# Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



August 11, 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 green as this is the time in the Christian Year known as ordinary time or the Sundays after Pentecost. Green represents life and growth in Christ.

Sometimes true love may think fit to make us wait. It may be the truest love on God's part to let us lie sick, and not to come post-haste to us to make us well. Ay, the truest love may demand that the sickness should turn to death, for out of the death he may bring the greater glory. The Lord acts not upon the scale of man, for he sees not as man sees. He sees the end as well as the beginning.

Charles Spurgeon

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† Congregation standing

# Order of the Worship of God

— August 11, 2024 —

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

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

† The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Bob Schwartzbeck

Pastor: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy

Spirit.

People: Amen!

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD

with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us; and

we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give

thanks to Him; bless His name!

People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever; His

faithfulness to all generations. Amen!

Psalm 100

# † 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 103: 1,19-22

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy

name.

People: Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do

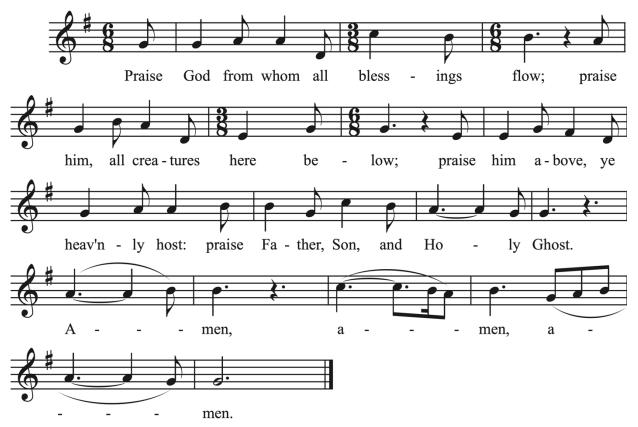
His word, obeying the voice of His word!

Pastor: Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!

People: Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Amen!

## † Doxology



Music by Jacob Tilton

#### Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

People: O Father, I confess that my transgression speaks deep in my heart. I acknowledge that I do not fear You. Often, I make light of your grace. I flatter myself believing my iniquity will not be found out. I cover and hide my sin. But You know. So, I pray: Rescue me from my arrogance and my desire for autonomy. Refresh me in the preciousness of Your steadfast love that I might turn from sin to feast on the abundance of Your house.

Adapted from Psalm 36

Silent Confession

# Song of Confession



# † Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: O Lord, You will continue Your steadfast love to those who know

You, and Your righteousness to the upright of heart!

Psalm 36:10

All: How precious is Your steadfast love, O 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

#### LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God

Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood

He Who washed us with His blood Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of God
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# COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 27, 28

Pastor: What do you understand by the providence of God?

People: God's providence is His almighty and ever-present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

Pastor: What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?

People: We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love; for all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.

Prayer of Intercession\*

Matt Jones

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

# Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Lord of all power and might, the Author of all good things:

Graft in our hearts the love of Your name. Increase our genuine faith. Nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the

fruit of Your Spirit, for Jesus' sake. 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

John 11:1-7, 17-44

John 11:1-7

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4 But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

John 11:17-44

17 Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. 20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he

will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

28 When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29 And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.31 When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.34 And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept.36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has

been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### WAITING ON JESUS

Jesus	challenges	Martha	(v.17-27)
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Jesus weeps with Mary (v. 28-37)

Jesus raises Lazarus (v. 38-44)

#### Discussion Questions:

- 1. Have you ever experienced a time where you waited on Jesus in prayer? What was that like?
- 2. How has God challenged your preconceived notions about how he works in the world? How has he revealed more of himself to you through those experiences?
- 3. How would knowing that Jesus was a man of sorrows, who understands the depth of this world's misery far more than us, comfort and encourage you in your losses and grief?
- 4. How do we see Jesus's perfect love on display in this passage?

### 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."

"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

#### JESUS, I COME

Out of my bondage sorrow and night
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom gladness and light
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself
Jesus I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of earths sorrows into Thy balm
Out of lifes storms and into Thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant psalm
Jesus I come to Thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever on wings like a dove
Jesus I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus I come to Thee
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# Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: Our Gracious God, thank You for feeding us at the table of Your dear Son. By Your Spirit, use this meal to grow us in gratitude for Your glory's sake. Amen.

# GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

# † Song of Sending

# On Jordan's Stormy Banks



# † The Sending

Pastor: As we now go into the world:

All: May our eyes be fixed on Christ.

Pastor: When we struggle, fear, or fail:

All: May we cast ourselves on the cross of Christ.

Pastor: As we encounter neighbors and co-workers:

All: May we speak and show Christ, for His name's sake.

# † 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

People: To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

#### Deacon of the Day

Pete Cansick – August 11

Herb Haertner – August 18

Chris Jordan – August 25

#### Save the Date

Sun, Aug 11 – Young Adults Lunch at Torchy's Sun, Aug 25, 6:00 pm – Henry Haas & Friends in Concert Thurs, Sept 26, 3:00 p.m. – Super Thursdays Training

#### Information & Events

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

Christian Formation Classes: return at 9:00 a.m. next week (Sunday, August 18) for all ages – children, youth, and adults. Three adult classes will be offered: 1 Peter in the Lecture Hall (led by FWPC elders), Exploring the Gospels with Bob Schwartzbeck in Room 201, and Theology Class with Pastor Brandon in Room 205.

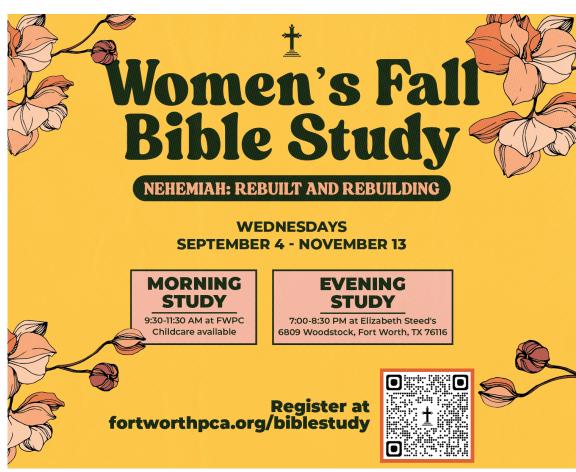
**FWPC** 101: The next new members class is August 16-17. Learn about FWPC's vision, purpose, ministries, service and fellowship opportunities, membership, and more. This class is required for membership but does not commit you to be ready to join. It will be led by Pastor Brandon in the Lecture Hall on Friday, August 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (dinner provided) and Saturday, August 17, 8:30 a.m.-noon (continental breakfast served). Sign up at fortworthpca.org/adult. Nursery is available upon request.

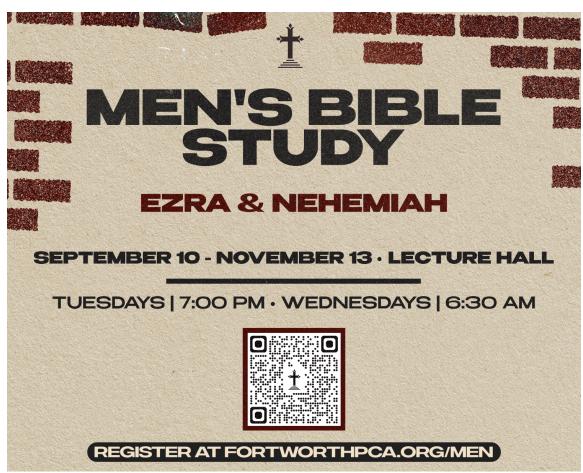
Women's Covenant Groups begin a new year in September, and all women who are regular-attenders of FWPC, committed to living in community with us, are invited to participate. Moms Groups meet monthly during the school year for fellowship, prayer, and discussing how to biblically live out the calling of motherhood. Women-to-Women Groups of mixed ages and stages meet monthly year-round for prayer, mutual encouragement, and book discussion to deepen both knowledge and relationships with God. Complete the form by August 31 to be placed in a group.

**Softball Game vs. Trinity:** FWPC will take on Trinity Pres in a softball game on Sunday, September 29, at Gateway Park (751 Beach Street, Fort Worth, TX 76111). If you are interested in playing on the FWPC softball team (16 and older), contact David Blacklock at 281-605-0595 or davidb4150@yahoo.com. Families, plan to join us! A Kids Kickball game will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Field 3 followed by the softball game at 4:00.









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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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