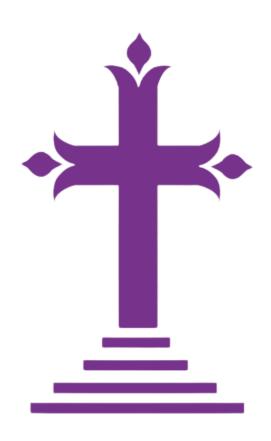
# Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



March 3, 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.

You belong to a heavenly people, therefore live a heavenly life. Remember who you are, where you have come from and where you belong!

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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 3, 2024 —

Third 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: O God, You are our God; earnestly we will seek You; our souls thirst

for You; our flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where

there is no water.

People: Because Your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will

praise You!

All: We will bless You as long as we live; in Your name we will lift

up our hands. Our souls cling to You; Your right hand upholds

us. Therefore, we will praise You as long as we live!

From Psalm 63

# † Hymn of Praise

#### O WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love; Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Your pow'r has founded of old; Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; It shines in the light; It streams from the hills; It descends to the plain; And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In You do we trust, nor find You to fail; Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn You above, The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise. † Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 19:7-14

Pastor: The Law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of

the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

People: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the

commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Pastor: The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the

LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

People: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Pastor: Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is

great reward.

People: Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden

faults.

Pastor: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not

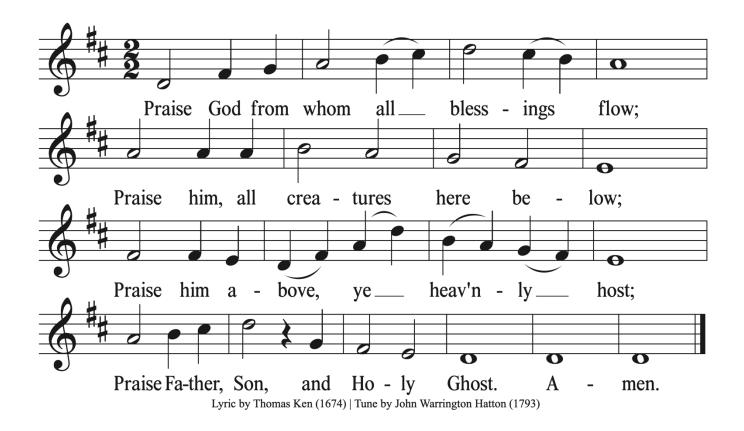
have dominion over me! Then shall I be blameless, and innocent of

great transgression.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be

acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

## † Doxology



#### Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

All: O God, You have not called us into darkness, but have You have brought us into the light of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. By Your grace we are children of light, children of the day. You have called us to be awake and sober-minded, having put on the breastplate of faith and love as well as the helmet of the hope of our salvation. In light of this, we ask that You would forgive us for living contrary to who we are in Christ and for betraying Him in our words and actions. Restore us that we may seek to do good and honor You, our loving and merciful Father.

Adapted from 1 Thessalonians 5

#### Silent Confession

# † Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ

Jesus!

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

within me.

Romans 8:1

# † 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

#### HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He has said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; For I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply; The flame shall not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all My people shall prove My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

#### COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Pastor: Let us now confess our common faith:

All:

When we do good and suffer for it, we are to endure, for this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this we have been called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, so that we might follow in His steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds we have been healed. We were straying like lost sheep, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. Thanks be to God!

From I Peter 2:20-25

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor Brandon

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Pastor: Let us now join our voices praying:

All:

O God, whose glory it is to show mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways. Grant them the gift of repentance. Revive this congregation that we may hold fast to Jesus who holds fast to us. In His name, we pray. 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 1:27-30

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy[a] of the gospel of Christ, so that

whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are

standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of

the gospel,28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear

sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from

God. 29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should

not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, 30 engaged in the

same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

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Pastor Brandon

#### GOSPEL RESPONSIBILITY

Our Chief Responsibility (v. 27a)

Working Out Our Responsibility (vv. 27b-28)

The Gift of Our Responsibility (vv. 29-30)

#### Discussion Questions:

- 1. If someone were to ask you what the politics of Christ's Kingdom are, how would you describe them?
- 2. Is your life more and more matching up to the truth of who you are a citizen of Christ's kingdom? If so, give thanks. If not, why not?
- 3. Why is our unity as a church so crucial to our standing firm against opposition?
- 4. How is suffering a gift for Christ's sake? How does this truth equip us to suffer well in this broken life?

#### 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 Songs**

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS (PSALM 23)

The king of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me, And on His shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And O what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

#### COME TO THE FEAST

Go to the highways and hedges
Go to the farthest of fields
Go and compel the sick and the well
For our Father's house will be filled

Go to the streets of the city
Bring in the crippled and blind
All who would taste this banquet of grace
Must come and waste to more time

Come to the feast, Come to the table
The great and the least, the rich and the poor
Come to the feast, Come to the table
Come and hunger no more

In the robe of the lamb you'll be covered
Dressed in his pure righteousness
For all of your guilt, his blood was spilt
So come by your Father be blessed

Come to the feast, Come to the table
The great and the least, the rich and the poor
Come to the feast, Come to the table
Come and hunger no more
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#### JESUS I AM RESTING

Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee
And Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power
Thou hast made me whole

Jesus I am resting resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart

Oh how great Thy loving kindness
Vaster broader than the sea
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me
Yes I rest in Thee Beloved
Know what wealth of grace is Thine
Know Thy certainty of promise
And have made it mine (Chorus)

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus
I behold Thee as Thou art
And Thy love so pure so changeless
Satisfies my heart
Satisfies its deepest longings
Meets supplies its ev'ry need
Compasseth me 'round with blessings
Thine is love indeed (Chorus)

Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus
Earth's dark shadows flee
Brightness of my Father's glory
Sunshine of my Father's face
Keep me ever trusting resting
Fill me with Thy grace (Chorus)

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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

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Chorus)

I'll worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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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

Herb Haertner – March 3 Chris Jordan – March 10 Randy Shannon – March 17

#### Save the Date

Sun, Mar 10 – Young Adults Lunch at Kincaid's Sun, Apr 14, 6 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 – Dessert Appreciation Party for Steve & Terri June 24-27 – VBS

#### Information & Events

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

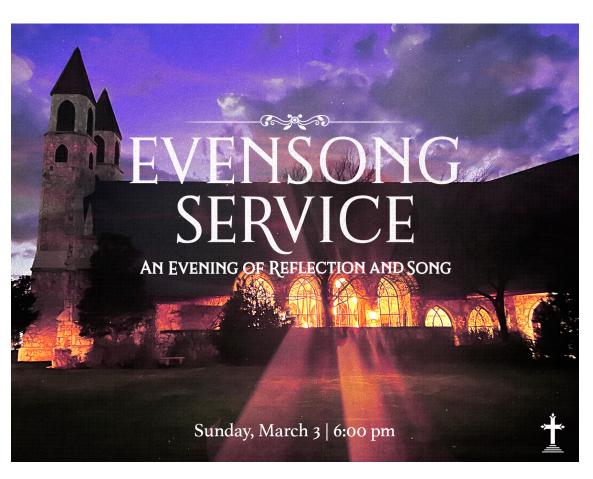
Christian Formation Classes at 9 AM: will take a week off on March 10 for Spring Break. (Note that Daylight Saving Time also begins on March 10 – clocks spring forward one hour!) Beginning March 17, two adult classes will be offered at 9:00 a.m. *Exploring the Gospels* will continue in Room 201 with 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.)

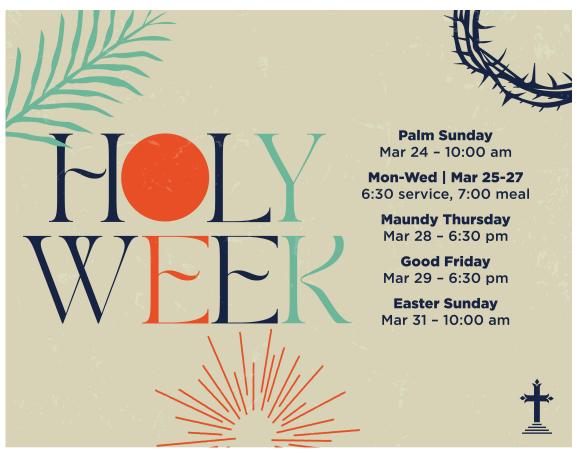
Ladies Game Night is tomorrow, March 4. Join us for a night of fun in the Lecture Hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Friends and snacks to share are welcome. Decaf coffee and water are provided. Ladies Game Night occurs monthly on the first Monday of the month (with exceptions made for holidays). Questions? Contact Alice Miller at 817-721-3578 or Margaret Kunkel at 214-802-5554.

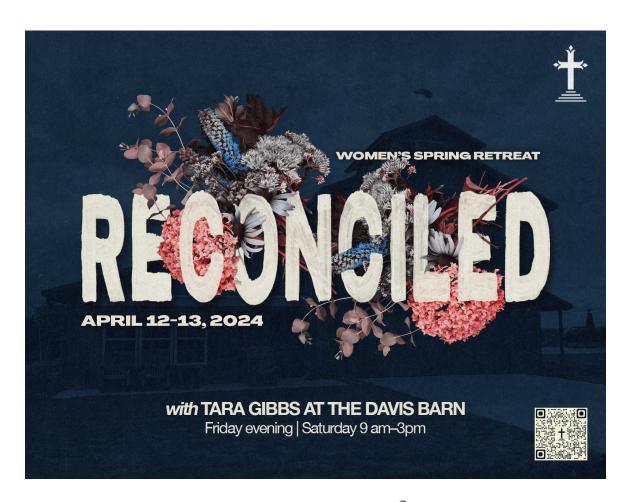
Easter Choir Rehearsals have begun, Thursdays at 7 p.m.! The FWPCA Choir is open to Adults and Teens (ages 13+) and Children's Choir is open to K-6th graders. Nursery available for preschoolers. Questions or planning to join? Contact Justin Pierce at justin@fortworthpca.org. Excited to see you!

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!







# 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

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# 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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