Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



April 28, 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 are currently gold and white, which signifies the Easter season — the season when the Church celebrates Christ's glory and triumph over death which was demonstrated in his resurrection.

This passage reminds us that, despite appearances often to the contrary, God is in control, that our salvation is not just for today but forever, that Christ is coming, and that at his coming we inherit the final glory that belongs to Christ alone - and to those who are his.

Gordon Fee

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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

— April 28, 2024 —

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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: Behold the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those

who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their souls from

death and keep them alive in famine.

People: Our souls wait for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

For our hearts are glad in Him, because we trust in His holy

name.

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD be upon us, even as we hope in

You. Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

From Psalm 33

† Hymn of Praise

COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING



† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 22:25-31

Pastor: From You comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will

perform before those who fear Him.

People: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him

shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!

Pastor: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD and

all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

People: For kingship belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the

nations.

Pastor: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before Him shall

bow down all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not

keep himself alive.

All: Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the

coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.

Amen.

† Doxology Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end

Confession of Sin

Pastor: Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm rules for

him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before

Him. Let us now confess our sins together:

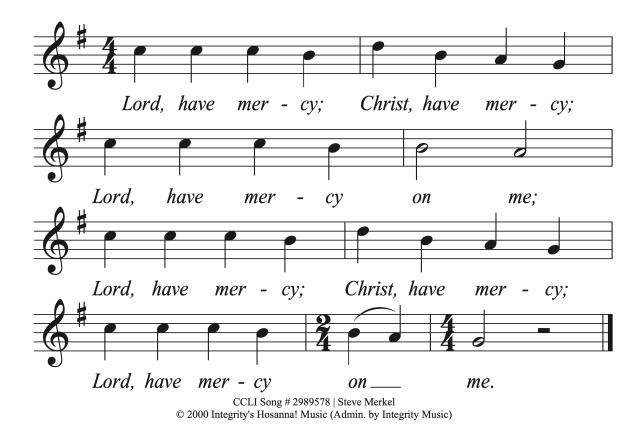
People: O Lord, forgive us for the corrupting talk that comes out of our mouths, for You have called us to speak words that are good for building up and not tearing down, words that fit the occasion and that give grace to those who hear.

From Isaiah 40 & Ephesians 4

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

† Assurance of Pardon



Pastor: In Christ, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness

of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

Ephesians 1:7

All: Thanks be to God!

† 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

IN CHRIST ALONE

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In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfiedFor every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory sin's
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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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 of Intercession

Soctt Hames

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All:

Almighty God, to know You is abundant life. Therefore, grant us to know You through Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is none other than the Way and the Truth and the Life. By Your Spirit, help us to follow Him as He leads us in His true way that is life. Amen.

^{*}If you have a prayer request you wish to be included in the Prayer of Intercession, please contact your shepherding elder or email prayer@fortworthpca.org.

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 3:17-4:1

[17] Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. [18] For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. [19] Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly thi[ngs. [20] But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, [21] who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

[4:1] Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Introduction

The Call to Imitation

The Reason for the Call

- Negative
- Positive

Discussion Questions:

- 1. If Christian models are healthy for living the Christian life, how does this passage help us follow the right ones?
- 2. How does this passage help us recognize those who are living as enemies of the cross?
- 3. In what ways do you seek to model that you are a citizen of heaven?
- 4. How does the Christian's future strengthen hope and present joy in our lives?

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 has been 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 WILL WAIT FOR YOU (PSALM 130)

Out of the depths I cry to You In darkest places I will call Incline Your ear to me anew And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

Chorus 1

I will wait for You I will wait for You
On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied

So put Your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave *Chorus 1*

His steadfast love has made a way And God Himself has paid the price That all who trust in Him today Find healing in His sacrifice

Chorus 2

I will wait for You I will wait for You Through the storm and through the night I will wait for You surely wait for You For Your love is my delight Repeat

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GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING † Song of Sending

YET NOT I BUT CHRIST THROUGH ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side the Saviour He will stay I labour on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need His power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven The future sure the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated

Jesus now and ever is my plea

Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free

Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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† The Sending

Pastor: As we go from this gathering:

All: May we rejoice in our Risen Lord.

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

All: May we remember the tomb is empty.

Pastor: In all we do and say:

All: May our lives declare, "Christ is risen indeed!"

† The Blessing

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our

Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through

Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Go forth in the power of Jesus' resurrection!

Hebrews 13:20-21

Deacon of the Day

Herb Haertner – April 28

Chris Jordan – May 5

Randy Shannon – May 12

Save the Date

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.

Proud Parents Life and Julius gave birth to a baby girl, Blessing Julius Edugu, 7 lbs., 7 oz., on Tuesday, April 16. Mom and baby are doing well.

Resurrection Prayer: Guides are available on the fellowship hall table to direct your family devotion time during the liturgical season of Easter (now to Pentecost Sunday).

FWPC 101: The next new members class is June 7-8. 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, June 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (dinner provided) and Saturday, June 8, 8:30 a.m.-noon (continental breakfast served). Use the QR code to sign up. Nursery is available upon request.

Officer Nominations This Month: Beginning May 1, nominations for the Offices of Deacon and Elder will be accepted. Nomination forms, including information on the Qualification of Deacons & Elders, will be available on the Fellowship Hall table. The Session urges each member to read over this material with prayer, as you consider who you might nominate. Return completed forms to the box located on the Fellowship Hall table by May 31.

Christian Formation Classes: From June 4 to August 11, children's and youth classes, along with nursery, will be on summer break. One adult class will be offered in the Lecture Hall: Exploring the Gospels, led by Bob Schwartzbeck.



SUNDAY, APRIL 28 | 4-7 PM

Bring the whole family for free food and fun on the church grounds.

Enjoy live music, fellowship, games, bounce house, super slide, obstacle course, and more!

The church is providing burgers, hot dogs, toppings, beverages, and frozen treats.

If your last name begins with **A-K**, please bring a salad. Last names **L-Z**, please bring a side dish. **Have lawn chairs?** Bring those, too.

2024 MEN'S RETREAT

May 3-4 at The Davis Barn



Three sessions with speaker Alan Noble, music, small groups, prayer dinner, breakfast, lunch, snacks, drinks, skeet shooting, games, cards



Every Sunday in May

ON MISSION FOR MISSIONS

MAY **5**

Mission to the World

MAY **12**

Amy Thom
Global Golf College

MAY

Rick Lenz

Mission to North America Disaster Relief

MAY 26

Steve Fults

Equipping Leaders International

LECTURE HALL | 9 AM



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