Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



September 1, 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.

But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

Isaiah 43:1-3a

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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

— September 1, 2024 —

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is

pleasant, and song of praise is fitting.

People: The LORD builds up His people; He gathers those who are

outcasts.

Pastor: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He

determines the number of the stars; He gives them all their names.

People: Great is our LORD, and abundant in power; His

understanding is beyond measure.

Pastor: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on

the lyre.

From Psalm 147

† Hymn of Praise

COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing, help us to praise.

Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.

Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success;

Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.

His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

† Invocation

† Psalm Reading

Psalm 145:14-21

Pastor: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises all who are bowed

down.

People: The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in

due season.

Pastor: You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

People: The LORD is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His

works.

Pastor: The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in

truth.

People: He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him; He also hears their

cry and saves them.

Pastor: The LORD preserves all who love Him, but all the wicked He will

destroy.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh

bless His holy name forever and ever.

† 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: Let us confess our sins together:

All: O Lord, we confess that we are ready to fall, and our pain is ever before us. We confess our iniquity; we are sorry for our sin.

Make haste to help us, O Lord, our salvation.

From Psalm 38

Silent Confession

† Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: The Lord will not forsake those who call upon Him! He will not be

far from us

Adapted from Psalm 38:21

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.

DEATH WAS ARRESTED

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began
Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Chorus

Oh Your grace so free washes over me You have made me new now life begins with You It's Your endless love pouring down on us You have made us new now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend When death was arrested and my life began Chorus

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began Chorus

Oh we're free free forever we're free Come join the song of all the redeemed Yes we're free free forever amen When death was arrested and my life began (repeat)

When death was arrested and my life began
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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Kingdom Moment

Commissioning of Steve Fults Equipping Leaders International, South Asia

Prayer of Intercession*

Scott Zink

(followed by a time of silent prayer)

Common Prayer

Elder: Let us now join our voices praying:

All:

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You, and grant that we may know and understand what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power to faithfully accomplish them, 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

Psalm 44

- O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:
- 2 you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted; you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free;
- 3 for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm save them, but your right hand and your arm, and the light of your face, for you delighted in them.
- 4 You are my King, O God; ordain salvation for Jacob!
- 5 Through you we push down our foes; through your name we tread down those who rise up against us.
- 6 For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me.
- 7 But you have saved us from our foes and have put to shame those who hate us.
- 8 In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever. *Selah*
- 9 But you have rejected us and disgraced us and have not gone out with our armies.
- 10 You have made us turn back from the foe, and those who hate us have gotten spoil.
- 11 You have made us like sheep for slaughter and have scattered us among the nations.
- 12 You have sold your people for a trifle, demanding no high price for them.
- 13 You have made us the taunt of our neighbors, the derision and scorn of those around us.
- 14You have made us a byword among the nations, a laughingstock among the peoples.
- 15 All day long my disgrace is before me, and shame has covered my face

16 at the sound of the taunter and reviler, at the sight of the enemy and the avenger.

17 All this has come upon us, though we have not forgotten you, and we have not been false to your covenant.

18 Our heart has not turned back, nor have our steps departed from your way;

19 yet you have broken us in the place of jackals and covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god,

21 would not God discover this? For he knows the secrets of the heart.

22 Yet for your sake we are killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.

23 Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

24 Why do you hide your face? Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly clings to the ground.

26 Rise up; come to our help! Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

LEARNING TO PRAY WHEN SUFFERING UNJUSTLY

We pray about God's past redemptive deeds to bring us present confidence (verses 1-8)

We pray about God's sovereignty over us in His world to comfort us in our lament (verses 9-16)

We pray about God's preserving our faith in Him in whatever He appoints for us (verses 17-22)

We pray about God's immediate help to us because of His covenant love. (verses 23-26)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why do some people (like Job's three "friends" Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar) deny unjust suffering in God's world?
- 2. How can you help people in your world interpret unjust suffering that moves them toward trusting God through it all?
- 3. What do we learn from Jesus about unjust suffering that informs our interpretation of Psalm 44?
- 4. Psalm 44 is written in the "plural" (i.e. We, us, our). What does this imply about caring for others to endure their unjust suffering?

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)

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.

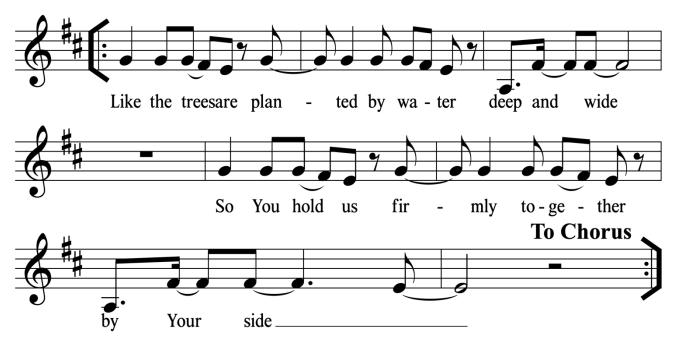
For those who desire to profess faith in Christ: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing 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





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JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners!

Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in Him;

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,

He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. [Refrain]

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul. [Refrain]

Jesus! What a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
He, my pilot, hears my cry. /Refrain/

Jesus! I do now receive Him, More than all in Him I find; He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. /Refrain/

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

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up (Chorus)

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength (Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the faithful one And from the garden to the grave Bind us together bring shalom (*Chorus*)

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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 LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His

face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift

up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Andy Warren – September 1

Daniel Sneed – September 8

Dowell Stackpole – September 15

Save the Date

Sun, Sept 8 – Young Adults Lunch at Kincaid's Mon, Sept 9 – Ladies Game Night 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.

Scripture Journals: Exodus scripture journals are available on the fellowship hall for \$5 to aid you in following along, highlighting, and note taking during the fall/winter sermon series.

Ministry Fair: Next Sunday morning, ministry areas and service opportunities will be presented in the fellowship hall. Stop by to learn more about existing ministry opportunities and how your gifts could be a blessing to others.

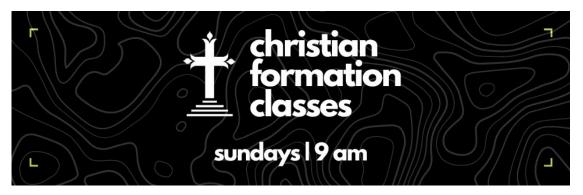
Kids Hope USA: Our local elementary school (Oakmont) needs people willing to build positive, caring, one-on-one relationships with students, to walk alongside them as friends and cheerleaders. Kids Hope mentors (supported by behind-the-scenes prayer partners) spend one hour per week talking, reading, 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.

The Grove: Interested in gardening and serving the community? Join us on September 15 after church for a potluck lunch in the Lecture Hall to discuss plans for reaching our community through The Grove, our church garden. For details, contact Anne Santana at 817-874-4001 or asimple1@gmail.com.

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.



Sundays, 9:00 am, Aug 18-Dec 15 – Christian Formation Classes High School - Room 204 | Middle School - Room 203

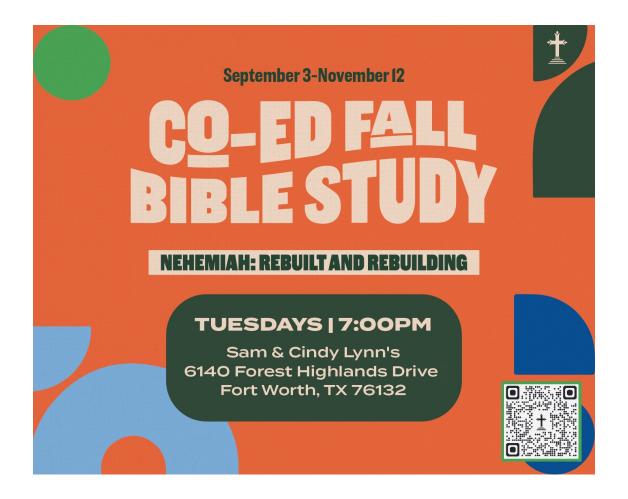
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Sept 4-Nov 20 – The Fort Youth Group food, fun, large group lesson, small group discussion

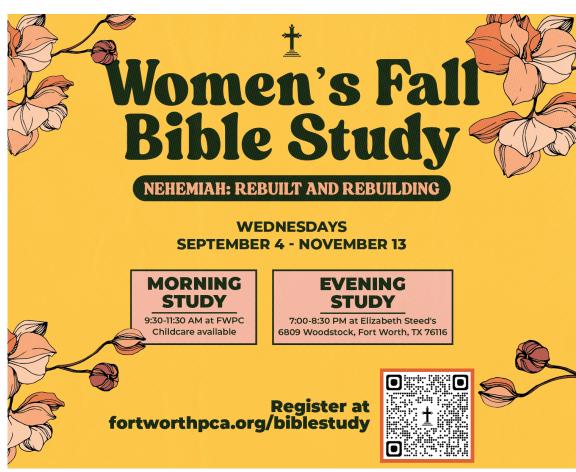
Saturday, October 5 - Youth Service Project

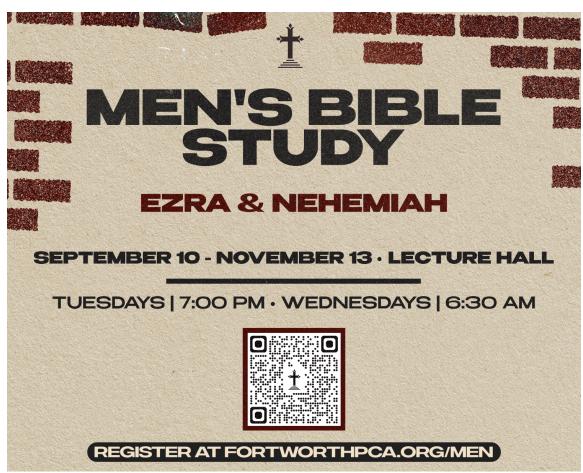
Fri-Sat, October 18-19 – Roctober IX at Camp Copass in Denton North Texas Presbytery's All-Youth Fall Retreat

Friday, December 13 - Youth Christmas Party

Details: fortworthpca.org/youth | Questions? travis@fortworthpca.org | @ @thefort_fwpc







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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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