# Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



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.



To learn more about us, use this QR code



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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.

The promise of peace is comprehensive indeed - salvation, power, and victory all in one.

Alec Moyter

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† Congregation standing

# Order of the Worship of God

— May 12, 2024 —

Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension

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: According to the working of God's might, He raised Christ from the

dead and seated Him at His right hand, far above all rule and

authority and power and dominion.

People: Jesus has been given the name that is above every other name.

All things have been put under His feet and He is the Head of the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all

in all.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: Christ has ascended!

People: And from the right hand of the Father He reigns on high!

From Ephesians 1:20-23

REJOICE THE LORD IS KING
Rejoice, the Lord is King:
your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.

#### Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above. *Refrain* 

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. Refrain

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit, and bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet. Refrain

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home. Refrain

### † Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 63:18-20; 24, 32-35

Pastor: You, O God, ascended on high, leading a host of captives in Your

train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that

the LORD God may dwell there.

People: Blessed be the Lord who daily bears us up; God is our

salvation.

Pastor: Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong

deliverances from death.

People: Your procession is seen, O God, the procession of my God, my

King, into the sanctuary –

Pastor: Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O You who are

Israel's fountain!

People: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord,

People: to Him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, He

sends out His voice, His mighty voice.

People: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose

power is in the skies.

Pastor: Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel – He is the

One who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!

† Doxology Red Hymnal #735

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: Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In light of who He is, let

us now confess our sins together:

People: Lord Jesus, our crucified, risen and reigning King, how quickly we forget You and how easily we fail You. We think life is about getting – getting our stuff and getting our way. Yet Your way is about giving, for You gave yourself completely for us that we might be given all things in You. Forgive us for closing our eyes to You and Your truth. Renew us in Your life; daily reminding us that we have been crucified with You, so that it is no longer we who live, but You living in us for the glory of

Your Father and the good of our neighbor. Amen.

Psalm 51:1-3

Silent Confession

#### Song of Confession



#### † Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3:16-17

#### 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

#### IT WAS FINISHED UPON THAT CROSS

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the Cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that Cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon He has offered
Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that Cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed

Death was once my great opponent

Fear once had a hold on me

But the Son who died to save us

Rose that we would be free indeed

Yes He rose that we would be free indeed

Free from ev'ry plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen
It was finished upon that Cross

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross

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#### COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

†Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and death?

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

Prayer of Intercession

Soctt Walsh

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

<sup>\*</sup>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.

#### Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that, we loving You in all things, may rest in Your promises, which exceed all that we can or ever will desire. 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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Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Sing it again we rejoice
Delight in the love He has shown us
Gratefully lift up your voice
His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise
We gather in His goodness
A family of grace

#### Chorus

With each breath He's given praise the Lord
In these times we live in we will praise the Lord
Throughout every season I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing
Praying for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving
Lay your requests at His feet
His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ who reigns eternal
Shepherd of our lives *Chorus* 

Rejoice in the Lord now and always

Tell of the good He has done

Worship the Lord to remember

All of the joy yet to come

The hope that burns within us

The dark cannot destroy

With praise that's never ending

We say again rejoice Chorus

#### We have every reason to praise the Lord

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#### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Philippians 4:1-9

[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. [5] Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; [6] do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8] Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PEACE - PART II

**Anxiety-Producing Problems** 

Gospel Promises

Gospel Commands

#### Discussion Questions:

- 1. What are things in your life that are causing you to be anxious? Write them down. How is this passage a remedy for anxiety?
- 2. How does knowing our God is a God of peace comfort you? Into what sort of person is this meant to shape you?
- 3. What's the connection between rejoicing in the Lord and being gentle?
- 4. Spend time pondering the things Paul calls us to ponder in verse 8. Why does Paul call us to think about these things?

#### 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 Consecration

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."

#### **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

My Worth is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross
My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

Chorus

I rejoice in my Redeemer

Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul

I will trust in Him no other

My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross
I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross *Chorus* 

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross *Chorus* 

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# Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: Lord Jesus, we thank You that in the power of Your Spirit You meet with us and minister to us at Your Table. Use this meal to bind our hearts together in love and service to You our gracious Lord. 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

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### † The Sending

Pastor: All our problems, struggles, fears, and anxieties:

All: We send them to the cross of Christ.

Pastor: All the devil's works:

All: We cast them on the cross of Christ.

Pastor: All our hopes:

All: We set them on the risen Christ.

Pastor: The call we have received to follow Christ:

All: We rest in the reigning Christ who's at work and who goes

before us.

† The Blessing

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the

fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

# Deacon of the Day

Randy Shannon – May 12 Daniel Sneed – May 19 Dowell Stackpole – May 26

#### Save the Date

Sun, May 12 – Young Adults Lunch at Kincaid's Hamburgers

#### Information & Events

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

You Can Support Our Missions Team: Cookies and prints! High-quality prints have been reproduced of the painting of the sanctuary by Havah Jones that was donated to the Silent Auction in February. Orders for chocolate chip cookies are provided by Nadia and Amelie Mason. All are available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds support the trip to Saltillo, Mexico in July.

**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:, 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.

# **Every Sunday in May**

#### **ON MISSION** FOR MISSIONS

MAY **5** 

Mission to the World

MAY **12**  Amy Thom
Global Golf College

MAY **19** 

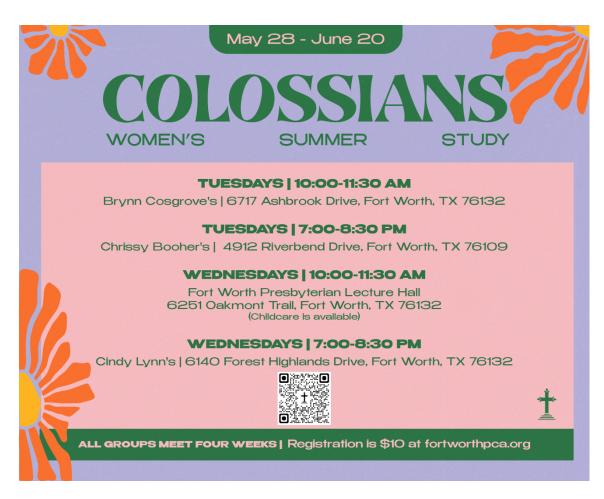
Rick Lenz
Mission to North America Disaster Relief

MAY **26** 

Steve Fults
Equipping Leaders International

#### **LECTURE HALL | 9 AM**









# Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2023-May 2024

June – April	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	1,298,279	1,198,306
General Fund Expenses YTD	1,336,341	1,202,153
How we're doing YTD	-38,062	-3,846

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. We have spent \$38,062 more than our giving through the first ten months of our fiscal year. As of April 30, we have \$217,921 cash on hand after liabilities.

# The budget year ends in May, so please consider helping us finish the year strong and support the ongoing work of this church.

- ❖ 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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