;
O send us not de - spair - ing home;

Be that far from you, Lord!
"O help my un - be - lief!"
thy faith has made thee whole!"
Send none un - healed a - way.

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Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: The eyes of all living things look to You, O God, and You give them their food in due season and for this we give You thanks. But most of all, we give You thanks for the Bread from Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ, who alone satisfies our hearts and will renew our bodies in the resurrection. Amen.

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† Song of Sending

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*

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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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: May the God of all grace who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever.

All: Amen!

1 Peter 5:10-11

Deacon of the Day

Chris Jordan – March 10

Randy Shannon – March 17

Daniel Sneed – March 24

Save the Date

Sun, Mar 10 – Young Adults Lunch at Kincaid's

Sun, Apr 14, 7 pm – Henry Haas Violin Recital

Sat, Apr 27, 8 am – Churchwide Garage Sale

Sun, Apr 28, 4 pm – Church Neighborhood Picnic

Fri-Sat, May 3-4 – Men's Retreat

Sat, June 1, 6:30 pm – Fults Appreciation Party at the Davis Barn

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: will take a week off on March 10 for Spring Break. (Note that Daylight Saving Time also begins on March 10 – clocks spring forward one hour!) Beginning March 17, two adult classes will be offered at 9:00 a.m. *Exploring the Gospels* will continue in Room 201 with Bob Schwartzbeck, and Jeremy Lelek will teach a class on *Identity* in the Lecture Hall. (Christian Formation Classes will not be held on Easter Sunday.)

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.

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





Palm Sunday
Mar 24 - 10:00 am

Mon-Wed | Mar 25-27
6:30 service, 7:00 meal

Maundy Thursday
Mar 28 - 6:30 pm

Good Friday
Mar 29 - 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday
Mar 31 - 10:00 am

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, 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](https://www.instagram.com/thefort_fwpc)

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

RECONCILED

APRIL 12-13, 2024

with TARA GIBBS AT THE DAVIS BARN

Friday evening | Saturday 9 am–3pm

In a world overrun with division and alienation,
2 Corinthians tells Christians we are both

**RECONCILED AND
RECONCILERS.**

Join us, and bring a friend, as we hear the good
news that God is making all the wrong things
right... and He has invited us—His ambassadors
of reconciliation—to proclaim that good news.



Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2023-May 2024

June – February	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	1,110,145	969,765
General Fund Expenses YTD	1,089,424	979,881
How we're doing YTD	20,720	-10,115

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. We have taken in \$20,720 more than our expenses through the first nine months of our fiscal year. This is \$30,835 improvement over last year. As of February 29, we have \$276,480 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports helping those with financial needs within our congregation.

- ❖ **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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