

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



August 25, 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.

About FWPC



Visitor Registration



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.

Neither Jesus the head, nor any one of the members of His body, shall ever wait upon the Lord in vain.

Charles Spurgeon

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Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.

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† Congregation standing

Order of the Worship of God

— August 25, 2024 —

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heaven!

People: Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Pastor: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!
Psalm 150:1-2, 6

† Hymn of Praise

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 145:8-13

Pastor: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

Pastor: All Your work shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!

People: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power,

Pastor: To make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. Amen!

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
A - - - men, a - - - men, a -
- - - men.

Music by Jacob Tilton

Confession of Sin

Pastor: Let us confess our sins together:

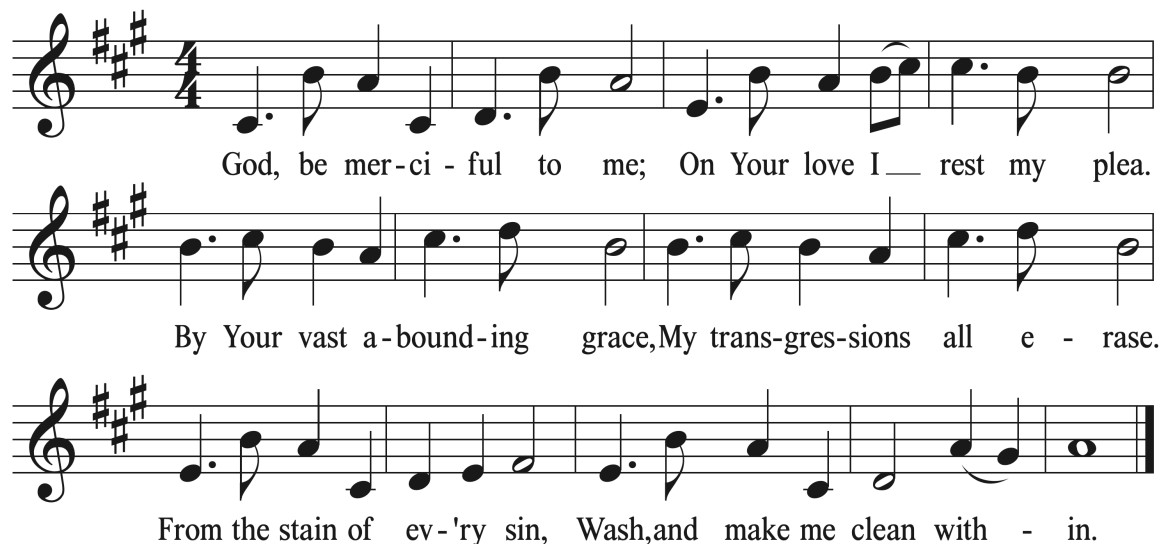
People: O Lord, who has mercy on all; take away from us our sins and mercifully kindle in us the fire of Your Holy Spirit that we may love and adore You above all. Amen.

An Adapted Prayer from Ambrose AD 339

Silent Confession

Song of Confession

PSALM 51 (ROCK OF AGES/NEW CITY)



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† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

Romans 8:1

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

ISAIAH 43

When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you,
And the waves will not
Overcome you.
Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name,
You are Mine.

Chorus:

*For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God
(I am) The Holy One of Israel Your Savior
For I am the Lord your God
(I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God
(I am) The Holy One of Israel Your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)
I am the Lord (do not fear)*

When you walk through the fire
You'll not be burned
And the flames will not
Consume you.
Do not fear,
For I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name,
You are Mine. *(Repeat chorus)*

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

† Confession of Faith

Pastor: Christian, who is the Lord Jesus Christ?

All: The Lord Jesus is the Beloved Son of God, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the Image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the Head of the Body the Church, the Firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. Amen.

From Colossians 1:14-20

Prayer of Intercession*

Tim Watt

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All: Grant us, O Lord, to trust in Your will with all our hearts; for as You always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so You never forsake those who make their boast in Your mercy. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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

Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. 2 He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! 5 You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

6 In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. 7 Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: 8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. 10 I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

11 As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! 12 For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.

13 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me! 14 Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my

hurt! 15 Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, “Aha, Aha!”

16 But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the Lord!” 17 As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYING FOR DELIVERANCE

Discussion Questions:

1. Where have you seen God's deliverance in the past after asking and waiting?
2. How do God's past mercies inform your prayers and confidence in current situations?
3. Consider/give thanks for Christ who waited on God for the ultimate deliverance from the power of death

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. _____
_____ Ho - san - na in the high - est, _____
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. _____
_____ Ho - san - na in the high - est, _____
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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

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

*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*)

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*)

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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

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus
O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ (*Chorus*)

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

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† 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

Chris Jordan – August 25

Randy Shannon – September 1

Daniel Sneed – September 8

Save the Date

Sat, Sept 14, 9:30 a.m. – Kids Hope Volunteer Training

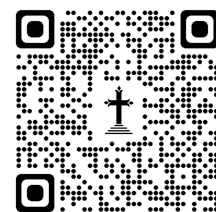
Thurs, Sept 26, 3:00 p.m. – Super Thursdays Training

Information & Events

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

Christian Formation Classes are offered Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for all ages – children, youth, and adults. There are three adult options this semester: 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.

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.

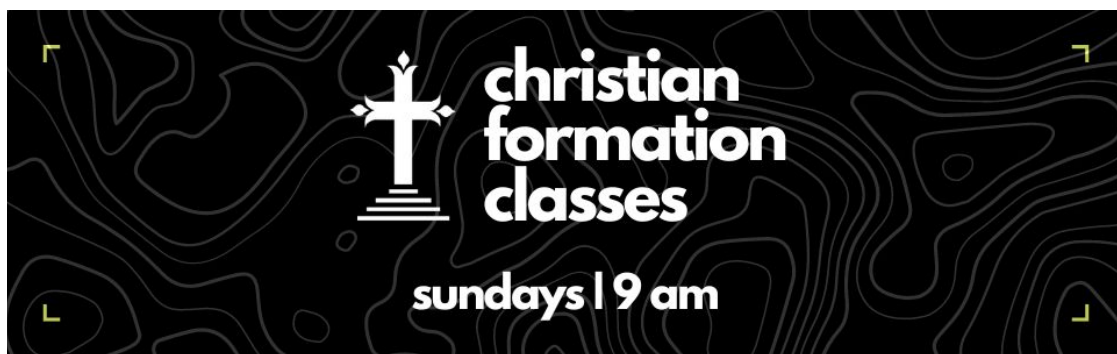


Kids Hope USA: Our local elementary school (Oakmont) needs people willing to build positive, caring, one-on-one relationships with students, to walk alongside them as friends and cheerleaders. Kids Hope mentors (supported by behind-the-scenes prayer partners) spend one hour per week talking, reading, playing, and listening to a child at school. Will you be that someone who shows up once a week or who prays for a mentor and child? Contact Jill Davis at 817-896-7113 or jill@fortworthpca.org.

Super Thursdays will be held at FWPC, 3:00-6:00 p.m., beginning October 3 for six weeks. The program includes Good News Club for Oakmont Elementary students followed by small Discipleship Groups, then a family dinner. Adults and youth (6th grade and older), do you have a heart for sharing the Gospel with children? To volunteer and join us in

showing Jesus to our community, contact Candace Hilton at 407-637-6764 or cmhilton6816@gmail.com. Training takes place on September 26 at 3:00 p.m.

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.



ADULTS

1 Peter: Peter points us to the living hope that we have through the resurrection of Jesus Christ and an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Come see that He has brought us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Taught by elders in the Lecture Hall.

Exploring the Gospels: See how each of the Gospels spotlights Jesus' life and ministry using distinctive vocabularies, writing styles, and emphases. We'll learn to read in context and observe, interpret, and apply biblical texts. Led by Bob Schwartzbeck in Room 201.

Theology Class: All are invited to attend this class taught by Pastor Brandon on Reformed Theology, and it will be required for future officers. Classes are held in Room 205. The format will be discussional and based on John Frame's book Concise Systematic Theology.

THE FORT YOUTH

High School – Room 204: *Eschatology* with Travis Robnett
Middle School – Room 203: *Westminster Shorter Catechism*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

5th-6th Graders (GAP) – Room 209

Jeff & Amy Thom use the New City Catechism to provide a broad framework for students' faith as they learn how to study their Bibles for themselves.

3rd-4th Graders – Room 208

Candace Hilton uses FWPC curriculum to take students through the Redemptive History of the Bible and help them love God wholeheartedly in what they think and do.

1st-2nd Graders – Room 210

Laura & Kristina Keffer use FWPC curriculum with familiar and unfamiliar Bible stories to help kids enjoy God as they learn to trust Him more and more as a promise keeper.

Preschool and Kindergarten – Room 111

Show Me Jesus with Judy Judd emphasizes the foundational truths of God as Creator and Promise Keeper, Jesus as God and Savior, and our joy in living in God's Family as we serve our Savior.

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& FRIENDS**

in concert

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September 3-November 12

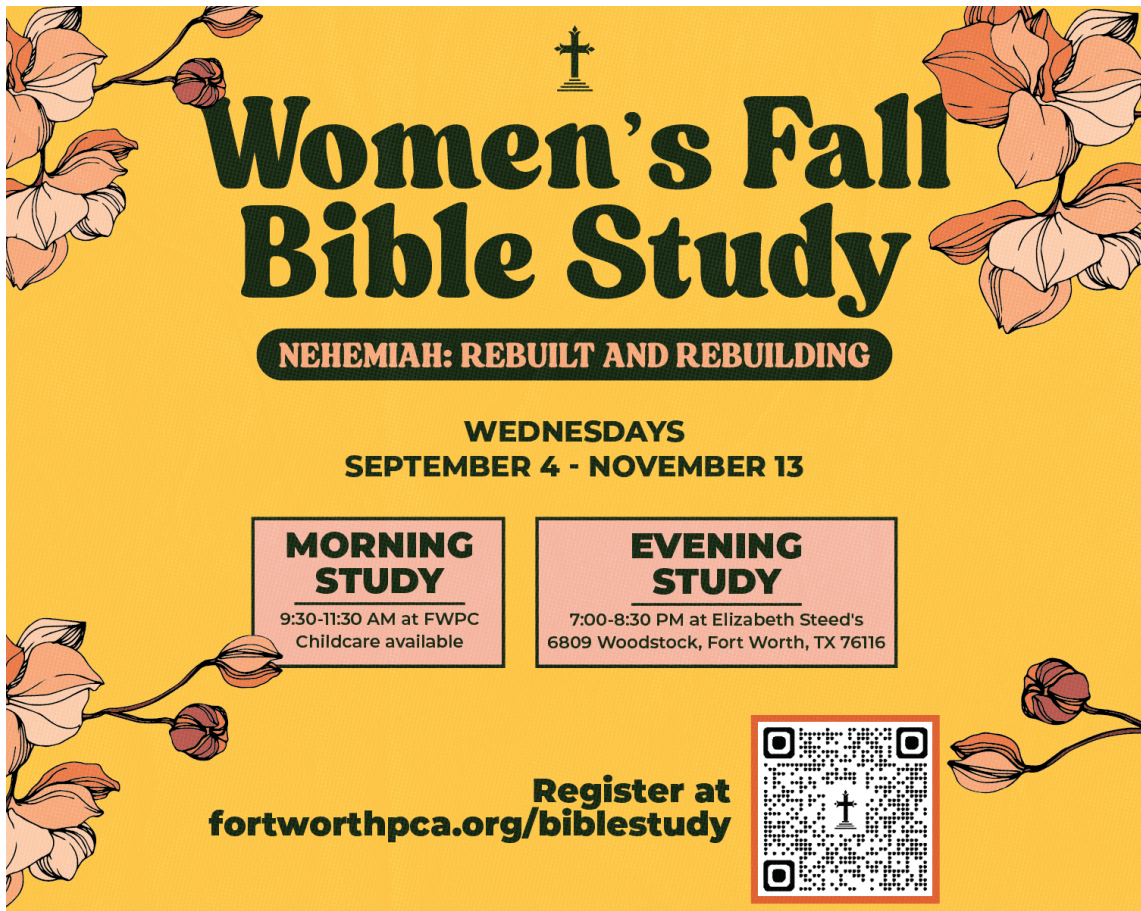
CO-ED FALL BIBLE STUDY

NEHEMIAH: REBUILT AND REBUILDING

TUESDAYS | 7:00PM

Sam & Cindy Lynn's
6140 Forest Highlands Drive
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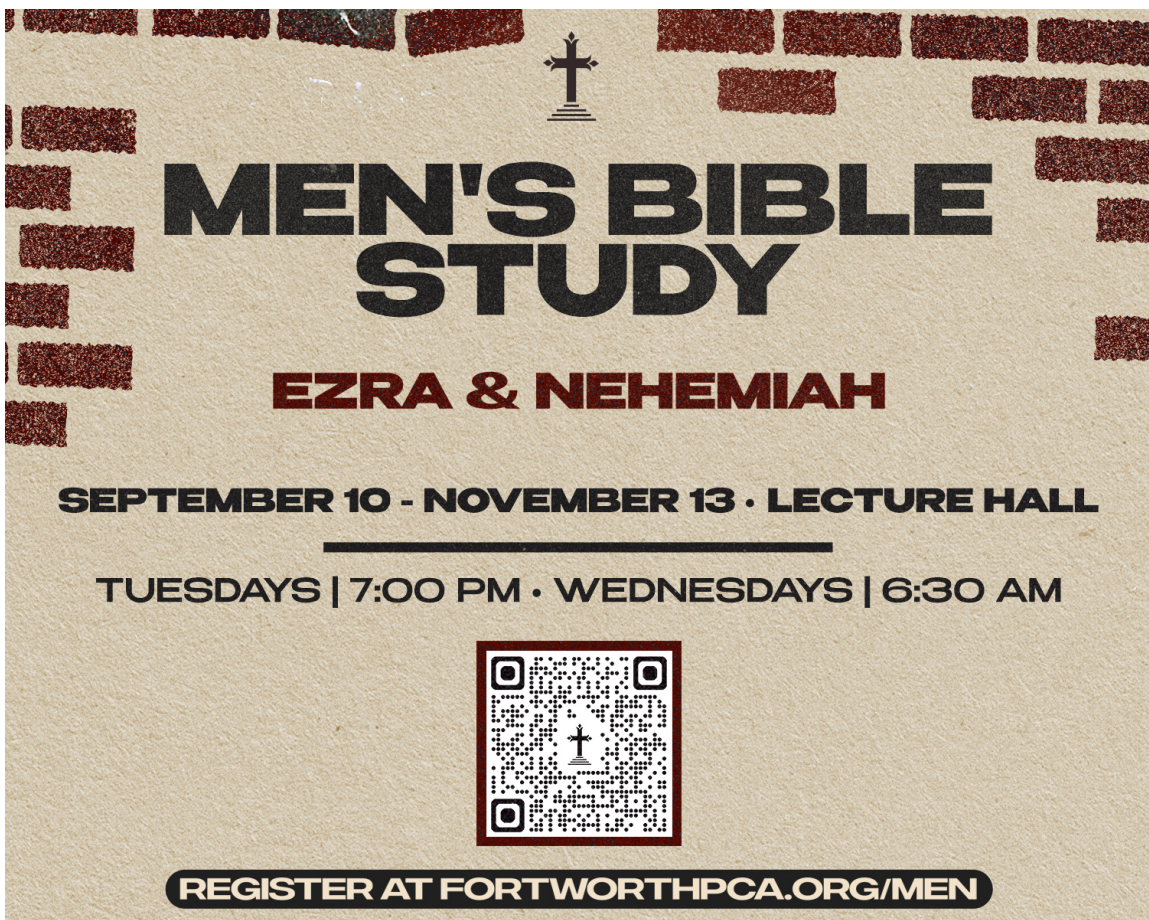

Women's Fall Bible Study

NEHEMIAH: REBUILT AND REBUILDING

WEDNESDAYS
SEPTEMBER 4 - NOVEMBER 13

MORNING STUDY	EVENING STUDY
9:30-11:30 AM at FWPC Childcare available	7:00-8:30 PM at Elizabeth Steed's 6809 Woodstock, Fort Worth, TX 76116

Register at
fortworthpca.org/biblestudy




MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

EZRA & NEHEMIAH

SEPTEMBER 10 - NOVEMBER 13 • LECTURE HALL

TUESDAYS | 7:00 PM • WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 AM



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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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